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## ABSTRAK

*Pengambilan giliran adalah sebuah cara dalam percakapan yang dapat disebut sebagai perubahan posisi pada pembicara menjadi pendengar dan sebaliknya. Strategi-strategi pengambilan giliran ditemukan dalam debat presiden Amerika kedua pada tahun 2020. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi strategi pengambilan giliran dan perangkat kuasa yang digunakan oleh para peserta debat. Peneliti menggunakan teori Stenström mengenai strategi pengambilan giliran dan teori Fairclough tentang perangkat kuasa. Terdapat tiga strategi pengambilan giliran yang diperkenalkan oleh Stenström (1994) dan empat perangkat kuasa dalam percakapan yang disebutkan oleh Fairclough (2001). Desain penelitian ini adalah kualitatif. Metode observasi dan teknik mencatat digunakan untuk mengumpulkan data penelitian. Dalam menganalisis data, teknik analisis pada analisis wacana dan koding digunakan. Hasil penelitian ini dijelaskan dan ditampilkan secara deskriptif dalam bentuk kata hingga kalimat. Strategi pengambilan giliran adalah mengambil giliran, menahan giliran, dan memberi giliran. Perangkat kuasa dalam percakapan adalah interupsi, pemaksaan keterbukaan, pengontrolan topik, dan formulasi. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa strategi mengambil giliran sering digunakan oleh semua peserta debat. Strategi interupsi dan kuasa interupsi biasa digunakan oleh Donald Trump. Joe Biden dengan strategi memulai dan formulasi sebagai kuasanya. Kristen Welker menggunakan strategi dorongan dan kuasa pengendalian topik. Selain itu, jeda diam sebagai sub-strategi dari menahan giliran, memancing, dan menyerah yang merupakan bagian dari strategi memberi giliran tidak ditemukan pada sumber data. Untuk menunjukkan dominasinya, para peserta cenderung menghindari jeda diam dan selalu berusaha untuk berbicara. Selain itu, penelitian ini juga mengungkapkan bahwa Donald Trump cenderung tidak sopan dibandingkan dengan Joe Biden dan Kristen Welker.*

***Kata kunci:*** Analisis Wacana, Kuasa, Pengambilan giliran

## ABSTRACT

Turn-taking is a way that can be referred to as the change of position when the speaker becomes the listener and vice versa in the conversation. The strategies of turn-taking were discovered in the second America's presidential debate in 2020. This research aims at identifying the turn-taking strategies and the power devices utilized by the debate participants. The researcher adhered to the theory of Stenström regarding turn-taking strategies and Fairclough in power devices. There are three strategies of turn-taking introduced by Stenström (1994) and four power devices in conversation enumerated by Fairclough (2001). The research design was qualitative. The observational method and note-taking technique were employed to collect the research data. In analyzing the data, the analytical technique of discourse analysis and coding was performed. The results of this research were clarified and displayed descriptively in the form of words to sentences. The turn-taking strategies were taking the turn, holding the turn, and yielding the turn. The power devices in conversation were interruption, enforcing explicitness, controlling topic, and formulation. The results revealed that taking the turn strategy was frequently utilized by all of the participants in the debate. The interrupting strategy and the power which is interruption were commonly used by Donald Trump. Joe Biden with starting up strategy and formulation as his power. Kristen Welker performed a prompting strategy and controlling topic. Moreover, the silent pauses as the sub-strategy of holding the turn, appealing, and giving up as part of yielding the turn strategy were not found in the data source. The participants tended to avoid silent pauses and used to try to take the floor to speak in order to show their dominance. Additionally, this research revealed that Donald Trump was lean toward impoliteness compared to Joe Biden and Kristen Welker.

**Keywords:** Discourse Analysis, Power, Turn-taking

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