

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

The paper explores the realization of Grice's Cooperative Principle in real life and the utilizing of Politeness Strategies as a strategy to maintain Obama's self-image when the maxims are flouted in Obama's presidential interview entitled "*Obama Exclusive RCTI Bersama Putra Nababan*". The research tries (1) to identify the flouting of Grice's maxims in Obama's presidential interview, and (2) to discover the function of the president's flouts of the Grice's maxims in the presidential interview. The completion of the research is indicated in section 5.1, and some suggestions are offered in section 5.2 according to the result of the present study.

#### 5.1 Conclusions

The first research question concerns on the flouts of Grice's maxim in the Obama's presidential interview entitled "*Obama Exclusive RCTI Bersama Putra Nababan*". The study reveals 63 flouts made by the president. All of the maxims of Grice are flouted by the maxim of quantity with 27 times of occurrences, the maxim of relation with 24 times of occurrences, the maxim of manner with 9 occurrences, and the maxim of quality with 3 times of occurrences. The flouts of the maxim of quantity are indicated by overstatement, understatement, and hedging. The flouts of the maxim relation are indicated by irrelevance answer and hedging. Moreover, the

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flouts of the maxim of manner are indicated by hedging, and then the flouts of the maxims of quality are only indicated by inaccurate answer.

The second research problem concerns on the politeness strategies as the self-protection to anticipate the pressure comes beyond Putra Nababan's questions. The result shows that four politeness strategies, i.e. off-record, negative politeness, positive politenesses, and bald on-record, occur on the study. Off-record occurs 23 times of 46 strategies in doing FTA and it occupies on the first rank on the occurrences politeness strategies. The study found that Obama tends to apply off-record strategy in his interaction with the interviewer when Obama flouts the maxim of quantity and the maxim of quality.

Besides, overstate, understate, being vague, and contradiction are employed as the sub-strategy of off-record to minimize the degree of FTA that comes on the questions proposed by interviewer. Furthermore, negative politeness strategy occurs 17 times of 46 strategies and it occupies on the second rank on the occurrences of politeness strategies. The strategies are performed when Obama flouts the maxim of quantity, the maxim of manner, and the maxim of relation. The sub-strategies of negative politeness used by Obama are hedging, apologizing, and questioning. The study also found positive politeness strategies used by Barrak Obama, i.e. avoiding disagreement, intensifying interest to hearer, and giving for reason that occupies on the third rank on politeness strategies. The strategies are used when a maxim of quantity violated by Obama. Moreover, bald on-record strategies hold ones of 46

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occurrences. The study found that bald on-record only falls into one sub-strategy, i.e. Farewell.

Finally, off-record, negative politeness, positive politeness, and bald on-record strategy in politeness principle correlate with Grice's maxims in saving Obama's self-image. The result of the study is also proved in the previous research conducted by Li, Songqing (2008) and Zaman (2010) which shows that the most frequently flouted is the maxim of Quantity. Besides, Li, Songqing (2008) on his pragmatic study that stands under the similar concept of flouting maxim and politeness strategy proves that flouting has become the linguistic strategy for politician to perform variety of functions. Therefore, the flouting of maxim becomes such a nature of political figure's utterance in saving his/her self-image.

## **5.2 Suggestions**

The present study has already discussed the flouting of Grice's maxims and politeness strategies that are employed by Barack Obama. The study has presented the analysis with two theoretical foundations under the pragmatic area to make an appropriate interpretation to the analysis. Moreover, there are some suggestions provided for the further study. It also suggests that those who are willing to conduct the same issue to have the potential source of the analysis, and mastering the theory to make the interpretation served significantly.

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