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ABSTRAK

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Fungsi bahasa memiliki peran penting sebagai fungsi dasar berbicara yaitu memberi dan meminta dengan melihat konteks dan situasi. Berdasarkan teori yang dikembangkan oleh Halliday, ada empat fungsi bahasa; *bujukan, perintah, pernyataan dan pertanyaan.* Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk menentukan, mendeskipsikan dan menemukan tipe-tipe fungsi bahasa yang digunakan oleh para pembicara khususnya kedua pedebat sebagai kandidat presiden dan moderatornya dalam debat presiden Amerika pertama tahun 2020 ini. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif kualitatif dan kuantitatif. Data diperoleh dari ujaran-ujaran yang dihasilkan dengan memilih sampel data dari tiga topic perdebatan yang diseleksi. Metode yang digunakan adalah observasi video.

Hasilnya menunjukkan bahwa kedua kandidat dan moderator menggunakan seluruh tipe fungsi bahasa yaitu inisial dan responsnya yang dihitung menggunakan rumus oleh Sudijono yakni; 1) ujaran *bujukan* sebanyak19 dengan 3,88%, responsnya adalah ujaran *penerimaan* sebanyak 10 dengan 2,04% dan ujaran *penolakan* sebanyak 7 dengan 1,43%. 2) ujaran *perintah* sebanyak 65 dengan persentasenya 13,27%, responsnya adalah ujaran *persetujuan* hanya sebanyak 3 dengan 0,61% dan ujaran *penolakan* sebanyak 12 dengan 2,44%. 3) ujaran *pernyataan* sebanyak 168 dengan 34,29%, responsnya adalah ujaran *pengakuan*sebanyak 31 dengan 6,33% dan ujaran *bantahan* sebanyak 67 dengan 13,67%. 4) ujaran *pertanyaan* sebanyak 66 dengan persentasenya 20,75%, responsnya adalah ujaran *jawaban* sebanyak 24 dengan 4,90% dan ujaran *sangkalan* sebanyak 18 dengan 3,67%. Tipe inisal fungsi bahasa yang paling sering digunakan dalam debat ini adalah ujaran *pernyataan* dan responsnya adalah ujaran *pembantahan*. Peneliti menyimpulkan bahwa dalam debat fungsi pernyataan dan bantahan dipakai sebagai alat untuk mempertahankan argumen dan menjatuhkan lawannya dengan tujuan untuk mendapat simpati penonton.

Kata Kunci: *Linguistik Sistemik Fungsional, Fungsi Bahasa, Debat*

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Speech function is important as basic speech role of giving and demanding something depending on the context and situation. Based on the theory led by Halliday, there are four types of speech function*; offer, command, statement, and question.* The purposes of this research were to determine, describe, and find out the types of speech functions used by speakers, especially the candidates and the moderator in the first 2020 American presidential debate. This research used qualitative and quantitative descriptive research. Data were taken from the utterances produced by chosen sample data from three topics selected of the debate. The method used was video observation.

The result of the research shows that the candidates and the moderator use all types of speech function; initial and response, which is counted using the formula by Sudijono. 1) *offer* are 19 utterances with 3,88%, the response found *acceptance* are 10 utterances with 2,04% and *rejection* are 7 utterances with 1,43%. 2) *command* are 65 utterances with 13,27%, the response found *undertaking* are 3 utterances with 0,61% and *refusal* are 12 utterances with 2,44%. 3) *statement* are 168 utterances with 34,29%, the response found that*acknowledgment* are 31 utterances with 6,33% and *contradiction* are 67 utterances with 13,67%. And 4) *question* are 66 utterances with 13,47%, the response found *answer* are 24 utterances with 4,90% and *disclaimer are* 18 utterances with 3,67%. The most frequent type of initial speech function used is *statement,* and the response is *contradiction*. The researcher concludes that in a debate, the function of statement and contradiction is used to defend the argument and bring down the opposing team with the aim to get the sympathy of the audience.

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Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Be wise and strong, your dreams will be fulfilled!

“When a thing is done, it’s done.
Don’t look back. Look forward to your next objective.”
-George C. Marshall

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

%	: Percentage
SF	: Speech Function
Spk.	: speaker
[i]	: initial
[r]	: response
O	: offer
C	: command
Q	: question
S	: statement
Acc.	: acceptance
Rej.	: rejection
Under.	: undertaking
Ref.	: refusal
A	: answer
Disc.	: disclaimer
Ack.	: acknowledgment
Contra.	: contradiction

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