

# CH-3: Rhetorical Concession

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## Definition

A rhetorical device in which the speaker appears to concede to an opponent's accusation or argument, only to follow it with a justification, mitigating explanation, or rebuttal. The goal is often to soften opposition or redirect the audience's judgment.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Example

كريم: هل أنفقت كل أموالنا؟  
سليم: نعم أنفقت كل المال. لكننا كنا جائعين أثناء الرحلة ولم يكن لدى خيار آخر.

Karim: Did you spend all our money?

Salim: Yes, I spent all the money. But we were hungry during the journey, and I had no other choice.

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