

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

### **CONCLUSION**

In this chapter, I am going to discuss Yusril Ihza Mahendra's general true intention in failing to observe the Gricean maxims. I would like to discuss several things such as the summary of the analysis, the non-observance of the Gricean maxims Yusril uses the most, the reason why Yusril practices certain maxim the most, the overall intention of his failing to observe the maxims, the limitations of the study, and the suggestions for future researchers.

From ten questions in the interview, there are only five questions that are used by Yusril to promote his existence. Those questions are five scenes where Yusril's utterances fail to observe the maxims; all of which are flouting the maxim of quantity. I find that Yusril flouts the maxim of quantity more than other Gricean maxims. He mostly flouts the maxim of quantity for he extends his response to every Alexander Sudrajat's question. He believes that extending his response is the best way to emphasize his strengths. He mentions others' weaknesses in order to make his strengths seem to stand out. He narrates the

history with the hope that the longer his response is, the more experienced he looks. Yusril's flouting the maxim of quantity is the most efficient way to promote himself because he manages to reveal more about his specialties through the additional information regarding the events or issues discussed. Thus, he can also show others' weaknesses and compare them to his strength, which in the end proves his superiority.

Yusril's flouting the maxim of quantity can be seen in scene 5 where he appears to give more information to patronize Jokowi with Jokowi's inexperience in dealing with Islam-majority country and advises Jokowi to be as Islamic as he is. In my opinion, he tends to flout the maxim of quantity because he is fully aware that people know his party is small and not outstanding. Thus, he tries to make his party seen as an independent Islamic party for he does not rely on others to make his party stand out.

Yusril's flouting the maxim of quantity is also shown when he purposefully gives less information first as a response to the question being asked. It can be seen in scene 1 where he gives less information to show how he does not like to be considered as supporting one of the 2019 presidential candidates. However, he gives more information in detail afterwards to show the remote possibility in the future that he will support one of the presidential candidates. He purposefully gives less information first to clarify the issue and indirectly say that he is not on either side. Then, he clarifies people's claim by stating details in giving more information.

By always giving more information than the question requires, Yusril is able to promote himself through his long self-promoting utterance. He describes

his certain event with other people then shows his humbleness and intelligence over others to the audience and interviewer. He convinces others to think what he believes while mentioning other's issues. He compares himself with others and then mentions his superiority. He adds as many proofs as he can get by mixing his opinion and other's perspective about the case. He recounts every little detail about a case then mixes them with how great his party is.

In spite of flouting the maxim of quantity often, Yusril does not flout the maxims of quality, manner, and relation. Yusril does not blatantly lie because in doing so, his self-image might drop unexpectedly since people of Indonesia will seek the truth behind Yusril's statement. Flouting the maxim of quality is thus not the best option to promote himself to the public; it will downgrade his self-image instead. Moreover, Yusril does not give unclear answer because it can make him look less intellectual. He also does not divert the questions because changing the subject will make him fail to show his excellence.

It can also be seen that Yusril does not fail to observe other types of non-observance of the maxims for certain reasons. Yusril does not violate the maxim; he does not try to mislead Alexander to a wrong assumption regarding his issue. He does not infringe the maxim; he has a perfect linguistic performance for he is not in a nervous, drunk, or excited state. He does not opt out the maxim; he mostly is willing to answer all Alexander's questions. Lastly, he does not feel the need to suspend his response to the questions.

In general, it can be concluded that Yusril's true intention in failing to observe the Gricean maxims is to promote that he is a very Islamic person who willingly accepts a job without any payment. He tries to convince the public that

he works professionally by becoming a fair and neutral lawyer. Moreover, he assures that his Crescent Star Party will still be able to stand firmly without having to support either side of the presidential candidates. In other words, he and his party do not need to depend on either of the presidential candidates to gain Islam voters since he is an expert in Islam policy.

There are limitations in my thesis. I only use one theory which is Paul Grice's theory cited by Thomas (1995) and Yule (1996) to analyze the data I choose. I only use one political interview as my data. The political interview I analyze only has five utterances of the non-observance of the Gricean maxims in five scenes. Thus, for these reasons, my research can be less accurate in analyzing the political interview.

I would like to suggest further researchers to use more than one interview as the data so that the analysis of the non-observance of the maxims can be more accurate. Moreover, since the theory of Gricean maxims belongs to pragmatic study, this data can also be analyzed using other pragmatics theories. I would recommend to analyze the data using politeness strategy by George Yule (1996). Politeness strategy is suitable to be applied in this data due to its purpose in protecting people's image. This theory deals with Face Threatening Act (FTA) where one addresses superior people in a certain situation.

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