

# Lying in Politics

Arendt on the Destruction of Reality

### Overview

- Arendt's view of Human Life: Labor, Work, and Action
- Two distinct spheres of activity: Social and Political
- How Beauty Standards fit into this division
- What Lying is

### Three Kinds of Human Behavior

[ Labor    Work ]

Social

[ Action ]

Political

Labor
Work
Action

**Social Realm**

**Goal:** Reproduction of Human Life

**Examples:**

- Eating
- Reproduction

Labor
Work
Action

**Social Realm**

**Goal:** Creating Stability

**Examples:**

- Art
- Architecture
- Consumer Goods

Labor
Work
Action

**Political Realm**

**Goal:** Beginning Something New

**Examples:**

- Lunch Counter Sit-ins
- Legislation
- Consciousness Raising

## Beauty Standards

Labor

Work

or

Action

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Reflect

## Division of Facts

Physical World

[Labor]

Social World

[Work]

Mental World

[Action]

## Radical Destruction



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