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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini menganalisis strategi pengambilan giliran bicara (turn-taking) dalam Debat Calon Presiden Amerika Serikat 2024 antara Joe Biden dan Donald Trump. Fokus penelitian ini adalah bagaimana masing-masing pembicara mengambil, mempertahankan, atau melepaskan giliran bicara selama debat berlangsung. Penelitian ini menggunakan teori dari Stenström (1994), yang menjelaskan berbagai cara orang mengatur giliran bicara dalam percakapan. Metode yang digunakan adalah deskriptif kualitatif. Data diambil dari transkrip resmi debat, dan sebanyak 35 data ujaran dianalisis. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa strategi yang paling sering digunakan adalah Prompting dan Lexical Repetition, masing-masing muncul sebanyak empat kali (11,42%). Strategi ini membantu pembicara mengontrol giliran bicara dan menekankan poin penting. Strategi lain seperti Filled Pause, Silent Pause, Appealing, Clean Start, Uptake, Link, dan Meta-comment juga ditemukan, yang menunjukkan bahwa para pembicara berusaha menjaga alur bicara, menyusun argumen, dan merespons lawan debat. Strategi Giving Up hanya muncul sekali, menandakan bahwa strategi ini jarang digunakan dalam debat formal. Kesimpulannya, baik moderator maupun para kandidat menggunakan strategi turn-taking untuk mengatur jalannya debat dengan jelas dan efektif. Strategi ini tidak hanya digunakan untuk mengatur giliran bicara, tetapi juga untuk meyakinkan audiens dan membangun argumen yang kuat.

Kata Kunci: Giliran bicara, Debat, Percakapan, Analisis Wacana, Strategi

ABSTRACT

This research analyzes how turn-taking strategies are used in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Debate between Joe Biden and Donald Trump. The research focuses on how each speaker takes, holds, or gives up their turn during the debate. The theory used in this research is from Stenström (1994), which includes different ways people manage their speaking turns in conversation. This research uses a descriptive qualitative method. The data was taken from the official transcript of the debate, and 35 speech samples were analyzed. The results show that the most used strategies are Prompting and Lexical Repetition, each appearing four times (11.42%). These strategies help the speakers keep control of their turn and repeat important points. Other strategies like Filled Pause, Silent Pause, Appealing, Clean Start, Uptake, Link, and Meta-comment were also used, showing how the speakers try to stay in control, organize their speech, or respond to their opponent. The Giving Up strategy only appeared once, which shows that it is rare in formal debates. In conclusion, both candidates and moderators used turn-taking strategies to manage the debate clearly and effectively. These strategies are not only used to manage turns but also to persuade the audience and build strong arguments.

Keywords: Turn-taking, Debate, Conversation, Discourse Analysis, Strategy

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