

polemic1. [pə'lemɪk] *n*

1. полемика, спор; дискуссия
2. полемист, спорщик

2. [pə'lemɪk] *a*

- полемический, спорный
polemic bitterness - полемическая острота

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po·lem·ic [polemic polemics] *BrE* [pə'lemɪk] ^u *NAmE* [pə'lemɪk] ^u **noun**

(formal)

1. **countable** a speech or a piece of writing that argues very strongly for or against sth/sb
2. **uncountable** (also **polemics plural**) the practice or skill of arguing strongly for or against sth/sb
 - Her speech was memorable for its polemic rather than its substance.

Word Origin:mid 17th cent.: via medieval Latin from Greek **polemikos**, from **polemos** 'war'.**polemic**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **po·lem·ic** /pə'lemɪk/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **noun formal**

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: polémique, from Greek polemikos 'liking to fight', from polemos 'war']

1. **[countable]** a written or spoken statement that strongly criticizes or defends a particular idea, opinion, or person:

Before long, the dispute degenerated into fierce polemics.

2. **[uncountable]** (also **polemics**) the practice or skill of making written or spoken statements that strongly criticize or defend a particular idea, opinion, or person

II. **po·lem·ic·al** /pə'lemɪkəl/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u (also **polemic**) **adjective formal**

using strong arguments to criticize or defend a particular idea, opinion, or person:

The reforms were attacked in a highly polemical piece in the 'New Yorker'.

—**polemically** /-kli/ **adverb****polemic**

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