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## **CRITICAL PRAGMATIC AND SYSTEMIC FUNCTIONAL INVESTIGATION OF EXPERIENCE IN POLITICS: AN INQUIRY INTO PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN'S INAUGURAL SPEECH**

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### **Résumé**

Cette étude tente d'analyser le contenu du discours inaugural prononcé par l'actuel président américain Joe Biden à travers la pragmatique et la linguistique fonctionnelle systémique. Le présent travail adopte la théorie des actes de langage d'Austin et la linguistique fonctionnelle systémique de Halliday, en particulier la grammaire du sens expérientiel et la grammaire du sens textuel. Cette méthode mixte a été utilisée pour identifier, classer, étiqueter, tabuler, examiner et discuter les données comme : les cent cinquante-neuf (159) phrases de l'analyse pragmatique, les trois cents (300) clauses de l'analyse expérientielle et les deux cent quatre-vingt-dix-sept (297) clauses de l'analyse du sens textuel. Les résultats qui résultent de l'analyse pragmatique montrent le manque d'actes assertifs et la fréquence des actes expressifs (64.69%) indiquant que le président a fortement exprimé ses sentiments, ses remerciements et ses excuses envers son public étranger et le peuple américain qui l'a élu et avec qui il est censé travailler pour la résolution des problèmes du pays. Le sens expérientiel détermine la forte utilisation du processus matériel (67.65 %) et du processus mental (10.89 %). Cela signifie que le locuteur a prévu de faire des actions concrètes pour des faits et des résultats tangibles. Le processus mental est principalement représenté par le processus mental cognitif et perceptif traduisant l'expérience de l'interlocuteur en politique et sa vision pour son pays. Enfin, l'analyse textuelle du discours révèle la prépondérance des thèmes interpersonnels (39.31 %) et d'actualité (31.9 %) ; cela prouve l'engagement et le devoir d'auto-assignation de Biden pour changer l'Amérique.

**Mot clés :** discours – politique - signification – analyses – processus.

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### **Abstract**

This study attempts to analyze the content of the Inaugural Speech delivered by the current American President Joe Biden through the pragmatic feature and the Systemic Functional Linguistics. The present work adopts Austin's speech act theory and the Halliday's Systemic Functional Linguistics especially the grammar of experiential meaning and the grammar of textual meaning. This mixed method has been used to identify classify ,label,tabulate, examine and discuss the data as : the one hundred and fifty nine (159) sentences of the pragmatic analysis, the three hundred (300) clauses of the experiential analysis and the two hundred and ninety seven (297) clauses of the textual meaning analysis. The findings that result from the pragmatic analysis show the lack of the Assertive acts and the frequency of Expressive acts (64.69%) indicating that the president has strongly expressed his feelings, his acknowledgments and apologizes towards his foreign audience and the American people who elect him and with

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whom he is supposed to work for the resolution of their country's problems. The experiential meaning determines the high use of the material process (67.65%) and mental process (10.89%). This means that the speaker has planned to do concrete actions for tangible facts and results. The mental process is mainly represented by the cognitive and perceptive mental process displaying the experience of the addresser in politics and his vision for his country. Finally, the textual analysis of the speech reveals the preponderance of interpersonal (39.31%) and topical themes (31.9%); this proves the commitment and the self-assignment duty of Biden to change America.

**Keywords:** Speech – politics – meaning – analysis – processus.

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## INTRODUCTION

Communication is the exchange of data, information, or message between two or more people. It is interesting when the speaker uses language. Indeed, Language has always stood as a powerful tool of communication through which messages of speakers are passed, and understood by the listener. The importance of Language in human social relations has led some researchers to study it as a science in order to get its deepest meaning and role, with pragmatics as the study of how context influences our interpretation of utterances.

In the sharing of message through writing or speaking, the reader or listener wants to know the intention of the writer or the speaker in delivering the message. In order to let the reader or the listener grasp better understanding, scholars have elaborated theories on speech acts, that is the study of the language use in context. Speech Act theory is knowingly included in Pragmatics to serve in decoding messages via some specific acts.

Speech Act Theory focuses attention on the use of language in the performance of speech by the user and the attitudes at the time of speaking. Halliday, a renowned scholar of linguistics has defined and categorized the functions of language through his Systemic Functional Linguistics theory. In Halliday's (2004), theory the functions of language are: Metafunction or Meaning. Language is used to perform simultaneously three meanings: The ideational meaning, the interpersonal meaning and the textual meaning. The Ideational Metafunction is the meaning about how we represent experience in language. The Interpersonal Metafunction deals with the relationship between the speaker and the listener. As far as the Textual Metafunction is concerned, it refers to the way the text is organized as a piece of writing or speech. For, this research work comes to voice the pragmatic and systemic functional properties at work in this inaugural Speech. As such, it aims at answering effectively the following research questions:

- i. What is the predominant speech act used in the political speech?
- ii. What are the dominant process and theme types used to encode meanings in the inaugural speech?
- iii. How does the combination of those pragmalinguistic features and properties contribute to create and encode meanings in the inaugural speech?

The overall objective of this research work investigates the pragmatic and systemic functional features of the inaugural speech. More concretely, this overall purpose breaks down into the following specific objectives:

1. Carry out the various speech acts applied by the American President elected to impact on his people;
2. Investigate the various process types used to voice his projects so as to get his fellow citizens' total support;
3. Scrutinize the various theme types used and how some circumstances have been foregrounded in the speech.

The mixed method paradigm is used in order to deliver on the objectives. The fundamental aim of these goals is to put us wise about the intention of the speaker in delivering the speech, to provide more information about his experience in his country and in the foreign ones, as well as his

commitment about his new presidential position.

## **1. Theoretical Framework and Historical Background of the Study.**

### **1.1. Theoretical Framework of the study.**

Critical discourse analysis is a type of discourse analytical research that primarily studies the way social power abuse, dominance, and inequality are enacted, reproduced, and resisted by text and talk in the social and political context (Van Dijk.2001). A discourse Analysis is critical because it focuses on social aspects. This kind of analysis aims at investigating the social, political, economic, cultural inequality, the inequitable distribution of social-goods .The later ones includeas activities subjects and their social relations, possession, wisdom, verbal abilities and consciousness knowledge. Pragmatics is the study of meaning expressed by a speaker or a writer and interpreted by the listener or the reader. The development of this concept has led to the Speech Act theory pronounced by Austin and Searle (2007).The expression Speech Act is the act done in the process of speaking (Amoussou & Koba 2019). Austin has identified three forces that are implied in the speaking. There are: Locutionary Act, Illocutionary Act and Perlocutionary Act.

The Locutionary Act or Force refers to the basic act of producing a meaningful

expression. The Illocutionary Act or Force is the speaker's intention in delivering the utterance. Austin and Searle (2007) have identified and classified the different categories of Illocutionary force according to the meaning that the utterance can refer to. Linguists have finally found five categories of Illocutionary act: Representative or Assertive acts, Directive acts, Expressive acts, Commissive acts and Declarative acts. The Representative or Assertive acts commit the speaker to the truth value of some expressed propositions. Asserting, claiming, concluding, stating, arguing, agreeing are example of representative force. The Directive acts are the utterances through which the speaker attempts to get the hearer to do something. They involve commands and invitations. Commissive acts commit the speaker to some future course of action. They include promising, pledging, offering and swearing. Expressive acts state the speaker's feelings. Thanking, greetings, apologizing, appreciating, detesting, welcoming, regretting, deploring are the examples of Expressive act. Declarative acts change the world through their utterance. They include: Blessing, firing, baptizing, arresting. The third dimension of the Speech Act is the perlocutionary act. Perlocutionary act denotes the effect or influence of the speech act on the hearers or the listeners. It is with no doubt considered as the action that comes from the fact of telling something.

Systemic Functional Linguistics is the theory promoted by Halliday (2007) which deals with the language function in social context. According to Fairclough (1989), language has three different functions called metafunctions. There are: Ideational metafunction, Textual metafunction and the Interpersonal metafunction. The ideational meaning parses the clause as representation of reality. This metafunction includes two types of meaning: the experiential meaning and the logical meaning. The experiential meaning is concerned in this study. The grammar used in this ideational meaning analysis is transitivity. It examines the sense of the clause beyond the lines. Transitivity grammar analyses the constituents of the clause such as participants, processes and the circumstances. Participant is the subject, an animate being who performs the action in the clause. Process is the second and major element of a clause. It gives meaning to the clause and describes the action performed by the participant. Referring to Fairclough (2001), there are six process-types in the transitivity grammar: Material process, Mental process, Relational process, Verbal process, Behavioral process and Existential process. Circumstance then comes to be the last part of the clause. It is realized by adverbial groups or prepositional phrases.

The third function of the language is the Textual meaning. Textual meaning focuses on

the organization of the message that shares a given text. Textual analysis is expressed in a given clause through two key systems: the system of Theme and Rheme. Theme is the initial element of clause which comes before the process. Theme is classified in term of its nature and position in the clause understudy. A Theme can be Topical, Interpersonal or Textual. The Rheme is the second and last constituent of the clause after the theme. It is the part in which the meaning of the clause is known : it contains new information.

