

## A Critical Discourse Analysis of Bases of Power and Influence Tactics in Trump's 2018 Speech at the United Nations

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### Abstract

Trump's political speeches are always controversial involving political as well as economic conflicts. This article is intended to analyze the political speech of Trump at the United Nations in Sep. 2018. It aims at identifying the influence tactics representing the different types of power in Trump's speech. The speech involved three main themes, including American economy, Trade and oil, and Iranian chemical weapons. The article is conducted qualitatively through a descriptive-analytical method based on Fairclough (1995) CDA and Yukl's (2006) taxonomy of power influence tactics. The results indicate that Trump uses legitimate power in his speech presented through the legitimating, inspirational, relational persuasion, and pressure influence tactics. Further, he adopts the ideology of comparing his administration to the previous policies using different deixis and personal pronouns, basically "I" and "We".

**Keywords:** *CDA, Ideology, Influence.*

### 1. Introduction

The notion of politics is like the acquisition of the symbolic power and its performance for political purposes, specifically "to mediate in the course of events, to control the actions and opinions of others and to produce events, using the production and transmission of symbolic forms." [1]. According to Rachman and Yunianti [2], politics is eternally linked with actions that take inevitable actions and policies in the government or society. De Wet [3] claims that "the language of political persuasion is geared to controlling recipients' beliefs and orientation or behaviour, that is, to creating, maintaining, or modifying their attitudes on a political argument or compelling them to act". Persuasion is defined as an effort to increase public support for an opinion or course of action. It is the way to persuade not

only to convince the listeners but also changing their receivers' minds [4]. The political speech represents relatively autonomous discourse produced orally by a politician for an audience, the purpose of which is primarily persuasion [5]. Beard [6] notes that the influence of any political speech is that its relationship with a medium of presenting and shaping politics which includes ideological views formed of a range of beliefs.

By the unanticipated voting of Donald Trump to be the President of the United States of America, notable shifts took place and mostly at the economic level [7]. Some of these policies are highly uncertain and have a significant influence not only on the economy of the United States but indeed the economy of the entire world [7]. Trump's style of speech is conversational, and his unscripted comments can be full of surprises and difficult-to-follow tangents. He always turns to a single new idea before finishing the previous one, and his speeches are full of nonsequiturs with broken, incomplete sentences, flitting from one idea to the next. It's easy to see how this works; he offers ambiguous signals with a raised eyebrow or a shrug, allowing his viewers to make their own decisions [8]. All these features make his speeches an excellent raw material to be under focus and investigation. This article tackles one of his important speeches at the United Nations in 2018 to investigate and examine his powerful tactics as well as ideological perspectives.

Many studies have been conducted to investigate Trump's speeches through the CDA. [9] drew on an eclectic model adapted from to investigate sexist ideology's derogatory representation and undervaluation of women. [10] and [11]. The results revealed that the sexist elements of Trump's vocabulary are primarily the product of fact being encoded from a masculine perspective. Moreover, [12] this study aimed to examine Donald Trump's inaugural speech from the perspectives of transitivity, modality, personal pronoun, and coherence to announce the speaker's political intention and to aid readers in comprehending the meaning of discourse, thus fostering critical knowledge and analytical experience. The researcher adopted the framework of Halliday's systemic functional grammar from the point of fits three meta-functions, and the conclusions revealed that Trump picks material processes and relational processes to show that he can improve the current circumstance. Another study by Rachman and Yunianti [2] focused on the utterance Trump used and the way he addresses his speeches through Van Dijk's thematic theory. The outcome explained that Trump frequently used informal language to show that he wants the audience to feel close and intimate with him. Trump is more influential in presenting his views.

Despite the different studies carried out to analyze Trump's speeches, still, there is a need for more other studies concerning his other influential speeches. This article is intended to identify the bases of power and the types of influence tactics formulating different ideological perspectives in one of Trump's important speeches at the United Nations in 2018. Accordingly, this article intends to answer two questions:

1. What are the bases of power and the influence tactics upon which Trump's Speech at the United Nations in September 2018 is built?
2. What ideological perspectives are implied in Trump's speech?

