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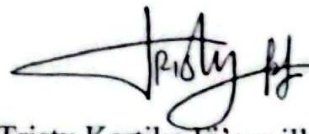
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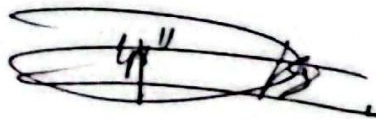
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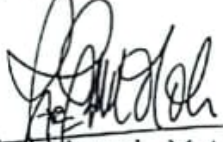
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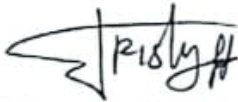
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This study aims to analyse the types and functions of the politeness and impoliteness strategies, used by Mehdi Hasan and Anne-Marie Waters in Oxford Union Debate *Islam Is A Peaceful Religion*, two main speakers in this debate who convey their arguments, Mehdi Hasan as the proposition team and Anne-Marie Waters as opposition team. There are two problems to be solved in this study, namely: (1) What types of politeness and impoliteness strategies are used by Mehdi Hasan and Anne-Marie Waters in Oxford Union Debate *Islam Is A Peaceful Religion*? and (2) What are the function of those strategies used by Mehdi Hasan and Anne-Marie Waters in Oxford Union Debate *Islam Is A Peaceful Religion*?

This study uses the theory of politeness strategies based on Brown and Levinson (1987) which divides politeness strategies into five parts, namely bald on record politeness, positive politeness, negative politeness, off record politeness and don't do the FTA. This study also uses the theory of impoliteness strategies based on Culpeper (2005) which divides impoliteness strategies into six parts, namely bald on record impoliteness, positive impoliteness, negative impoliteness, off record impoliteness, withhold politeness and sarcasm or mock politeness. This qualitative descriptive study aims to identify the types and functions of politeness and impoliteness strategies used in the debate. Data collection was carried out by transcribing videos and identifying the strategies used, then reanalyzing the function of using those strategies.

The findings of this study indicate that all politeness strategies and impoliteness strategies were used in the debate. From the emergence of these strategies, Mehdi and Anne tend to impoliteness strategies compared to politeness strategies. These positive politeness strategies are used by them to build a sense of closeness with the audience present and make the audience feel comfortable while they are delivering their arguments. While bald on record impoliteness is used to maintain their image so as not to look weak in front of opponents and the audience, it is also used to directly attack opponents so that they feel superior and not intimidated in the debate.

Keywords: politeness strategies, impoliteness strategies, mehdi hasan, anne-marie waters, oxford union debate, debate

ABSTRAK

Salsabila, S. (2025). *Analisis Strategi Kesantunan dan Ketidaksantunan yang Digunakan oleh Mehdi Hasan dan Anne-Marie Waters dalam Oxford Union Debate "Islam Is A Peaceful Religion"*. Program Studi Sastra Inggris, Fakultas Adab dan Humaniora, UIN Sunan Ampel Surabaya. Pembimbing: (I) Raudlotul Jannah, M. App. Ling, (II) Tristy Kartika Fi'aunillah, M.A.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis jenis dan fungsi strategi kesantunan dan ketidaksantunan yang digunakan Mehdi Hasan dan Anne-Marie Waters dalam *Oxford Union Debate Islam Is A Peaceful Religion*, dua pembicara utama dalam debat ini yang menyampaikan argumen mereka, Mehdi Hasan sebagai tim proposisi dan Anne-Marie Waters sebagai tim oposisi. Ada dua masalah yang ingin dipecahkan dalam penelitian ini, yaitu: (1) Jenis strategi kesantunan dan ketidaksantunan apa yang digunakan Mehdi Hasan dan Anne-Marie Waters dalam *Oxford Union Debate Islam Is A Peaceful Religion*? dan (2) Apa fungsi dari strategi-strategi yang digunakan oleh Mehdi Hasan dan Anne-Marie Waters dalam *Oxford Union Debate Islam Is A Peaceful Religion*?

Penelitian ini menggunakan teori strategi kesantunan berdasarkan Brown dan Levinson (1987) yang membagi strategi kesantunan menjadi lima bagian, yaitu kesantunan langsung, kesantunan positif, kesantunan negatif, kesantunan tidak langsung dan jangan lakukan *FTA*. Penelitian ini juga menggunakan teori strategi ketidaksantunan berdasarkan Culpeper (2005) yang membagi strategi ketidaksantunan menjadi enam bagian, yaitu ketidaksantunan langsung, ketidaksantunan positif, ketidaksantunan negative, ketidaksantunan tidak langsung, menahan kesantunan dan sarkasme atau kesantunan pura-pura. Penelitian deskriptif kualitatif ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi jenis dan fungsi strategi kesantunan serta ketidaksantunan yang digunakan dalam debat. Pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan cara mentranskrip video dan mengidentifikasi strategi yang digunakan, kemudian menganalisis kembali fungsi dari penggunaan strategi tersebut.

Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa semua strategi kesantunan dan empat dari lima strategi ketidaksantunan yang digunakan dalam debat. Dari munculnya strategi-strategi tersebut, Mehdi dan Anne cenderung menggunakan strategi ketidaksantunan dibandingkan strategi kesantunan. Strategi kesantunan tersebut digunakan mereka untuk membangun rasa kedekatan dengan audiens yang hadir dan membuat audiens merasa nyaman saat mereka menyampaikan argumennya. Sementara itu, strategi ketidaksantunan digunakan untuk menjaga citra agar tidak terlihat lemah di hadapan lawan bicara dan audiens, juga digunakan untuk menyerang lawan bicara secara langsung agar merasa unggul dan tidak terintimidasi dalam debat.

Kata Kunci: strategi kesantunan, strategi ketidaksantunan, mehdi hasan, anne-marie waters, *oxford union debate*, debat

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