### **1.2. Political Background of the Study.**

From early in America to independence as well as the right epoch of democratic life crowned with the full enjoyment of liberties and the eradication of despotism and its dramatic socio-political disparities, Americans have always been protected from marigolds of any kinds. Authorities of all ranks prove their dedication to fight for the general interests of the whole nation. Founding fathers as well as renovating presidents and the ones of media times have never flexed from taking steps toward respecting prerogatives related to their positions among which, protecting Americans regardless of social rank , race and any other suspected or unsuspected handicap. The Declaration of Independence and the gist to grasp about the American dream expose in one way or the other, that soul of the nation about life, liberty and pursuit of happiness as

inalienable rights which have to be implemented, secured and promoted in any case , in times of peace or the other way run. The rough draft of the Declaration of Independence stipulates the following:

*<< We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal ; that they are endowed by their creator with inherent and inalienable rights, that to secure these are life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness: that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness >>.( see rough draft of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson,1776)*

Americans of all step of life show confidence and pride whenever they are cared for or defended in case of trouble, whether socially, economically or politically . The gearing hopes of a ‘promised land’, the exhilarating pride of enjoying fruits of their own efforts related to democratic fallouts after independence and prerogatives of peoples , bring Americans to live to the fullest of their granted rights of freedom and happiness. Any form of government requires consent of the governed, acts in favor and in accordance with souls of the nation which are constantly indicated to be followed for the best interests of peoples. In the same way , as to make strengthen the necessity of both opportunity

and privilege for Americans of every socio-political position, the American dream goes on still in the same vein with the above excerpt from the Declaration of Independence for the well-being of peoples: the real gems of the United States of America. Referring to his book entitled *The Epic of America*, the renowned historian James Truslow Adams digs out from the very insights of the American dream as follows:

*<<The American dream is that of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability and achievement...It is not a dream for motor cars and high wages merely, but a dream of social order in which each man and each woman shall be able to attain to the fullest stature of which they are innately capable, and be recognized by others for what they are, regardless of the fortuitous circumstances of birth or position....The American dream has been a dream of being able to grow to fullest development as a man and a woman, unhampered by barriers which had slowly been erected civilizations, unrepressed by social orders which had developed for the benefit of classes than for the simple human being of any and every class. >> ( The Epic of America: 1977)*

Meeting the American dream requires in one way or the other, political determination and good will to help bring hopes to fruition regarding American tastes for life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Regressing or cancelling barriers , taking right and fair decisions , promoting equality and equity in all circumstances assure Americans of their well-being. The case of the coronavirus pandemic stands as a good example in such a state. Since the above significant truths about the history

of Americans refer to politics, been defined ‘ as a struggle for power, between those who seek to assert and maintain their power and those who seek to resist it’ ( Wilson,2015.p.777) , particular interests could be developed. They could profusely be investigated on issues being accordingly thought and implemented .In such a vein, it is worth to dutifully investigate about people usually called ‘politicians’ and their actions or steps been genuinely taken in line with their responsibilities. The present case of an inaugural speech of a new president comes up on stage to help apprehend through linguistic analysis to what extent Joe Biden shows proof of fundamental principles with his fellow citizens since destiny of the whole nation definitely lies in his hands.

## **2. Methodology.**

### **2.1. Pragmatics, Ideational and Textual Metafunctions.**

In the analysis of the speech act in Buhari's Address at the 71st session of the UN General Assembly, Koutchadé (2017) has focused his study on the identification of speech acts used in this speech. By using Searle's theory, quantitative and qualitative methods, the scholar provides answers to the questions about the different speech acts which are employed in the speech and their use by the addresser. The findings yield 52.56% of representative act and 19.23% of the directive one. His investigation indicates the

predominance of the assertive acts, the researcher interprets these findings as the president Buhari's expression of his beliefs according to the theme of the assembly and priorities of his country. The directive act ranks second and proves that the speaker makes many suggestions and requests during his speech to his audience. Koutchadé's study has the same source of data with the present study; however, the previous study unveils the intentions of the addresser in the speech. The world knowledge of the speaker is not taken into account in the analysis of each speech acts found. The current study works on the role of the finding speech acts on the speech and their analysis considering the speaker's experience and the impact that will derive from the speech.

Koussouhoun and Dossoumou (2015), have explored the Ideational metafunction in Helon Habila's *Oil on water*. The goal of their study is to apply some of the principles which guide the Systemic Functional Grammar to the two selected extracts of the novel entitled *Oil on Water*. Using the grammar of experiential meaning, the researchers have parsed the two extracts and found 45.50% of the material process and 18.25% of mental process. Their analysis reveals the highest proportion of the material process. They have deduced that the extracts are about concrete and tangible actions performing by animated beings. It also reveals the suffering of the

Niger Delta and non-Niger Delta. Concrete and tangible actions are performed in the extracts by active participants for a physical and concrete goal. The mental process comes in the second rank. The scholars notice that the characters who are performing and projecting conscious, intellectual and affective actions in the two extracts as sener and phenomena are male and the female. According to them, this inclusive characterization doing by the writer is a manner to show a gender-balanced and the inclusiveness in the society. Their study has the similar theoretical framework with the present study but different source of data because the previous study is focused on a novel whereas the present one works on the political discourse. The former study analyzes the experiential meaning without pointing out the indirect transitivity involved in the processes out. This calls for the carrying out of this study.

Koutchadé and Loko (2016) in the analyzing of lexico-grammatical features in Chimamanda Ngozie Adichie's *Americanah* have described and analyzed the lexico-grammatical features that characterized the language of Adichie's *Americanah*. Basing on the systemic functional theory, the researchers have studied the transitivity, the mood and the theme in the selected extracts from the novel *Americanah*. As far as the textual meaning analysis is concerned, the third extract has chosen to be the corpus of this study. Their

analysis gives a percentage of 66.7% of topical theme; 32.2% of textual themes. These findings reveal the preponderance of topical theme and meaning that the author in this selected extract has emphasized on the characters to expose their actions, thoughts, attitudes. The extract is then full of animate beings used by the writer to express her mind. The scholars have also noticed that the textual theme ranks in the second position and deduce that the novelist mostly use the conjunctions to make the extract cohesive and coherent. Their research work seems to have the similar theoretical framework with the present one. But, these studies don't have the same source of data. The previous study works on a novel while this one works on a political speech and goes beyond the interpretation of the themes used in the speech. This calls for the need of the current study.

## 2.2. Detailed Research Methodology.

In this research paper, according to the type of data, a double – method approach needed to collect and examine data includes : Qualitative research method and Quantitative research method. In this this research work, the mixed method paradigm has been adopted in order to reach targeted objectives appropriately. I have divided the speech under study into clauses for the Experimental and the Textual analyses on the one hand and into sentences for the Speech

Acts analysis on the other hand. Once the identification of the unit of analysis is done, I have numbered each of them from 1 to 159 for the pragmatic analysis, 1 to 300 for the experimental analysis and from 1 to 297 for the textual analysis. I have used the three initial letters of the speech act to label the data in the pragmatic analysis. The keys used for the experimental analysis read as follows: **[Pr:Mat]**= Material process **[Pr:MeC]**=Mental Cognitive Process **[Pr:MeA]**= Mental Affective Process; **[Pr:MeP]**=Mental Perceptive Process; **[Pr:ReI]**=Identifying Relational Process; **[Pr:ReA]**: Attributive Relational Process; **[Pr:Vb]**=Verbal Process; **[Pr:Bh]**=Behavioural Process; **[Pr:Ext]**= Existential Process and textual data are labelled through these keys: **[Th:UTop]**: Unmarked Topical Theme; **[Th:MTop]**: Marked Topical Theme **[Th:Tx]**:Textual Theme ; **[Th:Int]**:Interpersonal Theme; **[Th:Str]**: Structural Theme. The results generated by the labelling are classified in a table with respect to the type of analysis. Comments are made on the basis of the tabulation of the each finding of analyses. The qualitative research method is used in this work in order to analyze and report the findings.

## 3. Results and Discussion

### 3.1. Speech Acts Analysis in the Inaugural Speech.

This segment analyses the various types of speech acts used in the Inaugural Speech delivered by the 46th American President. The process consists of identifying tagging and estimating the Expressive, Representative, Commissive, Directive and Declarative speech acts as used by the political authority in question being in this case, President Joe Biden.

1-This is a great nation. **(Exp)** 2- and we are a good people. **(Exp)** 3- Over the centuries through storm and strife, in peace and in war, we have come so far. **(Exp)** 4- But we still have far to go. **(Exp)** 5- We will press forward with speed and urgency **(Com)** for we have much to do in this winter of peril and possibility, much to repair, much to restore, much to heal, much to build and much to gain. **(Exp)** 6- Few periods in our nation's history have been more challenging or difficult than the one we're in now. **(Exp)** 7- A once-in-a-century virus silently stalks the country. **(Exp)** 8- It's taken as many lives in one year as America lost in all of World War II **(Exp)**. 9- Millions of jobs have been lost. **(Exp)** 10-Hundreds of thousands of businesses closed. **(Exp)** 11- A cry for racial justice some 400 years in the making moves us. **(Exp)** 12- The dream of justice for all will be deferred no longer. **(Com)** 13-A cry for survival comes from the planet itself. **(Exp)** 14- A cry that can't be any more desperate or any more clear **(Exp)** 15-And now, a rise in political extremism, white supremacy, domestic terrorism that we must confront **(Exp)** and we will defeat **(Com)**. 16- To overcome these challenges to restore the soul and to secure the future of America requires more than words. **(Exp)** 17- It requires that most elusive of things in a democracy: Unity.

**(Exp)**18- Unity. In another January in Washington, on New Year's Day 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

**(Exp)** 19- When he put pen to paper, the President said "If my name ever goes down into history it will be for this act **(Com)** and my whole soul is in it. **(Exp)** 20- My whole soul is in it. **(Exp)** 21-

Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this: Bringing America together, Uniting our people. And uniting our nation **(Exp)** 22- I ask every American to join me in this cause. **(Dir)** 23- Uniting to fight the common foes we face: Anger, resentment, hatred. Extremism, lawlessness, violence. Disease, joblessness, hopelessness.