## 2. An overview of Critical Discourse Analysis CDA

CDA is a method in discourse analysis, which concentrates on the discursive situations, elements, and imposition of power by commanding groups and organizations. It examines discourse and its uses in society, mainly those associated with the imbalance and how they are represented in the community and sometimes legitimized [13]. According to Van Dijk [14], CDA is a form of discourse analytical analysis that focuses on the establishment, representation, and perpetuation of social power abuse, domination, and inequality in the social and political context through talk and text.

Many scholars gave their standpoint of CDA among them [15] who show that the range of CDA is not only language-based; its significant aspect attracts scholars from many systems, as well as activists. Furthermore, Widdowson [16] added, CDA tries to present the manipulative essence of discursive practices, and enhance communication and well-being by eliminating the boundaries of expected beliefs legitimized within a discourse. For Billig [17] CDA has the fundamental properties of a decisive approach, and he considers it as an interdisciplinary method.

Moreover, CDA is applied to refer to appropriate models and strategies that have been designed to analyze discourse in distinct ways [18]. Tenorio [15] states that the practice of CDA is to look into how discourses create participants in communication as individuals with devotion to the collective and to begin on the analysis of the discursive means by which the world comes into the presence. As a methodological device, CDA connects the real text being analysed, the discursive processes included in creating the text, and the wider social contexts that encompass the creation of the text and the discursive practices [19]. Furthermore, it looks into the social context to examine the sociopolitical conditions that shape discourse and how power dynamics are formed and analysed. It implies that it can also be used to describe, identify, evaluate, and critique social life as expressed through expression. CDA explores the connections between discursive activities, texts, and events, as well as broader social and cultural systems, relationships, and processes [20].

Fairclough's (1995) Three interconnected research processes are bound to three interconnected discourse dimensions in the CDA model. The three dimensions of analysis are the object of study (textual, visual, or verbal and visual texts), the mechanisms by which the object is produced and received by human subjects (writing/speaking/designing and reading/listening/viewing), and the socio-historical factors that influence these processes [21]. According to Fairclough, each of these dimensions needs a distinct kind of analysis. Text analysis, for example, necessitates explanation, while processing analysis necessitates interpretation, and social analysis necessitates explanation. What's important about

this approach is that it allows you to focus on the text's signifiers, such as clear linguistic choices, juxtapositioning, sequencing, and design, among other things. It also necessitates that you comprehend the historical purposes of these selections, as well as the fact that these selections are linked to the requirements of that utterance's probability[13].

### 3. Language, power, and ideology

Public speech, such as ads, newspapers, political campaign debates, official records, laws and regulations, and so on, is the subject of critical discourse analysis. Its aim is to look into the relations between language, ideology, and power[4]. Power in political discourses can be performed and practiced by both continuous conflicts and/or by co-operation between political actors and organizations intended at stopping and resolving possible conflicts[22]. In Fairclough's words, "critical means explaining connections and conditions that are hidden" [23], which indicates that decoding the processes of ideology, for the discursive model of ideology covers the power conflicts that are taking place in the social world. Ideologies are fundamental emotions that underpin shared social images of different forms of social groups. It has often been believed that ideologies are mainly articulated and acquired by discourse, or verbal or written correspondence[11]. If ideologies are obtained, revealed, performed, and reproduced by discourse, this must occur within many discursive structures and strategies. For example, the pronoun *we* is one of these structures, typically used to deictically refer to the in-group of the current speaker [11]. Ideologies are fundamental concepts that underpin the shared social images of various types of social groups. Discourse and other social activities are built based on these representations. It has often been believed that beliefs are primarily articulated and acquired through debate, i.e. verbal or written communication. Members of a group traditionally use ideological rhetoric to explain, inspire, or legitimize their (group-based) practices [11].

