

Chawala Paso 2013: Enthymeme in Thai Language: An Analytical Study in the Case of Conditional Argument Concerning Politics in Matichon Weekly Magazine. Master of Arts (Philosophy and Religion), Major Field: Philosophy and Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Widya Sakyabhinand, Ph.D. 140 pages.

The purposes of this research were: 1) to study an enthymeme of conditional argument in propositional logic in Thai language and 2) to analyze a reliability of an enthymeme of conditional argument in propositional logic in Thai language.

This was an qualitative research. Data collected were from 26 articles titled: “Yutha Bot Quarm” (Military Article) and “Malang Van Nai Rai Som” (Flies in the Orange Field) of Matichon Weekly Magazine and documents which are both Thai and foreign texts of logic

The results are that 64 enthymeme of conditional argument are found: 56 of a first order of enthymeme (87.50%), 4 of a second order of enthymeme (6.25%), and 4 of a third order of enthymeme (6.25%), This implies that arguers like to omit statements which are generally true. Only 2 Rules of Inference are found: 61 of Modus Ponens (95.31%), and 3 of Modus Tollens (4.69%). This implies that arguers prefer arguing with an affirmative statement to a negative statement. All arguments are valid. This implies that by nature arguers habitually argue with valid arguments. 2 cases of reliability of arguments are found: 59 of enthymemes are constructed with true premises, valid form and true conclusion and 5 of enthymemes are constructed with false premises, valid form and false conclusion. This implies that arguers prefer using a fact to support an argument to a false statement.

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