**(Exp)** 24- With unity we can do great things. Important things. **(Dir)** 25- We can right wrongs.

**(Exp)** 26- We can put people to work in good jobs.

**(Exp)** 27- We can teach our children in safe schools **(Exp)** 28- We can overcome this deadly virus. **(Exp)** 29- We can reward work, rebuild the middle class and make health care secure for all.

**(Exp)** 30- We can deliver racial justice. **(Exp)** 31- We can make America, once again, the leading force for good in the world. **(Exp)** 32- I know speaking of unity can sound to some like a foolish fantasy.

**(Exp)** 33- I know the forces that divide us are deep and they are real. **(Exp)** 34- But I also know they are not new. **(Exp)** 35- Our history has been a constant struggle between the American ideal that we are all created equal and the harsh, ugly reality that racism, nativism, fear, and demonization have long torn us apart. **(Exp)** 36- The battle is perennial. **(Exp)** 37- Victory is never assured **(Exp)** 38-Through the Civil War, the Great Depression, World War, 9/11, through struggle,

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sacrifice, and setbacks, our “better angels” have always prevailed. **(Exp)** 39- In each of these moments, enough of us came together to carry all of us forward **(Exp)** 40- And, we can do so now. **(Exp)** 41- History, faith, and reason show the way, the way of unity. **(Exp)** 42- We can see each other not as adversaries but as neighbors. **(Exp)** 43- We can treat each other with dignity and respect. **(Exp)** 44- We can join forces, stop the shouting, and lower the temperature. **(Exp)** 45- For without unity, there is no peace, only bitterness and fury. No progress, only exhausting outrage. No nation, only a state of chaos. **(Dir)** 46- This is our historic moment of crisis and challenge, and unity is the path forward. **(Exp)** 47- And, we must meet this moment as the United States of America. **(Exp)** 48- If we do that, I guarantee you, we will not fail. **(Com)** 49- We have never, ever, ever failed in America when we have acted together. **(Exp)** 50- And so today, at this time and in this place, let us start a fresh. **(Dir)** 51- All of us. Let us listen to one another. **(Dir)**

52- Hear one another. **(Dir)**

53- See one another. **(Dir)**

54- Show respect to one another. **(Dir)**

55- Politics need not be a raging fire destroying everything in its path. **(Exp)** 56- Every disagreement doesn't have to be a cause for total war. **(Exp)** 57- And, we must reject a culture in which facts themselves are manipulated and even manufactured. **(Exp)** 58- My fellow Americans, we have to be different than this. **(Exp)** 59- America has to be better than this. **(Exp)** 60- And, I believe America is better than this. **(Exp)** 61- Just look around. **(Dir)** 62- Here we stand, in the

shadow of a Capitol dome that was completed amid the Civil War, when the Union itself hung in the balance. **(Exp)** 63- Yet we endured and we prevailed **(Exp)** 64- Here we stand looking out to the great Mall where Dr. King spoke of his dream. **(Exp)** 65- Here we stand, where 108 years ago at another inaugural, thousands of protestors tried to block brave women from marching for the right to vote. **(Exp)** 66- Today, we mark the swearing-in of the first woman in American history elected to national office Vice President Kamala Harris. **(Dec)** 67- Don't tell me things can't change **(Dir)**. 68- Here we stand across the Potomac from Arlington National Cemetery, where heroes who gave the last full measure of devotion rest in eternal peace. **(Exp)** 69- And here we stand just days after a riotous mob thought they could use violence to silence the will of the people to stop the work of our democracy, and to drive us from this sacred ground. **(Exp)** 70- That did not happen **(Exp)** 71- It will never happen. Not today.

Not tomorrow. Not ever. **(Com)** 72- To all those who supported our campaign I am humbled by the faith you have placed in us. **(Exp)** 73- To all those who did not support us, let me say this: Hear me out as we move forward. **(Dir)** 74- Take a measure of me and my heart. **(Dir)** 75- And if you still disagree, so be it. **(Exp)** 76- That's democracy. **(Exp)** 77- That's America. **(Exp)** 78- The right to dissent peaceably, within the guardrails of our Republic, is perhaps our nation's greatest strength. **(Exp)** 79- Yet hear me clearly: Disagreement must not lead to disunion. **(Dir)** 80- And I pledge this to you I will be a President for all Americans. **(Com)** 81- I will fight as hard for those who did not support me as for those who did. **(Com)** 82- Many

centuries ago, Saint Augustine, a saint of my church, wrote that a people was a multitude defined by the common objects of their love. **(Exp)** 83- What are the common objects we love that define us as Americans? **(Exp)** 84- I think I know. Opportunity, Security, Liberty, Dignity, Respect, Honor. And, yes, the truth. **(Exp)** 85- Recent weeks and months have taught us a painful lesson. **(Exp)** 86- There is truth and there are lies. **(Exp)**

87- Lies told for power and for profit. **(Exp)** 88- And each of us has a duty and responsibility, as citizens, as Americans, and especially as leaders **(Exp)** - leaders who have pledged to honor our Constitution and protect our nation to defend the truth and to defeat the lies. **(Com)** 89- I understand that many Americans view the future with some fear and trepidation. **(Exp)**

90-I understand they worry about their jobs, about taking care of their families, about what comes next. **(Exp)** 91-I get it. **(Exp)** 92- But the answer is not to turn inward to retreat into competing factions, distrusting those who don't look, like you do, or worship the way you do, or don't get their news from the same sources you do. **(Exp)** 93-We must end this uncivil war that pits red against blue, rural versus urban, conservative versus liberal. **(Exp)** 94- We can do this if we open our souls and instead of hardening our hearts. **(Dir)** 95- If we show a little tolerance and humility. **(Dir)** 96- If we're willing to stand in the other person's shoes just for a moment. **(Dir)** 97- Because here is the thing about life: There is no accounting for what fate will deal you. **(Exp)** 98- There are some days when we need a hand. **(Exp)** 99-There are other days when we're called on to lend one. **(Exp)** 100-

That is how we must be with one another. **(Exp)** 101- And if we are this way, our country will be stronger, more prosperous, more ready for the future. **(Com)** 102- My fellow Americans, in the work ahead of us, we will need each other. **(Com)** 103- We will need all our strength to persevere through this dark winter. **(Com)** 104-We are entering what may well be the toughest and deadliest period of the virus. **(Exp)** 105- We must set aside the politics and finally face this pandemic as one nation. **(Exp)** 106- I promise you this: as the Bible says weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. **(Com)** 107- We will get through this, together. **(Com)** 108- The world is watching today. **(Exp)**

109- So here is my message to those beyond our borders: America has been tested and we have come out stronger for it. **(Exp)** 110- We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again. **(Com)** 111- Not to meet yesterday's challenges, but today's and tomorrow's **(Com)** 112- We will lead not merely by the example of our power but by the power of our example. **(Com)** 113- We will be a strong and trusted partner for peace, progress, and security. **(Com)** 114- We have been through so much in this nation. **(Exp)** 115-And, in my first act as President, I would like to ask you to join me in a moment of silent prayer to remember all those we lost this past year to the pandemic. **(Dir)** 116- To those 400,000 fellow Americans – mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. **(Dir)** 117- We will honor them by becoming the people and nation we know we can and should be. **(Com)** 118- Let us say a silent prayer for those who lost their lives,

for those they left behind, and for our country. **(Dir)** 119- Amen. 120- This is a time of testing. **(Exp)** 121- We face an attack on democracy and on truth. A raging virus. Growing inequity. The sting of systemic racism. A climate in crisis. America's role in the world. **(Exp)** 122- Any one of these would be enough to challenge us in profound ways. **(Exp)** 123- But the fact is we face them all at once, presenting this nation with the gravest of responsibilities. **(Exp)** 124- Now we must step up. **(Dir)**

125- All of us. It is a time for boldness for there is so much to do. **(Exp)** 126- And, this is certain. **(Exp)** 127- We will be judged, you and I, for how we resolve the cascading crises of our era. **(Com)** 128- Will we rise to the occasion? **(Com)** 129- Will we master this rare and difficult hour? **(Com)** 130- Will we meet our obligations and pass along a new and better world for our children? **(Com)** 131- I believe we must and I believe we will. **(Exp)** 132- And when we do, we will write the next chapter in the American story. **(Com)** 133- It's a story that might sound something like a song that means a lot to me. **(Exp)** 134- It's called "American Anthem" and there is one verse stands out for me: "The work and prayers of centuries have brought us to this day. **(Exp)** 135- What shall be our legacy? What will our children say? **(Com)** 136- Let me know in my heart when my days are through America America I gave my best to you". **(Exp)**

137- Let us add our own work and prayers to the unfolding story of our nation. **(Dir)** 138- If we do this then when our days are through our children and our children's children will say of us they gave their best. **(Com)** 139- They did their duty. **(Exp)**

140- They healed a broken land. **(Exp)** 141- My fellow Americans, I close today where I began, with a sacred oath. **(Exp)** 142- Before God and all of you I give you my word. **(Dec)**

