AN ANALYSIS OF DONAL J.TRUMPS REMARKS “MY FELLOW AMERICANS” USING INTERPERSONAL METAFUNCTION

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Abstract

The aims of this research is analyzing President Donal J.Trump statement in weekly address on www.whitehouse.gov entitle “My fellow american” based on systemic functional grammar. The writers focused on interpersonal metafunction which consist of mood and speech functions. The method in this research used qualitative analysis method. The data were analyzed using mood structure analysis by M.A. K Halliday. The text entitled My Fellow American the statement by President Donal J.Trump Remarks is categorized into the text which uses declarative mood type the most (69.2%) which indicates the position o the speaker provider of information and the listeners as the recepient of information. The clauses in the text are said by temporal deicticity or finite tense the most (89%), while the modality deicticity only appears a little (5%) which indicates that the speaker has no right to persuade the listeners because the genre of the text is narrative which functions only to telling the listeners. There are only two speech functions found in the transcript of President Donal J.Trump are statement and question. Statement as mostly appeared in the text which reaches percentage 75% whereas question only reaches percentage 25%. So it can be concluded that speech function used in the transcript is statement with function to give information.

Keywords: Interpersonal Metafunction, Mood and Speech Function.

INTRODUCTION

According to (Eggins & Slade, 1997) in Efriayul Ngazizah “Every aspect of humans life must be fulfilled by a language in undergoing their daily routines, for instance, sign, symbol, or the oral speech, etc; those belong to a language. Public speaking is a communicating process between the speaker to give information to the audience”.Basically the speakers boil down to who is saying what to whom using what the medium with what effect.

According (Michael A. K. Halliday & Matthiessen, 2014) the context of situation is arraged in three categories, there are field, tenor and mode. Halliday also analyze the language into three broad metafunction they are Interpersonal Metafunctions, Experiential Metafunctions, and Textual Metafunctions. In this research the writers focus on the Interpersonal Metafunction. Interpersonal Metafunction that users of language establish, negotiate and assume their position in social relationships, and it is concerned with clauses as exchange (Michael Alexander Kirkwood Halliday & Matthiessen, 2004). Following Systematic Functional Grammar (SFL), in this research on a tentative interpersonal metafunction analysis of Donal J.Trump Weekly
address from the perspective of Interpersonal Metafunctions, while aims to help readers or listeners understand and evaluate the speech regarding its suitability to provide some guidance for readers or listeners to make better speech.

SFG (Systemic Functional Grammar) is a study meaning construction through systems of lexico grammatical choices that serve functions within social and cultural context. Functional grammar is a widely used systemic grammar functional. Functional grammar has two kinds of meanings, i.e. ideational and interpersonal meanings. (Michael Alexander Kirkwood Halliday & Matthiessen, 2004) states that the nature of language is a semiotic system. The semiotic system has three meta-functions, there are ideational function, interpersonal function, and textual function. According Halliday, the ideational function is the employment of language to reflect the speakers or writers experience that is their words of reality of imagination.

This research focused on the kind of clause as an exchange, so interpersonal meaning of clause is used. Interpersonal meaning consists of mood and residu. From the data and the analysis of statement Donal J. Trump Weekly Address. The text use mood structure with from of subject and finite. The residu structure in this analysis shows that not each clauses used the from of predicate, complement, and adjunct. Most of all clauses in the text use the pattern of giving information of the statement.

The mood structure in SFG analysis approaches has two types of mood. The two types of mood are indicative mood and imperative mood. In this case, this research focused on the the types of mood from indicative mood. Indicative mood is divided into two namely the declarative mood and interrogative mood. The mood is built by two element of the subject and finite. (Gerot & Wignel, 1994) states that Mood in English is realized by the position in the clause of the subject and finite. They argue that each type of mood can be analyzed in clauses of the subject and finite. Both the element build declarative and interrogative mood. Thus the constituent that constructs the subject has a diversity of constituents. Finite that builds the mood can simply show a clauses is constituens and gives an indication of the importance of the constituents raised.

