

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This chapter presents the results derived from the data analysis. The findings, which are directly related to the research questions, have been used as the foundation for drawing the conclusions. These conclusions focus on the components and types of turn-taking identified in the 2024 American 1st Presidential Debate. The analysis highlighted how speakers managed the flow of conversation through strategies such as interruptions,, pauses, and other turn-taking strategies. Additionally, the researcher provides suggestions for readers, students, and future researchers by offering recommendations for further study and how these findings can be applied or explored in greater depth in the field of discourse analysis.

5.1 Conclusions

From the analysis of 32 data samples taken from the 2024 U.S. presidential debate, it can be concluded that the turn-taking process in this political setting involves a variety of components and strategies. In terms of turn-taking components, the Turn Constructional Component appeared more frequently than the Turn Allocational Component, which indicates that the flow of the conversation was often controlled by either the moderator or the speakers themselves. Regarding turn-taking strategies, the most commonly used strategies were found in the Taking the Turn and Holding the Turn categories. This shows that both candidates made strong efforts to take the floor and keep their speaking turns.

The frequent use of strategies like Starting Up, Interrupting, Filled Pause, and Lexical Repetition highlights their attempt to dominate the conversation and deliver their points clearly. The strategy Giving Up did not appear at all in the data. This reflects the nature of the presidential debate, where both candidates aim to show their competence, confidence, and ability to handle pressure. As a result, neither of them willingly gave up their chance to speak. In sum, this research revealed that turn-taking in a political debate setting is highly competitive, and the strategies used reflect the speakers' desire to maintain control, respond quickly, and persuade the audience.

5.2 Recommendations

This research covered the turn taking phenomena initiated by Stenstrom with discipline of discourse analysis study in the 2024 American 1st Presidential Debate. Based on the findings of this research, there are several recommendations for future studies and practical use. For future researchers, it is suggested to analyze more data from other parts of the debate or from different debates involving various speakers. This can help compare how different people use turn-taking strategies depending on the topic or situation. It is also recommended to include interactions with moderators or other participants to explore more complex turn-taking patterns. For conversation analysts, this study shows that political debates are rich in examples of turn-taking, especially in competitive talk. The strategies found here can also be applied in other formal situations like interviews or public meetings.

For communication and debate trainers, this research highlights how important it is to know how to take, hold, and manage turns while speaking. Trainers can use this to teach students or professionals how to speak effectively and maintain control in conversations. Lastly, for language teachers, using real debate transcripts can help students learn how to speak more naturally and improve their communication skills, especially in formal speaking contexts.