143- I will always level with you. **(Com)**

144- I will defend the Constitution. **(Com)** 145- I will defend our democracy. **(Com)** 146- I will defend America. **(Com)** 147- I will give my all in your service thinking not of power, but of possibilities. Not of personal interest, but of the public good. **(Com)** 148- And together, we shall write an American story of hope, not fear of unity, not division. Of light, not darkness. An American story of decency and dignity. Of love and of healing. Of greatness and of goodness. **(Com)** 149- May this be the story that guides us. **(Exp)** 150- The story that inspires us. **(Exp)** 151- The story that tells ages yet to come that we answered the call of history. **(Exp)** 152- We met the moment. **(Exp)** 153- That democracy and hope, truth and justice, did not die on our watch but thrived. **(Exp)** 154- That our America secured liberty at home and stood once again as a beacon to the world. **(Exp)** 155- That is what we owe our forebearers, one another, and generations to follow. **(Dir)** 156- So, with purpose and resolve we turn to the tasks of our time. **(Exp)** 157- Sustained by faith, driven by conviction and devoted to one another and to this country we love with all our hearts. **(Exp)** 158- May God bless America and may God protect our troops. **(Exp)** 159- Thank you, America. **(Exp)**

### 3.2. Analysis of Experiential Meaning in the Speech

Transitivity analysis Key:

A: Actor G: Goal, B: Beneficiary R: Range

Sr: Sensor, Ph: Phenomenon

Sy: Sayer, Rv: Receiver, Vb: Verbiage

Br: Behavior, Bh: Behaviour

X: Existent, Ext: Extent

Cr: Carrier, Att: Attribute, T: Token, V: Value

Pr:Process, [Pr:Mat]:Material Process ;  
[Pr:ReA]: Attributive Relational Process

[Pr:ReI]:Identifying Relational  
Process,[Pr:MeC]:Cognitive Mental Process,  
[Pr:MeP]: Perceptive Mental  
Process,[Pr:MeA]:Affective Mental  
Process,[Pr:Bh]:Behavioral Process

C: Circumstance

1- This(Cr)is<sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup> a great nation(Att) 2- and we(Cr) are<sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup> a good people(Att).3- Over the centuries through storm and strife, in peace and in war,(C) we(A) have come <sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> so far(G) 4- But we(A) still have far to go.<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>5- We(A) will press<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> forward(G) with speed and urgency(C), 6- or we(A) have much to do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in this winter of peril and possibility(C). 7- Much to repair<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>, 8- Much to restore<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 9- Much to heal<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 10- Much to build<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> . 11- And much to gain<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 12- Few periods in our nation's history(A) have been more challenging <sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>or difficult(G) 13- than the one we(A)'re<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in now(C). 14- A once-in-a-century(C) virus silently(A) stalks<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>the country(G). 15-It(G)'s taken<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> as many lives in one year(A)16- as America (A)lost<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>in all of World War II (G). 17- Millions of jobs (A)have

been lost<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 18-Hundreds of thousands of businesses(A) closed <sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>.19- A cry for racial justice some 400 years(A) in the making(C) moves<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us(G). 20- The dream of justice for all(A) will be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> deferred no longer(G) 21-A cry for survival(A) comes<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>from the planet itself(C). 22- A cry that(A) can't be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>any more desperate or any more clear(G). 23-And now, a rise in political extremism, white supremacy, domestic terrorism that(C) we(A) must confront<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>24- and we(A) will defeat<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 25- To overcome<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> these challenges(G). 26- to restore<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>the soul(G)27- and to secure<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the future of America(G) 28- requires<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> more than words (G) 29- It (A) requires<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> that most elusive of things in a democracy : Unity(G).

30- Unity. In another January in Washington, on New Year's Day 1863(C), Abraham Lincoln(A) signed<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the Emancipation Proclamation.(G)31-When(C) he(A) put<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> pen to paper,(G) 32- the President(Sy) said<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> 33-"If my name ever(A) goes<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> down into history(G) 34- it(A) will be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> for this act(G) 35- and my whole soul(A) is<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in it (G).

36-"My whole soul(A) is<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>in it (G). 37- Today, on this January day(C), my whole soul(A) is<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in this : Bringing America together. Uniting our people. And uniting our nation(G). 38- I(Sy) ask<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> every American(Rv) 39- to join<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> me(B) in this cause (G). 40- Uniting(C) to fight<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>the common foes(G) 41- we(A) face<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> : Anger, resentment, hatred. Extremism, lawlessness, violence. Disease, joblessness, hopelessness.(G) 42- With unity(C) we can do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> great things. Important

things.(G)43-We(A) can<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>right wrongs(G). 44- We(A) can put<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> people(G) 45- to work<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in good jobs(G). 46- We (A)can teach<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our children in safe schools(G). 47- We(A)can overcome<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> this deadly virus(G).48- We(A) can reward<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> work(G) 49-rebuild<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the middle class(G) 50- and make<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> health care secure for all(G). 51- We(A) can deliver<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> racial justice(G).52- We(A)can make<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> America, once again, the leading force for good in the world(G). 53-I (Sr) know<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> that (Ph) 54- speaking of unity (C)can sound<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> to some like a foolish fantasy(Ph). 55- I (Sr) know<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> 56- the forces that(A)divide<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us (G) 57- are <sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup>deep(Att) 58-and they(Cr)are<sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup>real(Att). 59- But I(Sr) also know<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> 60-they(A) are<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> not new(G). 61- Our history(A)has been<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> a constant struggle between the American ideal(G) 62- that we(A) are all created<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> equal(G)63- and the harsh, ugly reality that racism, nativism, fear, and demonization(A) have long torn<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us apart.(G) 64- The battle(Cr) is<sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup> perennial(Att).65-Victory(Sr) is never assured<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup>. 66- Through the Civil War, the Great Depression, World War, 9/11, through struggle, sacrifice, and setbacks(C), our “better angels”(A) have always prevailed<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 67- In each of these moments,(C) enough of us(A) came together<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>68- to carry all of us forward<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>.69- And, we(A) can do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> so now(C). 70- History, faith, and reason(A) show<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the way, the way of unity.(G) 71- We(Sr) can see<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> each other not as adversaries but as neighbors(Ph) 72- We(A) can treat<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> each other with dignity and respect

(G). 73- We (A) can join<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> forces(G) 74- stop<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the shouting(G), 75-and lower<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>the temperature(G). 76- For without unity(C), there(Ex) is<sup>[Pr:Ext]</sup> no peace· only bitterness and fury. No progress, only exhausting outrage. No nation, only a state of chaos (ext) 77- This(T) is<sup>[Pr:ReI]</sup> our historic moment of crisis and challenge,(V) 78- and unity(T) is<sup>[Pr:ReI]</sup> the path forward(V) 79- And, we(A) must meet<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> this moment as the United States of America (G). 80- If we do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> that (G), 81- I(Cr) guarantee<sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup> you(Att), 82- we(A) will not fail<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 83- We(A) have never, ever, ever failed<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in America(G) 84- when(C) we(A) have acted<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> together(G). 85- And so today, at this time and in this place,(C) let us(A) start<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> afresh(G). 86- All of us,let us (Sr) listen<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> to one another(Ext). 87- Hear<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> one another(Ext). 88- See<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> one another(Ext). 89- Show<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> respect to one another(B). 90- Politics (A)need not be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> a raging fire destroying everything in its path(G). 91- Every disagreement(T) doesn’t have to be<sup>[Pr:ReI]</sup> a cause for total war.(V) 92-And, we(A) must reject<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>a culture(G) 93-in which(C) facts themselves(A) are manipulated and even manufactured<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> 94- My fellow Americans, we(A) have to be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> different than this.(G) 95- America(A) has to be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> better than this.(G) 96- And, I(Sr) believe<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup>97- America(Cr) is<sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup> better than this(Att). 98- Just look<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> around(Ph). 99- Here(C) we(A) stand<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>, 100- in the shadow of a Capitol dome(C) that was completed<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> amid the Civil War,(A) 101- when(C) the Union itself(A)hung<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in the

balance (G). 102-Yet we(A) endured<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>103- and we(A)prevailed<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 104- Here(C) we(A) stand<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>looking out to the great Mall (G) 105- where (C) Dr. King(Sy) spoke<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> of his dream(Vb) 106- Here(C) we(A) stand<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>, 107- where, 108 years ago at another inaugural,(C) thousands of protestors(A) tried<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>108- to block<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> brave women from marching for the right to vote(G). 109- Today,(C) we (A) mark<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the swearing-in of (G)110-the first woman(A) in American history(C) elected<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> to national office –Vice President Kamala Harris.(G) 111- Don't tell<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> me(Rv) 112- things (A) can't change<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 113- Here(C) we(A) stand<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> across the Potomac from Arlington National Cemetery, (G)114- where(C) heroes who(A) gave<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the last full measure of devotion(G)115- rest<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in eternal peace (G). 116- And here (C) we(A) stand<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>, 117- just days after (C) a riotous mob(Sr) thought<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup>118- they(A) could use<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> violence(G) 119- to silence<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the will of the people, (G):120- to stop<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the work of our democracy (G), 121- and to drive<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us from this sacred ground.(G) 122- That(A) did not happen<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>.123- It(A) will never happen<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. Not today.

