

PHILOSOPHY

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Problem of the respondent's discursive voice in the political interview

In the respondent's reactive replicas of the political interview the information reliability degree introduced with the personal pronoun and the mental activity predicates is systematically correlated with such concept as the discursive voice of the respondent or another subject of speech. The specified predicate combination produces a high degree of information reliability if the reactive replica represents explicitly the politician's discursive voice. In this case, the reacting politician fully relies on his / her personal knowledge about the situation under discussion, appears to be the source of information relevant to the target audience. The information reliability degree is reduced if the reactive replica indirectly represents the politician's discursive voice. In this case, the reacting politician quotes some statistics which are a source of the information covered. Predicative combination of «pronoun of the 1st p. singular + verb of mental activity» introduces the low degree of the information reliable character if the reacting replica manifests the discursive voice of another subject on whose opinion the interviewee relies in the current situation. In such circumstances, the politician turns to another source of information, described in our publication in the dual way – as a clear or non-integrated one.

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