In this research the writers focused on the type of mood in the theme ideational. Thus in the framework, the writers used some theories are M. Ak Haliday and Linda Gerot and Peter Wignell (1944) as supporting theories. According (Michael Alexander Kirkwood Halliday & Matthiessen, 2004) that “Subject is an element which the assertion is clamed to have validity, that the functions to realize the thing by reference to which the proposition can be affirmed or denied. It provides the person or thing that is responsible for the success of the proposal and for functioning of the clause as an interactive event”. Haliday’s statement of finite, finite is divided in two categories namely tense and modality. Primary tense can be past, present, and future.

Systemic funcional linguistic (SFL) is a study of language that views language as two characteristics, systemic and functional. It is systemic because SFL uses theory of meaning as a choice, by which a language or any other semiotic system is interpered as networks of intelocking options. In the systemic functional language, there are fundamental components of meaning is metafunction. According to (Michael A. K. Halliday & Matthiessen, 2014) that the functional components are ideational meaning, interpersonal meaning, and textual meaning. The ideational meaning is the meaning function to represent patterns of expriences inconstrucing mental images of the reality that takes place around them and inside them. The interpersonal meaning is concerned with the interaction between speakers or writer and listener or readers. The function is to enabling of exchanging roles in rhetorical interaction are statements.
questions, offers and commands. The textual meaning is concerned with the organization of the text in which the experiential, logical and interpersonal are bound together into a coherent. On the other words, the textual meanings is about the message for example foregrounding/salience; types of cohesion (Eggin’s & Slade, 1997). The interpersonal functions play the role of setting up and maintaining social relations and indicate the role of the participants in the communications (Michael Alexander Kirkwood Halliday & Matthiessen, 2004).

Language involves an interaction where we initiate or respond to the act of giving or demanding for good and services or information. The function as one exchange and the principle grammatical system here is mood network (Michael Alexander Kirkwood Halliday & Matthiessen, 2004). In which is a choice between imperative and indicative. If we chose indicative it means that a choice between declarative and interrogative the choices are realised by manipulating the mood element.

Language serve a range functions, it is usually adjusted the speech to suit the social context of speech. Divided speech function into seven classifications. They are the referential, the expressive or emotive, directive or conative, phatic (contact), contextual, topic, the expressive to addresser and the directive to addressee. Contextual function often serves to give formal notice of a set of conditions which certain right and impose certain obligations on the participants in the speech event.

In this research we focusing on the mood system. Thus, we are talking about the clause as exchange. Making an utterance is an interactive event inherently involving between a speaker or writer and listener or reader (addressee). A speaker in uttering selects a speech role for her or himself and simulationously and thereby allocates a speech role to the addressee. The mood carries the interpersonal functions of the clause and consist of Subject + Finite. The subject is realised by a nominal group that the speaker gives responsibility to for the validity of the clause, while the finite is realised by the frist of the verbal group. The rest of verbal group is Predicator, which forms part of the Residue. A clause thus consists of the Mood + Residue. The mood element can be identified in Mood tags (pedagogically, question tags).

For example:

he fought to defend the forgotten men

| He | Fought | to defend | the forgotten men |
|----|--------|-----------|-------------------|
| Subject | Finite | Predicator | Adjunct | Complement |
| MOOD: Indicative | RESIDUE |

Does it sound familiar?

| Does | It | Sound | Familiar |
|------|----|-------|----------|
| Mood Tag | Subject | Finite | Predicator | Complement |
| MOOD: Subjunctive | RESIDUE |

METHOD

This research used qualitative analysis carries on a tentative interpersonal metafunction analysis statement of Donal J.Trump’s in Weekly Address “My Fellow American”. The writers get the transcript of statement in www.whitehouse.gov and analyzed based on Halliday and Parrot &
Wignell Theory. The writers describes the interpretation of interpersonal meaning and speech acts function.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Result
Finite its means that finite is always preceded by subject, it indicates that those are statement speech functions realized in terms of declarative moods. Bellow are the analysis speech act of Donal J.Trump in white house weekly remaks base on three catgories of mood stucture.

