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The Use of Fatherland, *Patria* and Patriot  
in the Cases of Jülich, Hesse-Cassel and Brittany  
(1642-1655).

Political arguments in an age of confrontation.

1. Claiming the 'office' of patriot is a smart way of shifting the focus from loyalty to the prince to a loyalty to the fatherland.
2. Duke Wolfgang Wilhelm's *de facto* rule became only problematic in the light of the Thirty Years' War.
3. War forms only a small part of war-related burdens.
4. Dynastic change but also dynastic failure shaped the course of history in early modern principalities and kingdoms and; *consequently*, led to warfare.
5. France is often seen as 'the rule' and others (such as Germany) as 'the exception': this dissertation offers room to seriously question this.
6. Without research into early modern Dutch active-preventive legislation (*gute policey*), claims about the uniqueness of Dutch Republic cannot be substantiated.
7. Investments in research and education are necessary, especially in times of economic crisis.
8. Music is beneficial for health, the development of memory and expression of emotions.
9. A vegan lifestyle is the way to save the world from famine.
10. Those in business studies should take a compulsory history course, for the Peter Principle clearly has old precedents.
11. Many people confuse emancipation with conformism.