For Nussbaum, the cosmopolitan is a "person whose allegiance is to the worldwide community of human beings." This is a person who sees herself as a citizen of a global community of human beings rather than a citizen of a specific nation-state. It also shows the radical nature of cosmopolitanism. While this argument seems friendly to my ears, it challenges some of the strongest and deepest sentiment that one has towards their own nation. While these sentiments are problematic to me, they are the ones which many seem unlikely to challenge, let alone throw them off. For this reason, Nussbaum says that to be cosmopolitan, is to be lonely. The Genealogy of Cosmopolitanism. Cosmopolitanism has its roots in ancient political thought.