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Public Perspectives via Self-Expression

This talk argues that the perspectives agents hold — their ideologies, beliefs, and identities — can be extracted from their linguistic behavior. Specifically, because social meanings relate to speaker values and social beliefs, their language use tends to reflect these values. Taking such meanings and treating them in terms of self-ascription, together with norms of speech relating to non-truth-conditional content, yields a ‘public perspective’ in partial correspondence to the notion of agential identity proposed in the recent philosophical literature.