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The Anti-Rhetoric of Resistenza

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Rhetoric, sort of
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A mother says to her child:

- You are a piglet!

A rhetorician would analyze "piglet" in this context as a metaphor figuratively meaning "dirty child". The figurative meaning of the metaphorical expression is identical to the literal meaning of the plain expression it replaces. Generally speaking, on this view, every figure has a non-figurative paraphrase.

Source: http://www.dan.sperber.com/rhetoric.htm
“Or the mother might say: You're such a clean child! A rhetorician would analyze "clean child" as an irony figuratively meaning, again, "dirty child". The figurative meaning of the metaphorical or ironical expression is claimed to be identical with the literal meaning of the ordinary expression it replaces.”

Source: www.dan.sperber.com/rhetoric.htm
Rhetoric, part V

- http://www.abcnews.go.com/WNT/story?id=2514770&page=1
Rhetoric, part VI

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1XpPiPsbDE
In Greek mythology, the Titans are a race of godlike giants who were considered to be the personifications of the forces of nature. They are the twelve children (six sons and six daughters) of Gaia and Uranus. Each son married, or had children of, one of his sisters. They are: Cronus and Rhea, Iapetus and Themis, Oceanus and Tethys, Hyperion and Theia, Crius and Mnemosyne, and Coeus and Phoebe.

Source: http://www.pantheon.org/articles/t/titans.html
Rhetoric, My Rhetoric

Daunte’s Inferno

Before he made his Week 3 picks, Bill Simmons attended his Daunte Culpepper Roto Support Group meeting
Rhetoric
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History: Europe 1939-1945

- January 1939:
  - Hitler predicts in a speech to the "Reichstag" that a war in Europe would lead to "the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe"."The destruction of the Jews", "Auswanderung oder Evakuierung".

- 15 March 1939:
  - Germany troops move to occupy Czechoslovakia. The German Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia are claimed.

- 7 April 1939:
  - Italian troops invade Albania,
  - The policies and financial dealings of the Albanian King force Italy to occupy Albania, in which it has long standing political and financial interests.
  - Germany abrogates the 1934 Nonaggression Pact and the 1935 Anglo-German Naval Agreement.

- 2 May 1939:
  - Germany and Italy sign "The Pact of Steel," a formal alliance.

Source:http://www.euronet.nl/users/wilfried/ww2/ww2.htm
Europe, 1939-1945

- 3 September 1939:
  - Begin of World War II.

- 24-25 July 1943:
  - The Italian Fascist Grand Council passes a vote of censure against Benito Mussolini. **Field Marshall Pietro Badoglio is appointed the Prime Minister of Italy.** Mussolini is imprisoned in the Grand Sasso Hotel on the Grand Sasso plateau in the Abruzzi mountains. 
  - *Fall of Mussolini*

- 8 September 1943:
  - "Fall Achse": Disarming of the Italian Army. Italy surrenders to Allied forces, by Marshall Badoglio.
  - The *Resistenza* can officially begin.

  - Source: [http://www.euronet.nl/users/wilfried/ww2/ww2.htm](http://www.euronet.nl/users/wilfried/ww2/ww2.htm)
Resistenza: September 8, 1943

Corriere della Sera
Le ostilità cessate tra l'Italia l'Inghilterra e gli Stati Uniti

Il messaggio di Roosevelt

Risalire
The surrender indicates the Axis and the Tripartite Pact [stipulated among Germany, Italy, and Japan, MV] is now in tatters.

But US President Franklin D Roosevelt has said it is too early to assume this is the end of war in the Mediterranean.

In a broadcast from Washington he said: "The great news you have heard from General Eisenhower does not give you license to settle back in your rocking chair and say 'Well, that does it. We've got 'em on the run. Now we start celebrating.' The time has not yet come for celebration."

Resistenza: soldiers and not
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- “By November 1943 the first resistance groups had begun to form. In December, having walked south from near Parma […], I found myself in such a group in the mountains near Florence. It was typical of these earliest formations. It had been formed by a sergeant-major in the Italian army called Lanciotto Ballerini who, at the armistice, loaded a machine gun, various rifles, ammunition and hand grenades on a truck and drove up into the hills. He and his brother came from a small town between Florence and Prato called Campi Bisenzio where they owned a butcher's shop. They had a reputation for resistance to Fascism even under the regime. “ S. Hood, British officer and later on translator of Johnny the Partisan.

Source: http://pubs.socialistreviewindex.org.uk/isj89/hood.htm
Resistenza: students

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Resistenza: women
From the “Introduction:” “This volume focuses on women’s involvement in the Italian Resistance between September 1943 and May 1945. In those years a mass-based and well-organized movement in Italy sought to overthrow the existing Fascist regime, expel the Nazi-German occupation forces [...] Thousand of women were mobilized to fight the oppressor…”

“professional men, students and workers
[Quite obviously, he forgets women…
MV] were all driven by the psychological
force, by the same feeling that we had to
fight with arms to wash away … national
shame.”

P. Gallo, *For Love and Country: The Italian Resistance*,
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Rhetorical Resistenza

- Elio Vittorini, *Men and not men* (1945)

- Renata Vigano’, *L’Agnese va a morire* (1949, less rhetorical)
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- “‘We are a crowd of irresponsible kids.’ ‘That’s right, and the little we manage to do is by a miracle.’” 110
- “‘Who knows? So many people do things on their own, out of their own heads, in this war.’” 201

(B. Fenoglio, *Johnny the Partisan*, posthumous, 1968)
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“That’s why we’re partisans; so we can be tinkers again and so eggs can be cheap, and so we can’t be arrested any more […] And then we want communism too. […] Communism means going into a house and, even if they’re having soup, being given soup even if you are a tinker.” I. Calvino, *The Path to the Spiders’ Nests*, 129
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- “Now I’ll sing a song. About you. Do you mind?”
- “Sing away,” he said, so I started.
- “Years have passed, months have passed, The English are here, at last, at last.”
- “What do those words mean?”
- “That the war is over,” I said [...] “And that what interests us most is the salvation of humanity.”
- “You a poet?” asked the officer [...]  
- “I put my hand around his ear, and shouted: “Just a fucking bandit.”

(L. Meneghello, The Outlaws, 1964, 271-2)