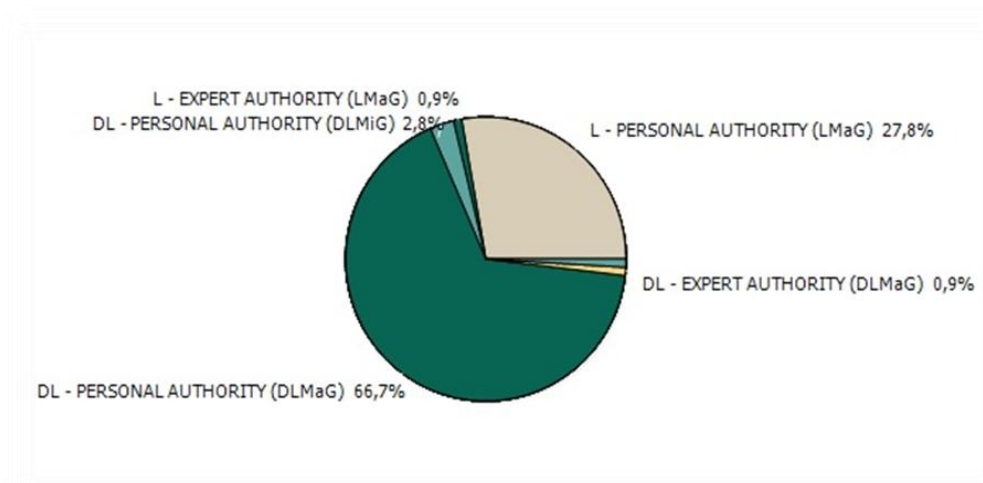


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- a content analysis² of the comments generated by the debate participants on the *Debate Europe Schools France* thread. Launched on January 30, 2014, this debate was initiated by the students from the Lycée Montchapet, France. The question addressed to a member of the European Parliament was the following: “Do you think Turkey should join the EU?” The MEP who answered the question was Traian Ungureanu, a Romanian MEP with the Centre-Right. Out of the 133 comments to the French students’ questions, 110 comments addressed this controversial issue of Turkey’s EU membership.

Figure 1. (De)legitimation members – Turkish EU membership



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² We used QDA miner and Wordstat Software, <http://provalisresearch.com/products/content-analysis-software/>

Figure 2. (De)legitimation communication strategies – Turkish EU membership

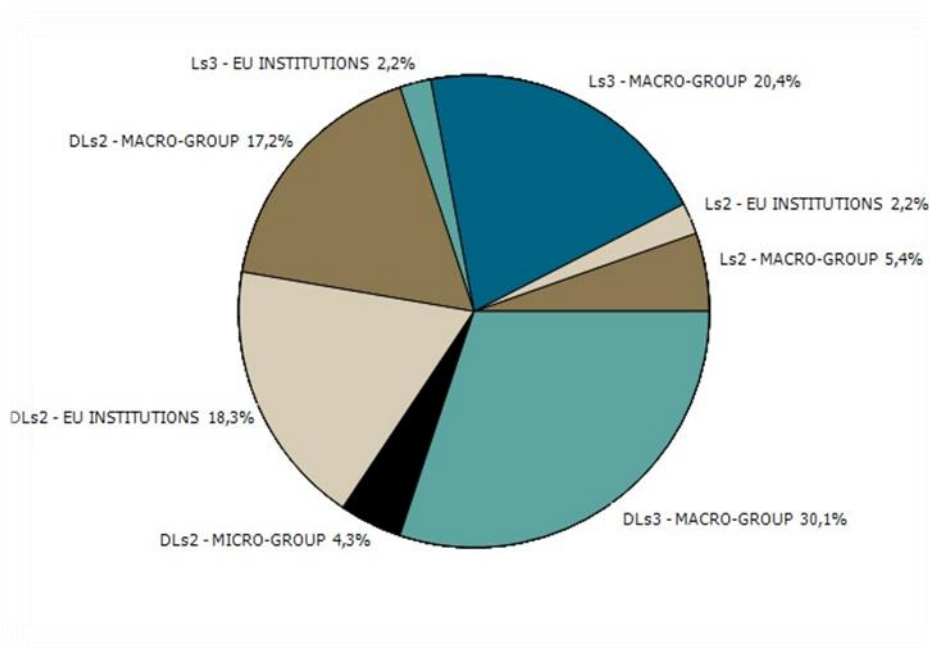
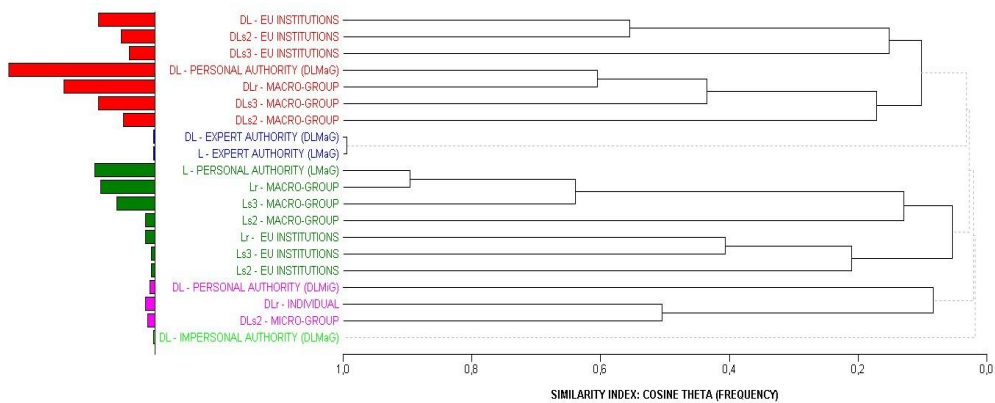


Figure 3. Cluster analysis³ – coding co-occurrence (Author's own compilation)



³ The conditions for the dendrogram were the following: for *clustering* – occurrence (Windows of n paragraphs – nb of paragraphs - 5), index (Cosine theta); for *multidimensional scaling options* – tolerance – 0,000001, maximum iterations – 500.

Figure 4. Correspondence analysis
 – Legitimation communication strategies

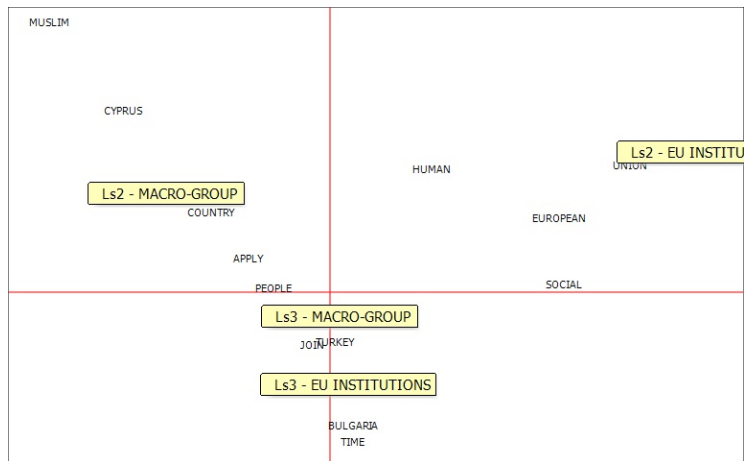


Figure 5. Correspondence analysis
 – Delegitimation communication strategies