Discussion
There are 26 clauses as exchange found in the statement of President Donal J.Trump “My Fellow American”. It can be explain below:

Interpersonal Meaning

Type of mood
There are two types of mood, namely indicative mood and imperative mood. In the indicative mood have two types they are declarative and interrogative.

Indicative mood
Indicative mood is realised by the features subject + finite. The order of the subject and finite realise declarative and interrogative.

Declarative mood
Is expressed by statement. The clause which is included into declarative mood is when the position of the subject is before the finite. This is the data of the analysis below:

Data : This week, I traveled to Nashville

| Adjunct | Subject | Finite | Predicator | Adjunct |
|---------|---------|--------|------------|---------|
| MOOD: Indicative (Declarative) | RESIDUE |

Data : He fought to defend the forgotten men

| Subject | Finite | Predicator | Adjunct | Complement |
|---------|--------|------------|---------|------------|
| MOOD: Indicative (Declarative) | RESIDUE |

Data : The memory of his leadership lives on in our people

| Subject | Finite | Predicator | Adjunct |
|---------|--------|------------|---------|
| MOOD: Indicative (Declarative) | RESIDUE |

Data : His spirit points us to a better future
His spirit Points Us to a better future
Subject Finite | Predicator Complement Adjunct
MOOD: Indicative (Declarative) RESIDUE

Data: This week, the old plant was filled once again with thousands of workers and engineers.

This week The old plant was filled once again with thousands of worker and engineers
Adjunct Passive Subject Finite | Passive Predicator Adjunct Complement
MOOD: Indicative (Declarative) RESIDUE

Data: I was there to share the good news for the American auto industry.

I Was There to share the good news for the American auto industry
Subject Finite | To be Adjunct Adjunct Complement
MOOD: Indicative (Declarative) RESIDUE

Data: I mean threatening

I Mean threatening
Subject Finite Predicator Adjunct
MOOD: Indicative (Declarative) RESIDUE

Data: The first two job reports of my administration

The first two job Reports of my administration
Subject Finite Predicator Complement
MOOD: Indicative (Declarative) RESIDUE

Data: We need a new economic model

We Need a new economic model
Subject Finite Predicator Adjunct Complement
MOOD: Declarative RESIDUE

Data: we will lower the burden on American Business

We Will lower the burden on American business
Subject Finite:Modals Adjunct Complement
MOOD: Indicative RESIDUE

Data: They must hire and grow America and American jobs.
They must hire and grow America and American jobs.
Subject: Finite | Modals | Adjunct | Complement
MOOD: Subjunctive

Data: They called her Rosie the Riveter.
They called Her Rosie the Riveter
Subject: Finite | Predicator | Complement | Adjunct
MOOD: Indicative

Data: She answered the call.
She answered the call
Subject: Finite | Predicator | Complement
MOOD: Indicative

Data: Rosie was famous for her toughness and her strength
Rosie was Famous for her toughness and her strength
Subject: Finite | To be | Head | Complement
MOOD: Indicative (Declarative)

Data: We can do it.
We can do it
Subject: Finite | Modals | Complement
MOOD: Indicative (Declarative)

Data: I have no doubt that we can do it.
I have no Doubt that we can do it
Subject: Finite | Negative predicator
MOOD: Indicative (Declarative)

From the mood structure above, it can be found that there are two clauses in a sentence. The interlocuter is the speaker and the listeners is the speaker as the provider of information and the recipient of the information. The speakers provide the information to the listeners about the economy of Americans.

Interrogative Mood
Interrogative mood is expressed by question. The clause which is included into interrogative mood is when the position of the subject after the finite.

Data: Does it sound familiar?
Does It Sound familiar
Subject: Finite | Predicator | Complement
MOOD: Interrogative
From the mood structure above, it can be found that there are only one clauses sentence. The clause is a question. It can be identified by the position of the subject (it) which is after the finite (does).

