

New means of communication entail changes and adoptions of evolved flows of information and communicative intentions. Particularly in politics, tweets from American federal agencies and politicians present recurrent constructed linguistic patterns with semantic and pragmatic capacities that become meaningful in the register and that reveal conventional means of expressing stance towards given matters in the political agenda.

This research project analyzes a collection of what are commonly referred to as parentheticals, a linguistic phenomenon that has been studied under diverging terminology but that reveals a main shared characteristic of the units of analysis: separation from the syntax of the main clause in which they appear. The results indicate that, first, existing literature on the subject does not provide a comprehensive account of the many complex and dynamic syntactic, semantic and pragmatic relationships that the linguistic patterns can bear. Second, the relative frequency together with the multi-dimensional qualitative and statistical analysis of the linguistic patterns reveal profound implications for the communication of trivial political matters as addressed to the nation and different types of communities.