

ABSTRACT

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This thesis analysed the modality on President Joe Biden's inauguration speech on the 20th of January, 2021 of the 46th President of the United State at White House Official. This study identified the types, degrees, and orientations of modality used by Joe Biden. This study adopted descriptive and qualitative method. Meanwhile, the this study used documentation to collect the data. This study used theory of Systemic Functional Linguistics (SFL) that is proposed by M.A.K Halliday (2004) as tool of analysis data. The data were modals and clauses. This study found, there are two types of modality namely modalization which consisted of probability and usuality and modulation which consisted of obligation and inclination. Thoses types were included of 75 total of clauses consisting modals in speech. The values of modality are high, median, and low, and the last the orientation are explicit subjective, explicit objectivet, implicit subjective, and implicit objective. The finding indicates that Bide commonly used modalization-probability, it means that Biden offered some possibilities for the country and it would help the people to grasp the ideas. In addition, from the orientations of modality, it popularized the explicit subjective orientation. It indicated that the speaker presented his speech in optimistic and convincing ways and it was orientated for Biden as new president.