AN ANALYSIS OF REPRESENTATIVE SPEECH ACTS AND BASIC EMOTIONS IN THE 2016 US PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

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ABSTRACT

In this study, the writer analyzes about representative speech acts. The writer apply Searle's theory (1976), and basic emotions of Parot's theory (2001). In the presidential debates, each candidate conveyed ideas, and claims. This study investigates types and function of the speech act of representatives and the strong feelings expressed in the speech act. Speech act of representative refers to acts in which the words state what the speakers believes to be the case; and these can be found in the presidential debates. Data were taken from three transcripts of the 2016 US presidential debates posted on the web *Washington Post*. The focus of this study is the words or statements that express speech act representative and basic emotions. A qualitative method was used in analysing data with pragmatic-discourse and cognitive approach. The results show (1) various types and strategies used in the representatives speech acts, such as informing and fact stating,(2) basic emotions such as pride, and joy.

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