Not tomorrow. Not ever (C).124-To all those who(A) supported<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our campaign(G) 125- I(Sy)am humbled<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> by the faith(Vb) 126- you(A) have placed<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in us(G).127- To all those who(A) did not support<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us,(B) 128- let me (Sy) say<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> this:(Vb)129- Hear me(Sr) out<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup>130- as we(A) move<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> forward(G). 131- Take<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> a measure of me and my heart(G). 132- And if you(Sr) still disagree<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup>,

133- so be it<sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup>. 134- That(T) 's<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> democracy(V) 135- That(T) 's<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> America (V). 136- The right to dissent peaceably, within the guardrails of our Republic(T),is<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> perhaps our nation's greatest strength (V). 137- Yet hear<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> me(Sr) clearly: 138- Disagreement(A) must not lead<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> to disunion (G). 139- And I (Sy) pledge<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> this(Vb) to you(Rv) : 140- I(T) will be<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> a President for all Americans (V). 141- I(A) will fight<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> as hard(R) 142- for those who(A) did not support<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> me (B) 143-as for those who(A) did<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> 144- Many centuries ago,(C) Saint Augustine, a saint of my church,(A) wrote<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> that(G) 145- a people (G) was a multitude defined<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> by the common objects of their love(A)146- What are<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> the common objects(T) 147-we (Sr) love<sup>[Pr:MeA]</sup>148- that(A)define<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us as Americans?(G)149- I(Sr) think<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup>150- I (Sr) know<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup>.Opportunity, Security, Liberty, Dignity, Respect, Honor. And, yes, the truth.(Ph) 151- Recent weeks and months (A) have taught<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us a painful lesson(G)152- There(X) is<sup>[Pr:Ext]</sup> truth (Ext) 153- and there(X) are<sup>[Pr:Ext]</sup> lies (Ext)

154- Lies(Vg) told<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> for power and for profit.155- And each of us (A) has<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> a duty and responsibility, as citizens, as Americans,(G) 156- and especially as leaders – leaders who(Sy) have pledged<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup>157- to honor<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our Constitution (G) 158- and protect<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our nation(G)159- to defend<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> the truth (Rv)160- and to defeat<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> the lies (Rv). 161- I (Sr) understand<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> 162- that many Americans(Sr) view<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> the future(Ph) with some fear and trepidation(C). 163- I(Sr) understand<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup>164-

they (A) worry<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> about their jobs, about taking care of their families,(G) 165- about what comes<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> next.(G) 166- I(Sr) get<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> it(Ph).167- But the answer(T) is<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> 168-not to turn<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> inward(G), 169- to retreat<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> into competing factions (G), 170- distrusting those who(Br) don't look<sup>[Pr:Beh]</sup> like(Bh) 171- you (A) do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>, 172-or worship<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> the way(Vb) 173- you (A) do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>, 174- or don't get<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> their news(G) from the same sources(C) 175-you(A) do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 176- We(A) must end<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> this uncivil war(G) 177- that(A) pits<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> red against blue, rural versus urban, conservative versus liberal (G). 178- We (A) can do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> this (G) 179- if we(A) open<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our souls and instead of hardening our hearts (G). 180- If we (A) show<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> a little tolerance and humility (G). 181- If we(A)'re willing<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>182- to stand<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in the other person's shoes just for a moment(G).183- Because here (T) is<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> the thing about life : (V) 184- There(X) is<sup>[Pr:Ext]</sup> no accounting(Ext) 185- for what fate(A) will deal<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>you(G). 186- There (X)are<sup>[Pr:Ext]</sup>some days(Ext)187- when(C) we (A) need<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> a hand. (G) 188- There (X) are<sup>[Pr:Ext]</sup> other days(Ext) 189- when (C) we(G)'re called on<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> 190- to lend<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> one(G). 191- That(T) is<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> 192-how we(A) must be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> with one another (B). 193-And if we(A) are<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> this way(G), 194- our country(A) will be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> stronger, more prosperous, more ready for the future (G). 195- My fellow Americans, in the work ahead of us(C), we(A) will need<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> each other(G). 196-We(A) will need<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> all our strength(G) 197- to persevere<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> through this dark winter(G). 198- We(A) are entering<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> 199- what(T) may well be<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup>the toughest and deadliest period of the virus(V). 200-We(A) must

set<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> aside the politics(G) 201- and finally face<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> this pandemic(G) as one nation(C). 202- I (Sy)promise<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> you(Rv) this(Vg): 203- as the Bible(Sy) says<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> 204-weeping (A) may endure<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> for a night(G) 205-but joy(A) cometh<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> in the morning(C). 206-We(A)will get<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> through this(G),together(C) 207-The world (Sr)is watching<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> today (C).

208- So here(C)is<sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup> my message(Cr) to those beyond our borders(Att): 209- America(A) has been tested<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> 210-and we (A) have come out<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> stronger for it(G). 211-We(A) will repair<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our alliances(G) 212- and engage<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> with the world(B) once again(G). 213- Not to meet<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> yesterday's challenges, but today's and tomorrow's(G). 214- We(A) will lead<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> not merely by the example of our power but by the power of our example(C) 215-We(A) will be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> a strong and trusted partner for peace, progress, and security(G). 216-We(A) have been<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> through so much in this nation(G). 217-And, in my first act as President,(C) I (Sr) would like<sup>[MeA]</sup> 218-to ask<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> you(Rv) 219- to join<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> me(B) in a moment of silent prayer(G) 220- to remember<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> all those(Ph) 221- we(A) lost<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> this past year(C) to the pandemic. To those 400,000 fellow Americans – mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters, friends, neighbors, and co-workers(G). 222- We (A) will honor<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> them(B) by becoming the people and nation(C) 223-we(Sr) know<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> 224- we(A) can<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> 225-and should be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 226- Let us (Sy)say<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> a silent prayer (Vg) 227- for those who(A) lost<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> their lives (G), 228- for those they(A) left<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> behind (C) and for our country(G). Amen. 229-This(T) is<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> a time of

testing (V). 230- We(A) face<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> an attack on democracy and on truth. A raging virus. Growing inequity. The sting of systemic racism. A climate in crisis. America's role in the world(G). 231-Any one of these(A) would be<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> enough(G) 232- to challenge<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us in profound ways (G). 233- But the fact (T)is<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup>234- we (A)face<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> them all at once, presenting this nation with the gravest of responsibilities (G). 235- Now(C) we(A) must step up<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>.

236- All of us. It (T) is<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> a time for boldness(V), 237- for , there(X) is<sup>[Pr:Ext]</sup> so much(Ext) 238-to do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 239- And, this (Cr)is<sup>[Pr:ReA]</sup> certain (Att). 240- We (A) will be judged<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>, *ergative* you and I(G), 241-for how we (A) resolve<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the cascading crises of our era (G). 242-Will we (Br) rise<sup>[Pr:Bh]</sup> to the occasion(Ext)? 243- Will we (A) master<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> this rare and difficult hour(G) ? 244-Will we (A) meet<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our obligations (G) 245- and pass along<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>a new and better world(G) for our children (B)? 246- I(Sr) believe<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> 247- we(A) must<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> 248- and I (Sr) believe<sup>[MeC]</sup>249- we (A) will<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 250- And when(C) we(A) do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>, 251- we (A)will write<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the next chapter in the American story(G). 252-It(T)'s<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> a story(V) 253-that might sound<sup>[Pr:MeP]</sup> something[Ext] like a song(Ph) 254- that means<sup>[MeC]</sup> a lot(Ext) to me(Ext). 255-It(Sy)'s called<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> "American Anthem"(Vg) 256- and there(X) is<sup>[Pr:Ext]</sup> one verse(Ext) 257-stands out<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>for me (B): 258- "The work and prayers of centuries (A) have brought<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us to this day(G) 259- What (T) shall be<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> our legacy (V)? 260-What will(Vg) our children(Sy) say<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> ? 261-Let me (Sr) know<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> in my heart (Ph) 262- When my days

(T) are<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> through(V) 263-America, America I (A) gave<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> my best(G) to you(B).''264-Let us (A) add<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our own work and prayers (G) to the unfolding story of our nation(B). 265- If we (A) do<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> this (G) 266- then when(C) our days(T) are<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup> through(V) 267- our children and our children's children (Sy) will say<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> of us(Rv) 268- they(A) gave<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> their best(G)/(Vg). 269- They (A)did<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> their duty (G). 270- They(A) healed<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> a broken land(G). 271- My fellow Americans, I(A) close<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> today (C) 272- where(C) I(A) began<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> with a sacred oath(C). 273-Before God and all of you I (Sy) give<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> you (Rv)my word(Vg).

274- I (A)will always level<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> with you (C).

275- I(A) will defend<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the Constitution (G). 276- I(A) will defend<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our democracy(G). 277-I (A)will defend<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> America (B). 278- I(A) will give<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> my all(G) in your service thinking not of power, but of possibilities. Not of personal interest, but of the public good.(C) 279- And together (C) we(A) shall write<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> an American story of hope, not fear of unity, not division. Of light, not darkness. An American story of decency and dignity. Of love and of healing. Of greatness and of goodness (G) 280- May this(T) be<sup>[Pr:Rel]</sup>281- the story that (A) guides<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> us (G). 282-The story that(Sr) inspires<sup>[Pr:MeC]</sup> us(B). 283-The story that(Sy) tells<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> ages yet to come(Rv)284- that we(Sy) answered<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup> the call of history (Vg). 285- We(A) met<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> the moment(G). 286- That democracy and hope, truth and justice, (A)did not die<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> on our watch(C) 287- but thrived<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 288- That our America (A)secured<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> liberty at home 289- and stood<sup>[Pr:Bh]</sup> once again as a beacon



to the world (**Bh**). 290-That(**T**) is<sup>[Pr:ReI]</sup> 291- what we(**A**) owe<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our forebearers, one another(**G**) 292- and generations(**A**) to follow<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup>. 293- So, with purpose and resolve(**C**) we(**A**) turn<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> to the tasks of our time(**G**). 294-Sustained<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> by faith(**G**), 295-Driven<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> by conviction(**G**) 296- and, devoted<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> to one another and to this country(**B**) 297-we(**Sr**) love<sup>[Pr:MeA]</sup> with all our hearts(**Ph**). 298- May God bless<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> America(**B**) 299- and may God protect<sup>[Pr:Mat]</sup> our troops(**G**).300-Thank you,<sup>[Pr:Vb]</sup>America(**Rv**).

