





It was a brunch & terrace conversation. Cognitive science was her field. "Do you know about the ideological Turing test?" she asked. I did not. In its core  its about stating  opposing (political) views as clearly & persuasively as their proponents. Taking "the other side" so well its not distinguishable for a third party on which side you actually are.

Flash  back into my active days as debater  when a coinflip decided on which side you were. Half of the time you ended up trying to persuade an audience of a view that was opposed to yours. The other half you still needed to anticipate the opposing team's arguments. Looking back, as a debating team you could only win by passing the ideological Turing test. Maybe in some ways life is like a debate. Maybe "to win" in life (against ourselves) we need to pass too.