### 4. Bases of Power and Influence Tactics

To understand power, detailed information is required to know how power works. French and Raven[24] proposed a taxonomy of the bases of power involving five types of power: *legitimate power, referent power, expert power, reward power and coercive power*. The legitimate power refers to the formal authority stated for the position of the holder within the organization. It refers to the legitimate power that has some standards that are to be followed or accepted by people. The second basis of power is the reward power which stands for the person who could reward others[25]. The third basis is the coercive power; it can be seen through threats and punishment and in this case, it is the opposite of the reward, but both share a critical aspect in that both depend on others believing that the agent can reward or punish[26]. These three bases of power are related to the position of power in which a person derives his power from the position in the organization[27].

The last two bases of power in French and Raven's taxonomy are expert and referent power. These two bases of power are associated with knowledge and skills and the target person

knows very well that the agent speaking has a unique knowledge and accordingly expert in his field. This leads to associate expert power with another type of power called informational power which has more effect on the target cognitive aspect [26]. Finally, referent power is associated with the personal acceptance, approval, and self-esteem of the agent and hence influence others' feelings. This can be related to the personal power a person derives for being likeable by others [27].

To achieve power, two interactional processes are required: access to power (bases of power) and the exercise of power (influence). Typically, the exercise of power is carried out through different influence tactics involving primary influence tactics (rational persuasion, inspirational appeal and consultation) and secondary influence tactics (pressure, legitimating, coalition, ingratiation, personal appeal and upward appeal) [28]. Below are the types of influence tactics, their uses and forms [28] as cited in [29]:

#### **A. Coalition tactics**

**USES:** The agent receives support from different people to influence the target person.

**FORMS:** 1. To have other people talking to the target 2. Bring someone to the meeting who can assist in delivering a plan to the goal 3. To use prior endorsement of coalition partners.

#### **B. Consultation**

**USE:** 1. To improve the target person's motive, 2. To carry out a request or support a proposal by including the person in deciding how it will be done.

**FORMS:** Performing comprehensive policy, plan or procedure.

#### **C. Exchange**

**USES:** To reward the target person.

**FORMS:** Trustworthy to provide the promised rewards.

#### **D. Ingratiation**

**USES:** To make the target person feel accepted and appreciated.

**FORMS:** 1. giving compliments 2. showing respect 3. acting friendly 4. being helpful.

#### **E. Inspirational appeal**

**USES:** To develop enthusiasm and commitment by arousing strong emotions and linking a request or proposal to the target person's needs, values, hopes and ideals.

**F. FORMS:** 1. The target person's will 2. To be famous, 3. To feel valuable 4. To achieve something 5. To make a vital contribution 6. To complete an outstanding feat 7. To be a member of the best team 8. To engage in a real effort to do things more suited.

### **G. Legitimizing tactic**

**USES:** To establish the legitimacy of respect or command.

**FORMS:** 1. Providing evidence of prior precedent 2. Showing consistency with organizational policies and rules 3. Showing consistency with professional role expectations.

### **H. Personal Appeal**

**USES:** Asking someone to do a favor

**FORMS:** 1. To ask the target person to carry out a request or support a proposal 2. To emphasize the close relationship between the agent and the target before asking the favor 3. To say that you need to ask for a favor.

### **I. Pressure**

**USES:** To invoke the possibility of unpleasant consequences

**FORMS:** 1. threats 2. warnings 3. repeated requests 4. frequent checking for the completion of requests.

### **I. Rational persuasion**

**USES:** 1. To perform reasoning and actual proof that a proposal or request is essential and feasible. 2. To highlight the advantages of an offeror advice for the target person as an individual.

**FORMS:** 1. The agent indicates the anticipated gains for the organization. 2. The agent may explain the interest of a request for the target person's career, develop the person's skills, or make the person's job better and easier.

### **G. Upward appeal**

**USES:** The agent seeks help from someone with authority over the target.

**FORMS:** 1. Asking a third party. 2. Asking someone with a higher power to find a solution.

As far as the current article is concerned, it attempts to analyze Trump's speech in the United Nations to identify power influence tactics and the ideological perspectives of his speech.

