Dr Rosalind Carr, review of Women and Enlightenment in Eighteenth-Century Britain, (review no. 831) https://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/review/831 Date accessed: 9 April, 2019. O’Brien does not seek to deny the anti-feminist discourse within much Enlightenment ideology, but she also places emphasis upon those writers who presented the case for women’s enhanced social and political rights, and she demonstrates how non-feminist ideas could be interpreted and employed within feminist discourses. Whilst interesting and important to the study of gender and the English Enlightenment, in a book about Britain O’Brien’s insightful discussion of Latitudinarian Anglicanism makes the lack of a detailed discussion of Scottish Presbyterianism very apparent.


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The importance of bodily and mechanical analogies in everyday political argumentation has been seldom discussed in the academic literature. This article is based on a contextual analysis of the uses of bodily and mechanical analogies in parliamentary and public debates in eighteenth-century England, as they can be retrieved from full-text databases of printed literature. The author demonstrates the continuous use of bodily analogies for much of the century particularly in defence of traditional conceptions of a unified political community. The article considers the expanding use of mechanical analogies as well, tracing their evolution in political debates and the effect of the American and French revolutions in their usage.