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LINGUISTIC FEATURES OF REPORTER SPEECH IN ENGLISH MEDIA DISCOURSE

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Abstract

This study examines the linguistic features of reporter speech in English media discourse from a pragmalinguistic and discourse-analytical perspective. The primary objective is to identify the key linguistic and communicative strategies employed by journalists to convey information while simultaneously influencing audience perception. The research focuses on lexical, semantic, and discursive mechanisms, including evaluative language, framing, legitimization, and authority appeal. The findings demonstrate that reporter speech in English media discourse functions not only as a means of information transmission but also as a powerful tool for shaping public opinion and constructing social reality.

Keywords: Media discourse, reporter speech, pragmatics, linguistic features, framing, manipulation, discourse analysis, communication strategies

Introduction

In contemporary linguistics, media discourse is recognized as one of the most influential forms of communication in modern society. With the rapid development of information technologies and global media networks, journalistic language has evolved into a complex system that performs both informative and persuasive functions. Reporter speech, as a central component of media



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discourse, plays a crucial role in mediating reality and presenting events to the public.

From a pragmatic perspective, language is not merely a tool for conveying information but also a means of achieving communicative goals. Reporter speech reflects this dual function, as journalists not only report facts but also implicitly guide audience interpretation. Therefore, the study of linguistic features in reporter speech is essential for understanding how meaning is constructed and how public perception is influenced in media contexts.

The aim of this study is to analyze the linguistic characteristics of reporter speech in English media discourse and to identify the strategies through which journalists shape meaning and influence audience cognition.

Literature Review

The study of media discourse and linguistic manipulation has been extensively developed within discourse analysis and pragmatics. Teun A. van Dijk emphasizes that discourse plays a crucial role in controlling public knowledge and beliefs, particularly through selective information presentation and ideological framing. Similarly, Norman Fairclough views media discourse as a site where social power and ideology are reproduced through language. His work highlights the importance of analyzing linguistic structures in relation to broader social contexts. Ruth Wodak contributes to this field by examining discourse within historical and sociopolitical frameworks, particularly focusing on how language constructs and legitimizes power relations. From a cognitive perspective, George Lakoff introduces the concept of framing, demonstrating how language shapes thought by structuring reality in specific ways. Despite extensive research in global linguistics, the specific linguistic features of reporter



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speech in English media discourse remain an area requiring further detailed analysis, particularly in relation to pragmatic and manipulative strategies.

Analysis and Results

The analysis reveals that reporter speech in English media discourse is characterized by a combination of linguistic and pragmatic strategies that contribute to its persuasive and interpretative functions. Firstly, **lexical choice** plays a significant role in shaping meaning. Journalists frequently employ evaluative language, euphemisms, and dysphemisms to influence audience perception. For instance, terms such as “job cuts” or “downsizing” soften the negative connotation of unemployment, while expressions like “crisis” or “chaos” intensify emotional responses. Secondly, **framing strategies** are widely used to present events from a particular perspective. By selecting specific lexical items and contextual elements, journalists guide the audience toward a preferred interpretation. For example, describing a policy as a “reform” versus a “restriction” significantly alters its perceived meaning. Thirdly, **legitimization strategies** are employed to justify actions or decisions. This is often achieved through causal explanations, such as linking job reductions to technological advancement or economic necessity. Such constructions present controversial decisions as rational and inevitable. Fourthly, **authority appeal** is a prominent feature of reporter speech. References to official sources, experts, or institutions enhance the credibility of information and reduce the likelihood of critical interpretation by the audience. Additionally, **metaphorical language and emotional expressions** contribute to the persuasive power of media discourse. Metaphors such as “economic storm” or “wave of layoffs” create vivid imagery, reinforcing the impact of the message. The findings indicate that these linguistic



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features operate together to construct a coherent discourse that not only informs but also subtly influences audience cognition and interpretation.

Conclusion

The study demonstrates that reporter speech in English media discourse is a complex linguistic phenomenon characterized by the interaction of informational and persuasive functions. Through the use of lexical choices, framing, legitimization, authority references, and metaphorical language, journalists shape how events are perceived and understood. These findings highlight that media discourse is not neutral but inherently interpretative, as it constructs reality rather than merely reflecting it. Consequently, the analysis of linguistic features in reporter speech is essential for understanding the mechanisms of influence in modern communication.

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