## **5. Methodology**

### **A-Data Collection**

The present article suggested a linguistic study of Donald Trump's speech at the 73rd session of the United Nations in September 2018. The source of the data is taken from <https://www.vox.com/2018/9/25/17901082/trump-un-2018-speech-full-text>. The speech lasted 34:51 minutes, with a total of 3615 words. The transcript of the speech will be analysed to investigate the influence tactics and the ideological perspectives intended from the speech. The data involves three main themes, including American economy, Trade and oil, and Iran.

### **B-Model of Analysis**

The article is carried out through the qualitative analysis applying CDA, a method and analysis technique developed by constructionists in the 1970s as part of the Critical Research Paradigm. Furthermore, it should be noted that in discourse studies, discourse analysts are not primarily concerned with the sample size of the given corpus, since a "large sample can produce an uncontrollable amount of data without contributing to the study's analytical outcome." Therefore, valuable analytical interpretations in discourse studies can also be made with a small sample size of the corpus [30]. Henceforth, a descriptive-analytic method of research-based Fairclough model (1995) and Yukl's (2006) taxonomy of power influence tactics.

### **C-Data Analysis**

#### **Theme(1): American Economy**

Throughout the elections, Trump vowed to invest a lot of money on projects that would build a lot of employment in construction, steel production, and other industries. Trump's economic plans include tax cuts for people across the board and a reduction in corporate taxes from 35 percent to 15 percent. He has vowed to reduce regulations that he claims are impeding business growth and job development [31]. As Golshan [32] noted, Trump's speeches strongly aroused in his audience strong resonating emotions of "fears of joblessness, worries about the United States dropping its status as a dominant world power, cares about foreign terrorist organizations."

*Extract(1): "Today, I stand before the United Nations General Assembly to share the extraordinary*



*progress we've made. In less than two years, my administration has accomplished more than almost any administration in the history of our country".*

Trump started his speech with a statement providing information concerning the communicative event using the time deixis "Today". The use of the personal pronoun "I" stands for Trump himself and this reference presents particular emphasis and authority for the speaker (Trump) in addition to his position in the political. The verb "stand" shows a material process in which the actor "I", the place deixis "before the United Nations..." refers to where the action is taking place and the complement "to share the extraordinary..." adds more information concerning the action performed. The following sentence also begins with a temporal deixis "in less than two years..." in which Trump focuses on his speech on specific dates for certain purposes. The use of the possessive pronoun "my" and the noun "administration" is a direct reference to himself and his authority. The action verb "accomplished" represents the material process, and again a confirmation is made for his actions. A time reference is used again in this clause in which a Trump's comparison uses the personal pronoun "our" with the noun "history". This comparison between his achievements and the history of the Americans, including his implied that he gives himself an exclusive authority positive self-presentation to glorify his own, attempt to represent himself positively. The type of power used in this extract is legitimate power represented through using the personal pronouns "I", "we", "my" to refer to himself as a person in charge who has all the authority to defend his government. The reference "my administration" stands for the legitimate power he has, and this is why he is powerful using legitimating influence tactics through presenting different documents defending his policy.

*Extract (2): "America's economy is booming like never before. Since my election, we've added \$10 trillion in wealth. The stock market is at an all-time high in history, and jobless claims are at a 50-year low. African American, Hispanic American, and Asian American unemployment have all achieved their lowest level ever recorded. We've added more than 4 million new jobs, including half a million manufacturing jobs". "We have passed the biggest tax cuts and reforms in American history. We've started the construction of a major border wall, and we have greatly strengthened border security. We have secured record funding for our military—\$700 billion this year, and \$716 billion next year. Our military will soon be more powerful than it has ever been before..."*

