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CRITICAL THINKING

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Introduction

- ▶ critical thinking is the aptitude of someone to think evidently and reasonably about what to do or what to believe. It is also defined as a way of forming judgement through exploration and assessment of issues. Critical thinking involves a competency way of a thoughtful and sovereign thinking.

Argument

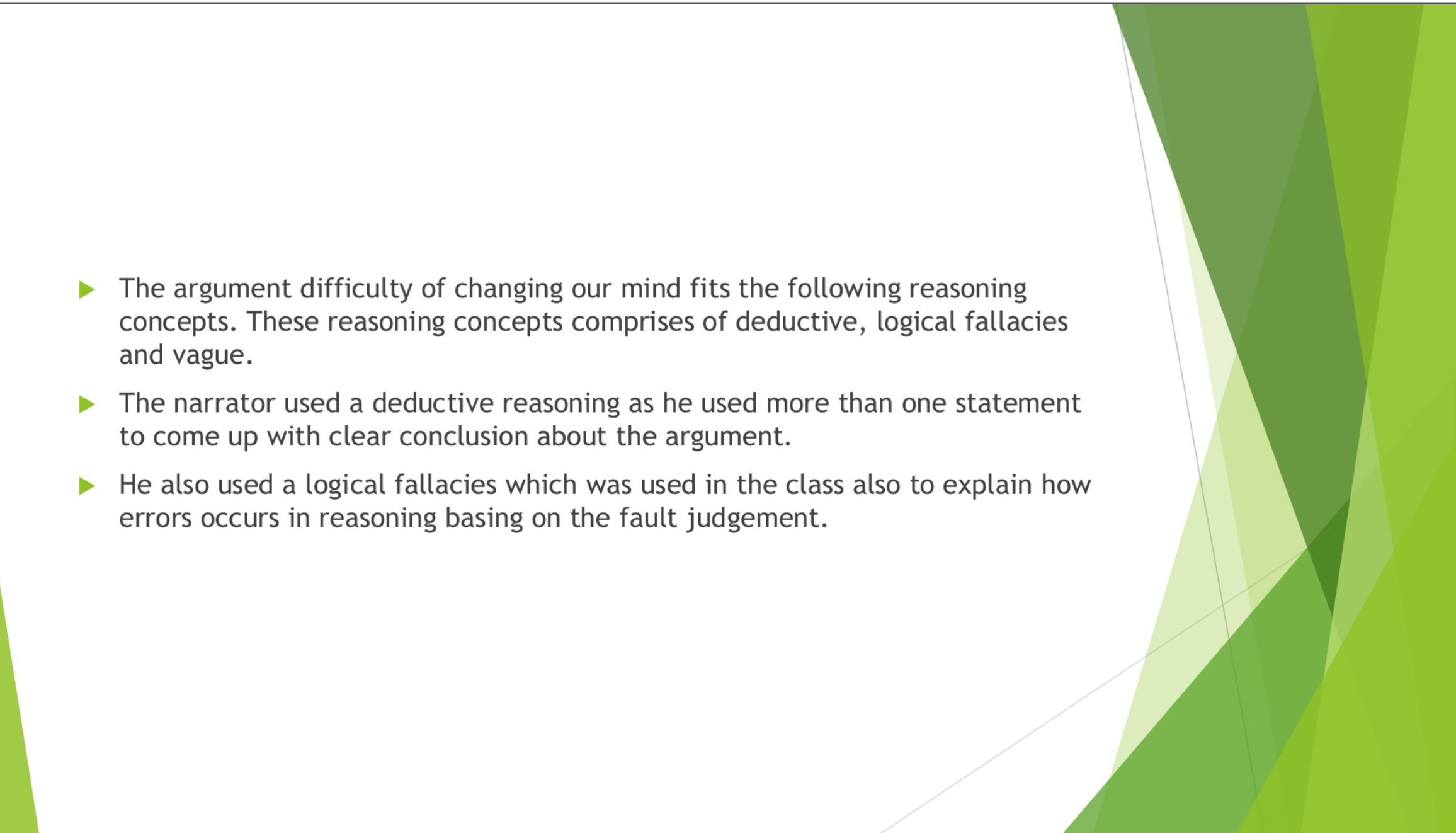
- ▶ The video is about the difficulty of changing our minds. The argument of the speaker talks about how difficult it is to change things like careers/life projects, religion, politics and friends and family.
- ▶ He also talks about cognitive dissonance. Cognitive dissonance focuses on the world ending and the saucer coming to rescue it but fails. It also refers to a situation that involves contradicting beliefs, actions or attitudes.


Type of reasoning


- ▶ The narrator uses a deductive type of reasoning. Deductive reasoning also known as a deductive logic it refers to the process of being able to reason from more than one statements in order to reach for a reasonable decision.
- ▶ The narrator used different logics including religion, politics, careers and family and friends so that he can make people understand why it is difficult to change people's way of thinking.

Language styles

- ▶ **Credibility.** Is defined as the quality of being able to be trusted and believed in. The narrator brings in the case of the person who worked very hard for this particular project which turned out to be harmful. What if the person was working at a tobacco industry which later learned that tobacco was the main cause of cancer.
- ▶ **Logical fallacies.** Are defined as mistakes in reasoning which are mainly based on the poor or faulty logic. The narrator goes further and gives example of someone working on a project that he believes it is perhaps worthwhile but he needs to discover that it is not worthwhile and it is harmful (Risen et al 2007).
- ▶ **Generalizations.** It is normally defined as the general information obtained by insinuate from particular cases. In this case the, about the cult ending of the world, he prophecy of the flying saucer who will come to rescue but it fails.

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- ▶ The argument difficulty of changing our mind fits the following reasoning concepts. These reasoning concepts comprises of deductive, logical fallacies and vague.
 - ▶ The narrator used a deductive reasoning as he used more than one statement to come up with clear conclusion about the argument.
 - ▶ He also used a logical fallacies which was used in the class also to explain how errors occurs in reasoning basing on the fault judgement.

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- ▶ The argument was very purposeful. The narrator was very clear in explaining how it is difficult to change people's minds as he used different examples in the video such as religion, politics, careers and family and friends. Most people end up suffering mental stress due to certain beliefs like someone after putting a lot of efforts in their projects believing it's worthwhile but at the end they realize it is not and perhaps it's harmful.

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- ▶ It has affected the argument in a negative way. An individual ends up having a psychological stress after discovering that the thing he thought was worthwhile, it is indeed unworthy and even harmful.
 - ▶ In politics, the narrator talks of how the parson commits his life in campaigning for their chosen leader but ends up being disappointed.
 - ▶ It is difficult to convince a family or friend about how bad their partners are bad until they witness it by themselves.

Conclusion

- ▶ To conclude. The video talks about how hard it is difficulty to change the mind of individuals. We understand how becoming a critical thinker, doesn't necessarily mean developing a rational abilities to separate all the fights and spot fallacies, but also its about developing certain attitudes. A cognitive dissonance is a situation that involves contradicting beliefs, actions or attitudes. The narrator talks about how changing people's religion, careers, politics and family it is hard. For someone to believe that you are telling them the truth is very hard. This argument despite being purposeful, it also has its negative effects which have been talked about.

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