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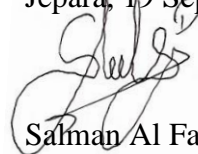
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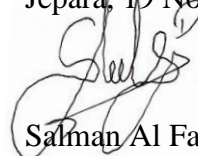
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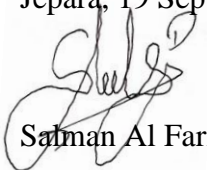


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## ABSTRACT

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This thesis is entitled Interpersonal Meaning of the First Presidential Debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in 2016 on the Topic of America's Direction.

This was a qualitative study on spoken discourse aiming at revealing the analysis of the interpersonal meaning used in the debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. The basic problem was elaborated into three sub-research questions: (1) How is the Interpersonal meaning realized in the First Presidential Debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in 2016 on the Topic of America's Direction? (2) What are the mood types used in the First Presidential Debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in 2016 on the Topic of America's Direction? (3) What are the types of modality used in the First Presidential Debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in 2016 on the Topic of America's Direction?

The subjects of the study are Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton as candidate of president United States 2016.

The present study revealed three findings. First, the analysis of the interpersonal meaning realized in the first presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in 2016 have Mood and Residue. It is realized by the wordings of the clause based on the elements of interpersonal meaning. Second, the most dominant Mood Types used in the First Presidential Debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in 2016 is Declarative Mood (97,08%). Last, there are few modalities are found. And all of them are: (1)'can' is the only modal finite



that found in the transcript. 'Can' is categorized in low degree of modality. (2)'would and will' are categorized in medium degree of modality. (3), "should, need, have to, have got to, are going to", are categorized as high degree.

In conclusion, the present study could successfully achieve its goal in explaining the realization of Interpersonal Meaning of the First Presidential debate.

