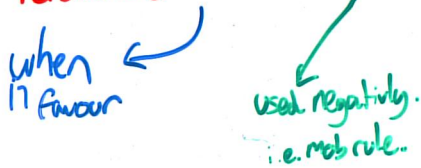


# Herodotus (writing 420sBC)

- Recited at Olympic Games.
- Debate over govt in Persia.
- Less disputed succession of Cambyses.
- Greeks don't believe it happened.
  - ↳ excuse for using speeches.
  - ↳ Persians wouldn't fit into Greek's picture of them.

Otonas, argument of negative  
↳ democracy is the less of evil.

Persians use isonomia not demokratia.



Megalyses - democracy is a rabble.  
- Worst govt. ruled by the best.  
- argument from negative.

Consider audience of listeners of Herodotus.  
Debate reflects all that are operational in Greece.

Darius - no-one has power in democracy.  
- Monarchy has council. more complex than a single leader.  
- All systems return to monarchy.

Darius wins. - All agreed with him. → became king by cheating.