

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **CONCLUSION**

After analyzing a speech entitled “Statement by the President on the School Shooting in Newtown, CT,” I get three kinds of functional components of meanings in Systemic Functional Grammar analyzed: textual meaning, ideational meaning and interpersonal meaning. Based on the three kinds of meanings, the speech always leads Barack Obama to the positive self representation. Since the condolence speech was delivered by Barack Obama, who at that time was the President of the United States, the representation must be positive. In addition, Obama wants to show that he takes sides and encourages the people, who in this case mostly are both victims and families of the victims. By supporting the people, Obama creates a positive image of his role as the President.

The linguistic instruments that I use to get textual meaning are cohesion and theme and rheme. Cohesion consists of reference, substitution, ellipsis, conjunction, antonymy and repetition. According to the analysis that I have done in the previous chapter, I find that there are some points that I can conclude. The first point shows that there is only one representation which is described as the self and Barack Obama is the self in the speech. The second

one, the use of theme and rheme indicates how Obama desires to convey his concern of the tragedy throughout his speech. He states the main point of the information and the most important information will be the theme of a clause. His flowing ideas are related to each other.

After analyzing the cohesion of the speech, I find main four participants in the reference analysis. They are Obama, Obama together with the audience, and both victims and families of the victims. By analyzing reference, I found that Obama mostly uses the inclusive referent *we* in order to minimize the distance between him and the audience. I believe that Obama wants the audience to agree and support both his ideas and statement. In the substitution analysis, we can see that Barack Obama replaces the presupposed items for positive purposes to avoid repetition of item.

From the analysis of ellipsis that has been done, it is seen that Obama omits the presupposed items and it does not affect his positive actions in his speech. By analyzing conjunctions, I find that Obama uses additive conjunction more to give more ideas as additional information. The use of antonymy in his speech indicates how Obama really cares about the victims and at the same time, he also tries to console them. In the repetition analysis, we can see that he implies what he wants to emphasize that he sides with the victims and their families.

In my opinion, the use of textual meaning and its instruments show the positive representation of Obama and how he can apply them well in delivering the condolences speech. It also helps to reveal the main concern of Obama to the audience so we can see how they relate to the self representation. By getting the obvious explanation, we are given further information about Obama's concern

that can be interpreted according to the common meaning of its words of the speech.

The representation of the self can also be discovered from the ideational meaning, which is transitivity. Transitivity helps to reveal how the participant is represented in the speech. Barack Obama is represented positively as a powerful but loving actor. He is also represented as a deep thinker to give his best encouragement to the audience, especially the families who are grieving over their children because of the tragedy.

Here, I only analyze three major processes which are applied in the speech. They are mental process, material process and relational process. I find how Obama is specifically represented by doing analysis involving these processes. In the mental process, Obama is the participant who is active in thinking of something. From the material process, we can see that Obama is doing positive actions actively. The relational process deals with facts that he does and it helps to see that the facts support the positive representation. He does good deeds through what he says and shows positive image he creates.

Through the interpersonal meaning analysis, I find that all of the clauses contain the declarative mood, which is used to provide information to the audience. In addition, in declaring his statements, Obama creates close distance with the people. In terms of Modality, the clauses contain the two probabilities: median and low. Those probabilities show that Obama makes commitments as the President to make the American people believe in him. Both Mood and Modality show Obama's attitudes towards the tragedy to build a close relationship and solidarity among his

people.

Having done a thorough analysis of Barack Obama's speech by using systemic functional grammar, I come to realize that the use of both textual meaning and ideational meaning is necessary in discovering the positive self representation of Obama. In addition, the transitivity analysis also gives influence in order to uncover how Barack Obama can be represented in the speech. Furthermore, the characteristics of Obama, who is a powerful and caring as the President, also supports his representation and can come out in this analysis.

The whole text can be analyzed by many theories which can be applied to analyze. The Systematic Functional Grammar that I use is reliable and effective theory because it focuses on each clause of the text. Moreover, this theory helps us to be more critical and detailed in doing an analysis.

The use of linguistic instruments can be applied not only in analyzing a speech but also in analyzing any kind of text such as a newspaper, reports and, articles. My suggestion to the readers who want to start analyzing a text is they have to find a well-suited data to analyze. They may use data which is produced by a recognized figure for the purpose that it can be examined whether the data is objective or not. As a consequence, the objectivity from the analysis can be considered. I recommend analyzing other speeches of Barack Obama because I believe that so many interesting speeches by him and he shows his rapid reaction in responding every event that happens to his country.

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