

ABSTRACT

An Analysis of Presupposition on President Barack Obama's Commencement Speech Entitled Dear Class of 2020

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Presupposition is the first assumption of the speaker before saying that what will be conveyed can be understood. Barack Obama Husein as reliable politician he used speech to convince, promise, affirming and changing the pattern of people's thoughts and opinions on certain things. By analyzing the presupposition by President Barack Obama's commencement speech, language use and understand everything that assumed about the presupposition that contain implied meaning in motivates during the critical time. In commencement speech President Barack Obama talked to class of 2020 should try to overcome the problems that occur and must achieve success become the best generation even though the world is having a hard time.

The scope of this study is focusing on analyzing the presupposition in President Barack Obama commencement speeches. This research conducted by using pragmatic approach are connect with the meaning of utterance use in the context. In this research the researcher applied theory of presupposition by George Yule (1996). The researcher used descriptive qualitative method to explained the types of presupposition and also the function of presupposition on utterance meaning.

The research found that the most dominant types of presupposition which used by President Barack Obama that appears in this research was existential presupposition it had 8 data. The second dominant types of presupposition was counterfactual presupposition it had 4 data. The third dominant types of presupposition is factive presupposition it had 3 data, while the other types of presupposition comes out in different reason and way. The existential presupposition are more dominant in this research because there are utterances indicate this type of presupposition to find the type by the existence of a things. The speaker used existential presupposition because the speaker wants to explain a fact not only stated the existence but the situation and how to solve the problem are faced the class of 2020 during the critical time.

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