

'Logica Utens' (pub. 01.02.13-18:35). Quote in M. Bergman & S. Paavola (Eds.), *The Commens Dictionary: Peirce's Terms in His Own Words. New Edition*. Retrieved from <http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-harvard-lectures-pragmatism-lecture-v-1>.

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**Term:** Logica Utens

**Quote:** Whatever opinion be entertained in regard to the scope of logic, it will be generally agreed that the heart of it lies in the classification and critic of arguments. Now it is peculiar to the nature of argument that no argument can exist without being referred to some special class of arguments. The act of inference consists in the thought that the inferred conclusion is true because *in any analogous case* an analogous conclusion *would be* true. Thus, logic is coeval with reasoning. Whoever reasons *ipso facto* virtually holds a logical doctrine, his *logica utens*. This classification is not a mere qualification of the argument. It essentially involves *an approval* of it – a *qualitative approval*. Now such self-approval supposes *self-control*.

**Source:** Peirce, C. S. (1903). *Harvard Lectures on Pragmatism: Lecture V*. MS [R] 312.

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