

SUMMARIES

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SYNTACTIC MEANS OF MODERATION OF EXPRESSION IN THE DISCOURSE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The moderation of expression serves as a means of linguistic influence, the use of which is determined by the rules of etiquette and language behavior.

The results of our research suggest that the moderation of expression is manifested at different linguistic levels. At the syntactic level, the rhetorical questions (71%) and polite request in the form of the questions (29%) are used.

The rhetorical question is considered in linguistics (especially in stylistics) as the transposition of reverse direction. Such question is aimed at the listener to confirm his understanding. The main function of the rhetorical question is to attract attention. This question itself suggests the answer and helps the listener to make his or her own conclusion. The rhetorical question is one of the most popular oratorical techniques in the debates of the European Parliament. It differs from other types of questions – the speaker does not expect an answer to your question. This technique has the effect of moderating statements to avoid directness and sharpness.

Other syntactic means of moderating expression is the request in the form of question. The high level of culture and emphasized courtesy towards colleagues are integral features of communication of the European Parliament. But the discourse of parliamentary debates also bears the main function of the political discourse – the struggle for power. Therefore, conflicts inevitably arise between members of different political parties and political organizations. In such cases, the stress is effectively removed by polite requests, which implement the politeness principle in the discourse of parliamentary debates.