### 3.3- Analysis of Themes in the Inaugural Speech

1- This [**Th:UTop**] is a great nation 2- and [**Th:Tx**] we [**Th:UTop**] are a good people. 3- Over the centuries through storm and strife, in peace and [**Th:Tx**] in war, we [**Th:UTop**] have come so far. 4- But [**Th:Tx**] we [**Th:UTop**] still have far to go. 5- We [**Th:UTop**] will [**Th:Int**] press forward with speed and [**Th:Tx**] urgency, 6- for we [**Th:UTop**] have much to do in this winter of peril and [**Th:Tx**] possibility. 7- Much to repair, 8-Much to restore. 9- Much to heal. 10- Much to build. 11- And much to gain. 12-Few periods in our [**Th:Int**] nation history have been more challenging or [**Th:Tx**] difficult 13-than the one we [**Th:UTop**]’re in now. 14- A once-in-a-century virus silently stalks the country. 15- It’s taken as many lives in one year 16- as America lost in all of World War II.17- Millions of jobs have been lost. 18- Hundreds of thousands of businesses closed. 19- A cry for racial justice some 400 years in the making moves us [**Th:Int**]. 20- The dream of justice for all will [**Th:Int**] be deferred no longer. 21- A cry for survival comes from the planet itself. 22- A cry that can’t be any

more desperate or any more clear. 23- And now, a rise in political extremism, white supremacy, domestic terrorism that we [**Th:UTop**] must [**Th:Int**] confront 24-and [**Th:Tx**] we [**Th:UTop**] will [**Th:Int**] defeat. 25-To overcome these challenges 26- to restore the soul 27- and to secure the future of America 28- requires more than words. 29- It requires that most elusive of things in a democracy: Unity. 30- Unity, in another January in Washington, on New Year's Day 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. 31-When he [**Th:UTop**] put pen to paper, 32- the President said, 33-"If my name ever goes down into history 34- it will [**Th:Int**] be for this act 35-and [**Th:Tx**] my whole soul is in it. 36- My whole soul is in it. 37- Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this: Bringing America together. Uniting our [**Th:Int**] people. And [**Th:Tx**] uniting our [**Th:Int**] nation. 38- I [**Th:UTop**] ask every American 39- to join me [**Th:Int**] in this use. 40- Uniting to fight the common foes 41-we [**Th:UTop**] face:Anger, resentment, hatred. Extremism, lawlessness, violence.Disease, joblessness, hopelessness. 42- With unity we [**Th:UTop**] can [**Th:Int**] do great things. Important things. 43-We [**Th:UTop**] can [**Th:Int**] right wrongs. 44- We [**Th:UTop**] can [**Th:Int**] put people 45- to work in good jobs. 46- We [**Th:UTop**] can[**Th:Int**] teach our [**Th:Int**] children in safe schools. 47- We [**Th:UTop**] can [**Th:Int**] overcome this deadly virus. 48- We [**Th:UTop**] can [**Th:Int**] reward work, 49-rebuild the middle class, 50- and make health care secure for all. 51- We [**Th:UTop**] can [**Th:Int**] deliver racial justice. 52- We [**Th:UTop**] can [**Th:Int**] make America, once again, the leading

force for good in the world. 53- I know 54- speaking of unity can sound to some like a foolish fantasy.

55-I [Th:UTop] know the forces 56-that divide us [Th:Int] 57- are deep 58-and [Th:Tx] they [Th:UTop] are real. 59-But [Th:Tx] I [Th:UTop] also know 60- they [Th:UTop] are not new. 61- Our [Th:Int] history has been a constant struggle between the American ideal 62- that we [Th:UTop] are all created equal 63- and the harsh, ugly reality that racism, nativism, fear, and demonization have long torn us apart. 64- The battle is perennial. 65-Victory is never assured. 66-Through the Civil War, the Great Depression, World War, 9/11, through struggle, sacrifice, and setbacks, our [Th:Int] better angels have always prevailed. 67- In each of these moments, enough of us came together 68- to carry all of us forward. 69- And [Th:Tx] , we [Th:UTop] can [Th:Int] do so now. 70- History, faith, and reason show the way, the way of unity. 71- We[Th:UTop] can[Th:Int] see each other not as adversaries but[Th:Tx] as neighbors. 72-We [Th:UTop] can [Th:Int] treat each other with dignity and[Th:Tx] respect. 73- We [Th:UTop] can [Th:Int] join forces, 74- stop the shouting, and [Th:Tx] lower the temperature. 75- For without unity[Th:MTop] , there is no peace[Th:Int] , only bitterness and [Th:Int] fury. No progress [Th:Int] , only exhausting outrage.No nation [Th:Int], only a state of chaos. 76- This is our [Th:Int] historic moment of crisis and[Th:Tx] challenge, 77-and[Th:Tx] unity is the path forward. 78- And [Th:Tx], we[Th:UTop] must[Th:Int] meet this moment as the United States of America. 79- If: we [Th UTop] do that,

80- I[Th:UTop] guarantee you[Th:Int] , 81- we[Th:UTop] will[Th:Int] not fail. 82- We[Th:UTop] have never, ever, ever failed in America 83-when we[Th:UTop] have acted together. 84-And[Th:Tx] so[Th:Tx] today, at this time and[Th:Tx] in this place, let us[Th:Int] start afresh. 85- All of us[Th:Int] ,86- Let us [Th:Int] listen to one another.

87- Hear one another.

88- See one another.

89- Show respect to one another.

90- Politics need not [Th:Int] be a raging fire destroying everything in its path. 91- Every disagreement doesn't have to [Th:Int] be a cause for total war. 92-And, we [Th:UTop] must [Th:Int] reject 93- a culture in which facts themselves are manipulated and [Th:Tx] even manufactured. 94- My fellow Americans, we [Th:UTop] have to [Th:Int] be different than this. 95- America has to be better than this. 95- And [Th:Tx] , I [Th:UTop] believe 96- America is better than this. 97- Just look around. 98- Here we [Th:UTop] stand, 99- in the shadow of a Capitol dome that was completed amid the Civil War, 100-when the Union itself hung in the balance. 101-Yet we [Th:UTop] endured 102- and [Th:Tx] we [Th:UTop] prevailed. 103- Here we [Th:UTop] stand looking out to the great Mall 104- where Dr. King spoke of his dream. 105- Here we [Th:UTop] stand, 106- where 108 years ago at another inaugural, thousands of protestors tried 107- to block brave women from marching 108- for the right to vote. 109- Today [Th:MTop] , we mark the swearing-in 110- of the first woman in American history

elected to national office Vice President Kamala Harris. 111- Don't tell me 112- things can't [Th:Int] change. 113- Here we [Th:UTop] stand across the Potomac from Arlington National Cemetery, 114- where heroes who gave the last full measure of devotion rest in eternal peace. 115- And [Th:Tx] here we [Th:UTop] stand, 116- just [Th:Tx] days after a riotous mob thought 117- they [Th:UTop] could [Th:Int] use violence 118- to silence the will [Th:Int] of the people, 119- to stop the work of our [Th:Int] democracy, 120-and [Th:Tx] to drive us [Th:Int] from this sacred ground. 121- That did not happen. 122- It will never happen. Not today. Not tomorrow. Not ever. 123-To all those who supported our [Th:Int] campaign 124-I [Th:UTop] am humbled by the faith 125- you have placed in us. 126- To all those who did not support us, 127- let me say this : 128- Hear me out 129- as we [Th:UTop] move forward. 130- Take a measure of me [Th:Int] and [Th:Tx] my heart. 131- And [Th:Tx] if you [Th:UTop] still disagree, 132- so be it. 133- That's democracy. 134- That's America. 135- The right to dissent peaceably, within the guardrails of our [Th:Int] Republic, 136- is perhaps [Th:Tx]our [Th:Int] nation's greatest strength. 137- Yet hear me [Th:Int] clearly: 138- Disagreement must [Th:Int] not lead to disunion. 139- And [Th:Tx] I [Th:UTop] pledge this to you [Th:Int] : 140- I [Th:UTop]will [Th:Int] be a President for all Americans. 141- I [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] fight as hard 142- for [Th:Tx] those who did not support me [Th:Int] 143-as [Th:Tx] for [Th:Tx] those who did. 144- Many centuries ago [Th:MTop] , Saint Augustine, a saint of my church, wrote that 145- a people was a multitude

defined by the common objects of their love. 146- What are the common objects 147- we [Th:UTop] love 148- that define us [Th:Int] as Americans? 149-I [Th:UTop] think 150- I [Th:UTop] know. Opportunity, Security, Liberty, Dignity, Respect. Honor. And [Th:Tx] , yes, the truth. 151- Recent weeks and [Th:Tx] months have taught us a painful lesson. 152- There is truth 153-and [Th:Tx] there are lies.154- Lies told for power and [Th:Tx] for [Th:Tx] profit. 155- And [Th:Tx] each of us [Th:Int] has a duty and [Th:Tx] responsibility, as [Th:Tx] citizens, as [Th:Tx] Americans, and [Th:Tx] especially as [Th:Tx] leaders 156- leaders who [Th:Str] have pledged 157- to honor our [Th:Int] Constitution 158-and [Th:Tx] protect our [Th:Int] nation 159- to defend the truth160- and to defeat the lies. 161-I [Th:UTop] understand 162- that many Americans view the future with some fear and [Th:Tx] trepidation. 163- I [Th:UTop] understand 164- they [Th:UTop] worry about their jobs, about taking care of their families, 165- about what comes next. 166- I [Th:UTop] get it. 167-But [Th:Tx] the answer is not 168- to turn inward, 169- to retreat into competing factions, distrusting 170- those who [Th:Str] don't look like you [Th:UTop] do, 171-or [Th:Tx] worship 172- the way you [Th:UTop] do, 173-or [Th:Tx] don't get their news 174- from the same sources 175- you [Th:UTop] do. 176- We [Th:UTop] must [Th:Int] end 177- this uncivil war that pits red against blue, rural versus urban, conservative versus liberal. 178- We [Th:UTop] can [Th:Int] do this 179- if we [Th:UTop] open our [Th:Int] souls and instead of hardening our [Th:Int] hearts. 180- If we [Th:UTop] show a little tolerance and [Th:Tx] humility. 181- If we [Th:UTop] 're

