

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Application of Text and Discourse Analytical Devices on Political Speech

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			✓	
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

Reviewer Name: Dr Abdul Hameed Shah

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

Abstract Evaluation:

The abstract provides a concise overview of the study, identifying the focus on two political inauguration speeches—one by Barack Obama and the other by David Cameron—analyzed using the framework of Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL). It highlights key findings, noting both similarities (such as motivating national commitment) and differences (such as addressing assistance to other nations) between the speeches. The scope is clearly defined, and the abstract remains succinct while aligning well with the keywords provided.

Keywords Assessment:

The keywords—*Speech analysis, political discourse, text and discourse analysis*—are appropriate and reflective of the paper's analytical approach and thematic focus. They ensure clarity for academic indexing and relevance to linguistic and political discourse studies.

Introduction Evaluation:

The introduction opens with an engaging reference to Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic "I have a dream" speech, effectively demonstrating the power of political language. This example serves to contextualize the significance of political discourse and set the stage for the study. The text then outlines the two speeches under analysis—Obama's 2008 Election Night Victory Speech and Cameron's 2010 General Election Victory Speech—highlighting their historical and political importance.

The definition of "political discourse," citing Wilson (2015), grounds the study within a recognized scholarly framework, indicating a focus on language structure as it relates to political function. The transition from the general importance of political discourse to the specific speeches under study is coherent and logically structured.

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Overall Assessment:

The work is clearly positioned within the field of political discourse analysis, using SFL as its methodological lens. It effectively contextualizes the speeches historically and politically while providing a clear rationale for their selection. The writing maintains academic tone and presents the research objective in a direct and focused manner.