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- 1 B. Onken looks at the representation of the Achaemenid Empire in history textbooks for German schoolchildren, including a comparison with Italy. While Persia's cultural achievements are generally appreciated, its political system is often contrasted negatively with Greek democracy. The author concludes that the observed trends towards a rather schematic (and negative) depiction of Persia is primarily owed to decreasing time dedicated to antiquity in general and the contexts in which the empire first and foremost occurs, namely the Persian Wars and Alexander's conquest.

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