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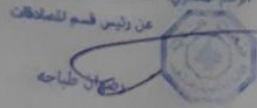
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American Political Speeches

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## Abstract

Politicians often employ grammatical cohesive devices to attain certain purposes related to interconnectivity, directness, and emphasis in negotiating meaning in their use of language. This study aims at identifying how grammatical cohesive devices are used in Trump's and Clinton's political speeches, detecting their frequencies and the purpose behind these frequencies. .

This study hypothesizes that:

1. The use of 'reference' constitutes the highest frequency of occurrence, particularly personal reference.
2. The order of grammatical devices (in terms of their frequencies) is arranged as follows: reference, conjunction, ellipsis and substitution.
3. Politicians employ reference and conjunction rather than ellipsis and substitution.

Four American Speeches of Trump and Clinton have been chosen to be the data. Halliday and Hasan's (1976) model of cohesion has been applied to the data for the purpose of examining the use of these devices in these speeches.

The study concludes that Trump and Clinton use reference and conjunction more than ellipsis and substitution, as the former provide relations which are easier and more understandable for audience than the latter. However, all these grammatical agencies are utilized to contribute to the coherence of the speech.

Some recommendations and suggestions for further research are put forward.