willing 182- to stand in the other person's shoes just [Th:Tx] for [Th:Int] a moment. 183- Because [Th:Tx] here is the thing about life: 184- There is no accounting 185-for [Th:Tx] what fate will [Th:Int] deal you [Th:Int] . 186- There are some days 187-when we [Th:UTop] need [Th:Int] a hand. 188- There are other days 189- when we're called on 190- to lend one. 191- That is how 192- we [Th:UTop] must [Th:Int] be with one another. 193 And [Th:Tx] if we [Th:UTop] are this way, 194- our [Th:Int] country will [Th:Int] be stronger, more prosperous, more ready for the future. 195- My fellow Americans, in the work ahead of us [Th:MTop] , we will need [Th:Int] each other. 196- We will need [Th:Int] all our strength 197- to persevere through this dark winter. 198- We are entering 199- what may [Th:Int] well be the toughest and deadliest period of the virus. 200- We must [Th:Int] set aside the politics 201- and finally face this pandemic as one nation. 202- I promise you this: 203- as the Bible says 204- weeping may [Th:Int] endure for a night 205- but joy cometh in the morning. 206- We will get through this, together. 207-The world is watching today. 208- So here is my message to those beyond our borders: 209-America has been tested 210- and [Th:Tx] we [Th:UTop] have come out stronger for it. 211- We [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] repair our [Th:Int] alliances 212- and engage with the world once again. 213- Not to meet yesterday's challenges, but [Th:Tx] today's and [Th:Tx] tomorrow's. 214- We [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] lead not merely by the example of our power but [Th:Tx] by the power of our [Th:Int] example. 215- We [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] be a strong and [Th:Tx] trusted partner for peace, progress,

and security. 216-We [Th:UTop] have been through so [Th:Tx] much in this nation. 217- And [Th:Tx] , in my [Th:Int] first act as [Th:Tx] President, I [Th:UTop] would [Th:Int] like 218- to ask you [Th:Int] 219- to join me [Th:Int] in a moment of silent prayer 220- to remember all those 221- we [Th:UTop] lost this past year to the pandemic. To those 400,000 fellow Americans – mothers and [Th:Tx] fathers, husbands and [Th:Tx] wives, sons and [Th:Tx] daughters, friends, neighbors, and [Th:Tx] co-workers. 222- We [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] honor them by becoming the people and [Th:Tx] nation 223- we [Th:UTop] know 224- we [Th:UTop] can [Th:Int] 225-and [Th:Tx] should [Th:Int] be. 226- Let us [Th:Int] say a silent prayer 227-for those who [Th:Str] lost their lives, 228-for those they left behind, and for our country. Amen. 229- This is a time of testing. 230-We [Th:UTop] face an attack on democracy and on truth. A raging virus. Growing inequity. The sting of systemic racism. A climate in crisis. America's role in the world. 231-Any one of these would [Th:Int] be enough 232- to challenge us [Th:Int] in profound ways. 233- But [Th:Tx] the fact is 234- we [Th:UTop] face them all at once, presenting this nation with the gravest of responsibilities. 235- Now we [Th:UTop] must [Th:Int] step up.

236- All of us [Th:Int] . 237- It is a time for boldness, 238- for there is 239- so [Th:Tx] much to do. 240-And [Th:Tx], this is certain. 241-We [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] be judged, you [Th:Int] and [Th:Tx] I [Th:Int], 242-for how we [Th:UTop] resolve the cascading crises of our [Th:Int] era. 243- Will [Th:Int] we [Th:UTop] rise to the occasion? 244-Will [Th:Int] we

[Th:UTop] master this rare and [Th:Tx] difficult hour? 245-Will [Th:Int] we [Th:UTop] meet our obligations and pass along a new and better world for our[Th:Int] children? 246- I [Th:UTop] believe 247-we [Th:UTop] must [Th:Int] 248- and [Th:Tx] I [Th:UTop] believe 249-we [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int]. 250- And when we [Th:UTop] do, 251- we [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] write the next chapter in the American story. 252- It's a story 253- that might [Th:Int] sound something like a song 254- that means a lot to me [Th:Int] . 255- It's called "American Anthem" 256- and [Th:Tx] there is 257- one verse stands out for me [Th:Int] : 258- "The work and [Th:Tx] prayers of centuries have brought us [Th:Int] to this day 259- What shall be our [Th:Int] legacy? 260- What will [Th:Int] our [Th:Int] children say?... 261- Let me [Th:Int] know in my heart 262-When my [Th:Int] days are through 263-America, America I [Th:UTop] gave my [Th:Int] best to you [Th:Int] ". 264- Let us [Th:Int] add our [Th:Int] own work and prayers to the unfolding story of our [Th:Int] nation. 265- If we [Th:UTop] do this 266- then when our [Th:Int] days are through 267-our [Th:Int] children and [Th:Tx] our [Th:Int] children's children will [Th:Int] say of us [Th:Int] 268- they [Th:UTop] gave their [Th:Int] best. 269-They did their [Th:Int] duty. 270- They [Th:UTop] healed a broken land. 271- My [Th:Int] fellow Americans, I [Th:UTop] close today 272- where I [Th:UTop] began, with a sacred oath. 273- Before God and [Th:Tx] all of you [Th:Int] I [Th:UTop] give you [Th:Int] my word.

274- I[Th:UTop] will[Th:Int] always level with you.

275- I [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] defend the Constitution. 276- I [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] defend our democracy. 277- I [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] defend America. 278- I [Th:UTop] will [Th:Int] give my [Th:Int] all in your [Th:Int] service thinking not of power, but [Th:Tx] of possibilities. Not of personal interest, but [Th:Tx] of the public good. 279-And [Th:Tx] together, we [Th:UTop] shall [Th:Int] write an American story of hope, not fear of unity, not division. Of light, not darkness. An American story of decency and [Th:Tx] dignity. Of love and of healing. Of greatness and of goodness. 280- May this be 281- the story that guides us [Th:Int] . 282- The story that inspires us [Th:Int]. 283- The story that tells ages yet to come that 284- we [Th:UTop] answered the call of history. 285- We [Th:UTop] met the moment. 286- That democracy and [Th:Tx] hope, truth and [Th:Tx] justice, did not die on our [Th:Int] watch 287- but [Th:Tx] thrived. 288-That our [Th:Int] America secured liberty at home 289- and [Th:Tx] stood once again as [Th:Tx] a beacon to the world. 290- That is 291- what we [Th:UTop] owe our [Th:Int] forebearers, one another, 292-and [Th:Tx] generations to follow. 293- So [Th:Tx], with purpose and [Th:Tx] resolve we [Th:UTop] turn to the tasks of our [Th:Int] time. 294- Sustained by faith. Driven by conviction and [Th:Tx] , devoted to one another and [Th:Tx] to this country we [Th:UTop] love with all our [Th:Int] hearts. 295-May [Th:Int] God bless America 296- and [Th:Tx] may [Th:Int] God protect our troops. 297- Thank you, America

## Analyses of findings.

**Table 1: Statistics of the speech acts used in the Inaugural speech.**

Types of speech acts	Frequency	Percentage
Expressive	104	64.59%
Commissive	32	19.89%
Directive	22	13.66%
Declarative	2	1.24%
Representative	0	0%
Total	161	100%

As the table above exudes, the inaugural speech which is a purely political discourse has realized with a blend of four speech acts, including expressive, commissive, directive and declarative. The first striking observation is the voidance of representative speech act in the speech which means that the speaker does not highlight his beliefs in the address. The disaggregation of the remaining reveals the predominance of Expressive which occurs at

a frequency of 104 or 64.59%. The addresser has mostly expressed his feelings and acknowledgments towards the audience. As for commissive, it occurs with 32 occurrences representing 19.89% of the speech and expresses the promises and pledge making during the Inaugural ceremony. Directive has occurred at a frequency of ( 22 or 13.66%) of speech and declarative at a frequency of 2 representing 1.24% of the speech.

