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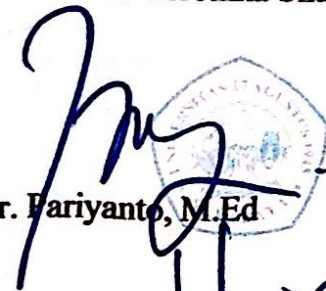
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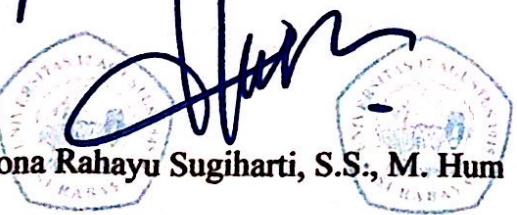
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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to identify the types of cohesive devices used in President Biden's speech at the White House Correspondents' Dinner and to determine the dominant cohesive devices used. The study utilized a qualitative research design to analyze the cohesive device present in the speech, as this approach allows for an in-depth exploration of cohesive devices. It enables the researcher to gain a comprehensive understanding of how President Biden used these devices in his speech. This study used a descriptive research approach to analyze the cohesive devices used in President Biden's speech at the White House Correspondents' Dinner. In analyzing the data, the researcher employs theory proposed by Halliday and Hasan (1976) to identify the different types of cohesive devices present in the speech. Grammatical cohesion was observed through 333 instances of reference, 113 instances of conjunction, 4 instances of substitution, and 12 instances of ellipsis. Additionally, lexical cohesion was evident through 29 instances of repetition, 1 instance of synonymy, 43 instances of hyponymy, 14 instances of metonymy, and 52 instances of collocation. Then, the researcher determine the most dominant of cohesive device using formula by Hartnett (1986). Based on the results, grammatical cohesion emerges as the dominant cohesive device, with reference being the most frequently used type at a frequency of 0.55%. Conversely, substitution appears to be the least common type, occurring only at a frequency of 0.006%. On the other hand, lexical cohesion takes precedence in terms of collocation, accounting for 0.08% of occurrences. Meanwhile, synonymy represents the least common type, appearing at a frequency of only 0.001%.

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