Smart Government vs. Deep State State and Nation, Delegitimization and Political Vision, in Barack Obama and Donald Trump's Presidential Speeches

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Abstract

This paper focuses on the rhetorical language adopted by Barack Obama and Donald Trump in their presidential messages. In particular, it explores how those messages are able substantially to delineate two opposing views on the concepts of state, citizenship and American identity.

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