**Table 2: Statistics of the Recorded Processes Ingrained in the Inaugural Speech.**

Process-Types	Clauses of occurrences	Frequency	Percentage
Material	3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,33,34,35,36,37,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,56,60,61,62,63,66,67,68,69,70,72,73,74,75,76,79,80,82,83,84,85,89,90,92,93,94,95,99,100,101,102,103,104,106,107,108,109,110,112,113,114,115,116,118,119,120,121,122,123,124,126,127,128,130,131,138,141,142,143,144,145,148,151,155,157,158,164,165,168,169,171,173,174,175,176,177,178,179,180,181,182,185,187,189,190,192,193,194,195,196,197,198,200,201,202,204,205,206,209,210,211,212,213,214,215,216,219,221,222,224,225,227,228,230,231,232,234,235,238,240,241,243,244,245,247,249,250,251,257,258,263,264,265,268,269,270,271,272,274,275,276,277,278,279,281,285,286,287,288,291,292,293,294,295,296,298,299.	205	67.65%
Mental	53,54,55,59,65,71,86,87,88,96,98,117,129,132,137,147,149,150,161,162,163,166,207,217,220,223,246,248,253,254,261,282,297	33	10.89%
Relational	1,2,57,58,64,77,78,81,91,97,133,134,135,136,140,146,167,183,191,199,208,229,233,236,239,252,259,262,266,280,290,	31	10.23%

Verbal	32,38,105,111,125,128,139,154,156,159,160,172,202,203,218,226,255,260,267,273,283,284,300	23	7.59 %
Existential	76,152,153,184,186,188,237,256,	08	2.64 %
Behavioral	170,242,289	03	0.99 %
<b>Total</b>	303	303	100%

As the table exudes, President Joe Biden’s speech is realized with a blend of material, mental, verbal, relational, existential and behavioral processes distributed as ingrained in the text in the table above. The disaggregation reveals the frequency of material process with 205 occurrences making 67.65% in the speech. This process is frequently used in the speech in order to display the actions that Biden and his administration have planned for the next four years in America. Mental processes occur at a

frequency of 32 ( 10.89%) to reveal the thought of the speaker about America in many domains. Relational processes occur at a frequency of 31 or 10.23% to describe the current condition of the country. As for verbal processes, they occur at a frequency of 23 representing 7.59%. Existential processes are represented in the speech with 08 clauses or 2.64%. Finally, the behavioral processes occur at a frequency of 3 representing 0.99%.

**Table 3: Statistics of the Recorded Themes used in the Inaugural Speech.**

Theme – types		Clauses of occurrence	Frequency	Percentage
Topical themes	Unmarked	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 23, 24, 31, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 55, 58, 59, 60, 62, 69, 71, 72, 73, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 92, 94, 98, 101, 102, 103, 105, 113, 115, 117, 124, 129, 131, 139, 140, 141, 147, 149, 150, 161, 163, 164, 166, 170, 172, 175, 176, 178, 179, 180, 181, 187, 192, 193, 210, 211, 214, 215, 216, 217, 221, 222, 223, 224, 230, 234, 235, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 263, 265, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 284, 285, 291, 293, 294	112	31.9%
	Marked	75, 109, 144, 195	4	1.13%
	Structural	156, 170, 227	3	0.85%
Textual themes		2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 24, 35, 37, 58, 59, 69, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 84a, 84b, 84c, 92, 93, 96, 102, 115, 116, 120, 130,131, 136, 139, 142, 143a, 143b, 151, 153, 154b, 155a, 155b, 155c, 155d, 155e, 158, 162, 167, 171, 173, 180, 182a, 182b, 183, 185, 193, 210, 213a, 213b, 214, 215, 216, 217, 221a, 221b, 221c, 221d, 222, 225, 230, 233, 239, 240, 241, 244, 248, 256, 258, 267, 273, 279a, 279b, 286a, 286b, 287, 289a, 289b, 292, 293a, 293b, 294a, 294b, 296	94	26.78 %

Interpersonal themes	5, 12, 19, 20, 23, 24, 34, 37a, 37b, 39, 42, 43, 44, 46a, 46b, 47, 48, 51, 52, 61, 66, 69, 71, 72, 73, 75a, 75b, 75c, 76, 78, 80, 81, 84c, 85, 90, 91, 94, 112, 117, 118, 119, 120, 123, 130, 135, 136, 137, 136, 139, 140, 141, 142, 148, 157, 158, 176, 178, 179a, 179b, 185a, 185b, 187, 192, 194a, 194b, 195, 196, 199, 200, 204, 211, 214a, 214b, 215, 217a, 217b, 218, 219, 222, 224, 225, 226, 231, 232, 235, 236, 241a, 241b, 241c, 242, 243, 244, 245a, 245b, 247, 249, 251, 253, 254, 257, 258, 259a, 259b, 260a, 260b, 261a, 261b, 262, 263a, 263b, 264a, 264c, 266, 267a, 267b, 268, 269, 271, 273a, 273b, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278a, 278b, 278c, 279, 281, 282, 286, 288, 291, 293, 294, 295, 296	138	39.31 %
Total	351	351	100%

The table above gives an account of the statistic distribution of theme types in the speech under study. The thematic analysis carried out a total number of 112 unmarked topical themes for a percentage of 31.90%, four marked topical themes making 1.13% and three structural topical themes with a rate of 0.85%. So . The findings prove that the speech is about animate beings able to hear and get the viewpoints of the speaker. The table also displays the frequency of interpersonal themes with 138 occurrences represent a percentage of 39.31% , revealing the commitment of the addresser and the 94 occurrences of the textual themes with a rate of 26.78% , showing that the coherence and cohesion are included in the writting of this political speech.

### 3.4. Discussions

The inaugural speech delivered by President Joe Biden presents an illocutionary act without any vocabulary which drives to neither violence nor inequality among Americans. This explains the lack of

representative act through the address. It also denotes Biden's ability to convince the audience by the speech without creating discrimination or division among Americans, both African -American and white, in the critical sanitary and social situation they are going through.

The expressive act is predominant in the speech with a percentage of 64.59%. This shows Joe Biden's engagement to raise up the United States in every domain. The new tenant of the White House is a great political man of America. His experience as senator of Delaware for thirty-six (36) years was an opportunity to him to defend the interests of Delaware and thoses of America. He is engaged to promote respect, tolerance and dignity among every Americans in order to promote his country with its diversity, like he does by choosing an African-American woman as vice president of America. The commissive speech act comes at the second rank in the speech , which is preferable to show the engagement of the actual president



and his administration to arrange all disagreements that divide his country in every domain.

Material process is the predominant process in the inaugural speech acceptance with a percentage of 67.65% and occurs in 205 clauses. This clearly means that the speech deals with concrete and real actions that will give tangible results in the coming years. Through his speech, President Biden shows the actions of doing and happening that are planned for the forthcoming years in order to have a real united nation. Transitivity system is mostly used in the speech with 198 occurrences representing 96.58% of the material process. Its intrinsic goal is to express the actions that the speaker has planned as the new elected president of the United States. This means that all the expressed actions are realistic showing the elected President's strong commitment and good conduct and actions. Biden stands then as the main actor in the realization of those planned actions. Mental processes come in the second rank of the process classification. It occurs in 33 clauses with a frequency of 10.96%. Cognitive mental process is the one of this process-type which is mostly employed in the speech with 18 occurrences. The cognitive processes express the understandings, beliefs and thoughts of the addresser, his homage to the victims of the pandemic disease and represent the coming generations of their nation as projected by

new elected president. Joe Biden demonstrates the great knowledge that he has about the politics of America. He studied political science at the University of Delaware, he spent most of his time in politics before becoming the elected Senator of Delaware. One can notice that the verbal processes are not frequent in the speech recording 7.59% through the speech acceptance. This means that the will of Biden's administration is to work so that Americans can go through the pandemic period which they all face and to unify the people. The time has come for Americans to work, not to babble. Change will then be effective during Biden's mandate.

The overuse of the interpersonal themes in the speech with a frequency of 138 occurrences and a rate of 39.31% displays love, respect and affection that exist between Biden and the Americans. They are mostly represented by modulators: will, can, must, may and shall. The second rank of the topical themes prove the role of each American in the building of the country. The personal pronouns "We", "I" and "They" are the main themes in the topical theme classification of the speech. They indicate the inclusiveness of the speech, the one of the speaker and his team. They express the personal opinion of the both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution for the best interests of Americans.

## Conclusion

In a nutshell this research-paper has attempted to unveil the pragmalinguistic features of the speech, specifically the identification of the pragmatic constituents, the experimental elements and the textual elements which are included in the inaugural speech. Based on the mixed method paradigm, this study reveals the high use of the expressive acts and the absence of the assertive ones and means that the speaker has mainly expressed his feelings and will towards his audience without showing his belief and ideology. The experimental elements in this address are characterized by the frequency of the material process and mental process, showing the speaker's desire to perform the concrete actions and tangible facts for the utmost benefit of his country.

Through the lens of mental process, this speech of President Joe Biden reveals the speaker's experience in politics and his vision and love for his nation. The overuse of interpersonal and topical themes prove that the speech is really performed by humans and is addressed to animate beings; it also expresses the speaker's affection, self-commitment towards his citizens and the World. This research work has uncovered the expressive acts as the dominant illocutionary personal application of language according to the social context. It parses the personal use of

act in this inaugural address. Material process and interpersonal themes are the linguistic features used frequently in this political speech in order to encode meaning. The pragmatic elements highlight the speaker's intention and the analysis of language meaning used in the speech contribute to comprehend how language is employed in that circumstance by the speaker. This pragmalinguistic inquiry contributes to the coding of the message in the speech by demonstrating the speaker's aspiration towards his listeners, the addresser's experience in politics and the organization of words in the speech. The defined objectives in the introduction have subsequently been achieved. The speech acts in the address are: Representative act, Expressive act, Directive act, Commissive act and Declarative act. The process-types in this inaugural speech are: Material process, Mental Process, Relational Process, Verbal process, Behavioural and Existential process. The speaker has applied the following selection of theme ranges: Topical theme, Interpersonal theme and Textual theme in the speech understudy. The combination of the pragmatic principles and the systemic functional linguistics analysis in a political speech illustrates the politician's intention, beliefs about the topic on which he/she is called to discuss about and the the speaker's language. This study has focused on the experiential and textual

metafunction analysis in Systemic Functional Linguistics. It does not highlight the Interpersonal meaning which would be considered in further speech analysis.

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