

CHAPTER FOUR

CONCLUSION

In this chapter I would like to give my personal opinions of the findings that I have got from my analysis in the previous chapter, which discusses the positive self-presentation and negative other-presentation in Pastor Thomas Robb's text through the structure and diction.

I find that in the text, the presentation of the self, which refers to Pastor Thomas Robb and his Ku Klux Klan, is implicitly positive. In the implicit way, Pastor Thomas Robb argues that white people are far better than any other people. According to him white people are in fact the righteous one. It is for the reason that white people, which specifically refer to himself and his Ku Klux Klan, are the ones who are righteous in the religious way because they are thought to hold dearly the principles of Christianity, which are law and order, love of family, and love of nation.

Besides, he wants to put the stress on the fact that it is the white people who are on the right track since they are the ones who are in favor of non-violent resolution. Besides, Pastor Thomas Robb also implies that he and his Ku Klux Klan are positive people as he tells his people to keep being faithful.

In my opinion, the whole idea of how Pastor Thomas Robb presents himself and his Ku Klux Klan in the positive ways is solely for the purpose of

imposing perception in the reader's mind that he and his Ku Klux Klan are righteous. They, as white people, the chosen race, should be superior to all the other races. Thus, when related to the background of the text, the fact that the position of the most powerful man in the United States of America falls to an African-American, a non-white man, such as Barack Obama, really bothers him. That is why Pastor Thomas Robb writes this text. He wants to confirm his worries toward what is going on in the country, which, according to him, is at the edge of chaos.

In the text, I also find that Pastor Thomas Robb implicitly presents the other, which refers to non-white people, in negative ways. I find that Pastor Thomas Robb describes non-white people as a group of people who are wicked and hateful as they are thought to have the terrible hidden agenda to change the whole system of the entire world by first destroying the written laws of the United States of America, and then creating a new tyrannical world government. Moreover, non-white people are also thought to have an intention to destroy the elements of Christianity, which again leads them to the suggestion that they are atheists. I also find that it is the non-white people who are bad people because they are warlike and sinful. I also find that non-white people are also thought to be all atheists and that is just an obvious indication that confirms that they are bad people because in the eyes of the writer, Pastor Thomas Robb, who is a religious man, people without God are undoubtedly negative. In my opinion, this whole idea of how Pastor Thomas Robb presents the non-white people in negative ways is for the purpose of creating the perception in the reader's mind that people other than white people are cruel and bad people. It seems that there is no goodness in them because everything about them is negative, and thus white people should distance themselves from them.

In the process of analyzing the text, I apply the linguistic tools of text analysis such as coherence and transitivity. In terms of coherence, I use reference, substitution, conjunction, and lexical cohesion. Specifically, in lexical cohesion, I use repetition, synonymy, and antonymy to analyze the text. In terms of transitivity, I use all the three sub-fields: processes, mood, and theme-rheme. In processes, I find the material processes, relational processes, and existential processes in the text. In mood, I find the text is filled with declarative clauses and imperative clauses. In theme-rheme, I manage to link the theme and the rheme of every clause, which leads me to two most important messages of the text, namely that there is a race war against the whites and that the whites will respond in a non-violent way. These tools are all very helpful in revealing the self-presentation as well as the other-presentation so that the idea of racist is clearly seen.

In the process of reading and analyzing the text, I find that mastery of English grammar, both the structures and the functions, holds a key role to digest what the text is all about. It is because the mastery of English grammar helps me to figure out the meaning and the function of the text. Figuring out the meaning and the function of the text can lead to the representation. Then, the representation of the self and the other, which is the main topic of my thesis, can be revealed.

Besides, I also find that the general knowledge about politics, history, and faith is important in order to analyze the text. In the knowledge of politics, I can figure out what the term new world order is. Through the knowledge of history and faith combined with politics, I can figure out how socialists link to communism, and eventually to atheism.

In my opinion, the topic of my thesis, which is about the issue of racism, can still be developed further by continuing the analysis to texts about other

groups such as Aryan Nations, the National Alliance, National Socialist Movement, and so on. Those groups have the same view as held by Pastor Thomas Robb and his Ku Klux Klan because they are also racist groups that project their hatred toward the non-white people. Thus, I do hope that my thesis can be of benefit to further study of text analysis, particularly to representation in the issue of racism.