**Imperative Mood**

Data : *Let us buy American and hire American*

| Let | Us  | Buy  | American | and hire American |
|-----|-----|------|----------|-------------------|
| Subject | finite | Predicator | Complement | Adjunct |

**MOOD:** Imperative  
**RESIDUE**

Data : *Let’s create jobs in America.*

| Let | Us  | Create | Jobs | in America |
|-----|-----|--------|------|-----------|
| Adjunct | Subject | finite | Predicator | Complement | Adjunct |

**MOOD:** Imperative  
**RESIDUE**

Data : *Let us imagine new industries*

| Let | Us  | Imagine | new industries |
|-----|-----|---------|----------------|
| Adjunct | Subject | finite | Predicator | Complement |

**MOOD:** Imperative  
**RESIDUE**

Data : *Let’s build a beautiful future together.*

| Let | Us  | build a beautiful future together |
|-----|-----|----------------------------------|
| Finite | Predicator | Subject/complement | Complement |

**MOOD:** Imperative  
**RESIDUE**

From the data analysis above, the researcher provide the discussion in form of recapitulation of the data analysis. The recapitulations are shown as below :

| Table 1.1The Percentage of Mood Type |
|------------------------------------|
| No | Mood Type | Occurence | Presentage |
|----|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1  | Declarative | 18        | 69.2%      |
| 2  | Interrogative | 2        | 7.7%       |
| 3  | Imperative  | 6         | 23.1%      |
| Total |          | 26        | 100        |

**Speech functions**

In the text of President Donal J.Trump statement found speech functions which give information and solicitation. In which functions to provide the information and invite Americans to build economy American.

**Statement (to give information)**
i.e data: *I was to share the good news for the American auto Industry.*

| I | was | There | to share the good news | for the American auto industry |
|---|-----|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Subject | Finite | To be | Adjunct | Adjunct | Complement |
| MOOD: Indicative (Declarative) | RESIDUE |

The clause above is declarative clause so the clause is a statement. The clause gives information about the decision of the good news for the American auto Industry.

**Question (to ask for information)**

Data: *Does it sound familiar?*

| Does | It | Sound | Familiar |
|------|----|-------|----------|
| Finite | Subject | Predicator | Complement |
| MOOD: Interrogative | RESIDUE |

The clause above is interrogative clause so the clause is a question. The clause asks the information about American’s opinion but in the case the question did not have an answer. The speaker think that when he fought to defend the forgotten men and women from the arrogant elite of his day, then the speaker ask to the listeners whether the listeners agree or not with the opinion.

From the data analysis above, the researcher provide the discussion in form of recapitulation of the data analysis. The recapitulations are shown as below:

| Table 1.2 The Percentage of Speech Functions |
| No | Mood Type | Occurrence | Percentage |
|----|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1  | Statement (to give information) | 3 | 75 % |
| 2  | Question (to ask for information) | 1 | 25 % |
| Total | | 4 | 100 |

**CONCLUSION**

The Systemic Functional Grammar (SFG) offers a view of the purpose language meaning. Which, the meaning refer to our regarding a interpersonal or proposition. The representation of our experiences or experiential (consciousness) and the relevance of the organizations in the surrounding context (textual). The choice of each dimensions within a system, in which the meaning is realised of potential structures variety. The development of language to the cater new meanings that need the representation in communication. The analysis of systemic functional grammar in the statement by Donal J. Trumps can help the listeners or reader to get the interpersonal meaning of him statement.
From the result and discussion above of interpersonal meaning and the speech functions found in the statement of President Donal J. Trump Remarks in weekly address. The writers conclude that first, by analyzing the type of mood which finds that the declarative mood is mostly used in the statement, it reveals the relationship between the speaker and listeners or readers. The speaker as the interlocutor is the provider of the information and the listeners are the recipient of the information. Analyzing the modality which finds the mood and finite is less used in the text yahn finite tense. The analysis in this research has found the statement mostly appears in the text whereas question only appears once which indicate that the main function of the statement to give the information.

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