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Political hunger strikes have been part of the debates on human rights in many countries around the world. This paper explores the preconditions for and motives behind hunger strikes in Turkey by conceiving the hunger strikers as a part of citizenship politics through which strikers not only express their views against certain common issues, but also declare total opposition to an unjust condition within their political community. This article presents an approach to political education that can be inspiring for both substantive and instrumental neo-republican political theories as well as democratic theory and practice. It considers political education as primarily self-education, a process of learning that aims at greater political awareness, empowerment, and better judgment on political issues. Political discourse and ideology. Teun A. van Dijk University of Amsterdam Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Introduction Probably more than any other kind of discourse, political discourse is eminently ideological. In this paper we examine some general properties of ideologies as forms of social cognition and their relations to political text and talk. Thirdly, the consequences of the debate are defined in the specific institutional terms of political decision making: laws are enacted, policies decided, elections held, and so on. There and many other characteristics of political discourse obviously are defined in terms of contextual —and not 'text-tual'— categories, such as