The usage of the verb (booming) was so meaningful at the beginning of the speech to draw the responsiveness of his audience to the accelerated rise in the American economy since his election in 2016. In addition to that, Trump used (since my election) to link the (booming in the economy) directly to his administration. The reference to "my election" stands for the legitimate power through using the relational appeal tactic arguing and presenting factual issues concerning his policy. Trump enhanced his speech with numerous evidences of his



accomplishments like the (growth of the stock market, the decrease of jobless claims). Trump refers to the diversity and unity of the American community, saying that commercial advancement involves the decline of the unemployment of the African, Hispanic, and Asian Americans. As a closing point he said (we) referring to the unity between him and the American people all experiencing the success of adding 4 million new job halves of them are industrial jobs. Trump prefers to many successes, such as passing the most significant tax cuts and establishing the wall all over Mexico. Another move ahead is the funding budget of the American army, which is the largest army in the world, confirmed for two years in advance within 1416 billion dollars. The reference to the different aspects he achieved indicates an inspirational impact tactic and relational persuasion verifying his authentic powers since only a person in his position can perform such matters.

*Extract(3): In other words, the United States is stronger, safer, and a richer country than it was when I assumed office less than two years ago. We are standing up for America and for the American people. And we are also standing up for the world.*

During his speech, Trump used the United States of America for (23) times to refer to his country as dominant, strong, and undefeated and at the same time to bring back to his audiences the strategic role played by the United States globally at different times and levels like the military, political and economic levels. The legitimate power he uses is presented through the coalition tactics through the involvement of the American people. Later, Trump uses the personal pronoun (I) to separate (himself) from the American people and the previous administration to refer to his success in less than two years. In this paragraph, Trump used the pronoun (we) for (2) times also to refer to the unity of (Trump and the American people) from one side and another side the integration between the USA and the international community when he said: “We are also standing up for the world”. Trump’s speech indicates an inspirational appeal tactic and relational persuasion through the argument and factual evidence concerning the economy of the United States.

## **Theme (2): Iran**

*Extract(4): “Every solution to the humanitarian crisis in Syria must also include a strategy to address the brutal regime that has fueled and financed it: the corrupt dictatorship in Iran”. “Iran’s leaders sow chaos, death, and destruction. They do not respect their neighbors or borders, or the sovereign rights of nations. Instead, Iran’s leaders plunder the nation’s resources to enrich themselves and to spread mayhem across the Middle East and far beyond”. “The Iran deal was a windfall for Iran’s leaders. In the years since the deal was reached, Iran’s military budget grew nearly 40 percent. The dictatorship used the funds to build nuclear-capable*

*missiles, increase internal repression, finance terrorism, and fund havoc and slaughter in Syria and Yemen”.*

Trump accused Iran directly to be the main reason behind the “humanitarian crisis in Syria”. Trump in his speech used adjectives to describe the Iranian’s regime as a (brutal, corrupt, and dictatorship) and at the same time using the verb (fueled/finance) to refer to the action done by the Iranian regime to (fuel and finance) the struggle in Syria, here Trump empathizing the ideology of a peacemaker played by his administration to put an end to the war in Syria. He is using his legitimate power and authority to talk about Iraq applying the relational persuasion tactic showing factual evidence and specific arguments concerning Iran and Syria. Trump compares between the rich politicians in Iran who (embezzled, seized valuable and looted) Iran’s treasury and control the wealth of Iran and their impoverished people who have nothing to emphasise the (bad) things of Iran’s regime and at the same time to emphasise the (good) things about this administration seeking to improve the economic situation of the American people. Trump tends to use action verbs like (sow, plunder, enrich and spread) to describe the Iranian policy actions in the Middle East, and here repeatedly uses the word of (Iran/ian) for (14) times Iranian’s regime seek to enrich their own and to spread mayhem across the Middle East and far beyond. Trump tries to explain and convince his audience about the main reasons which push his administration to withdraw from Iran nuclear deal 2015. He added due to the irresponsible policy played by Iranian’s leader toward their neighbors and the world, in general, using an aggressive and expansion system which conflicted totally with the international covenants. Again, he uses the legitimating influence tactic and hence using his legitimate power to talk about Iran and its politicians.

What is dismay Trump is Iran’s nuclear deal, which guarantees Iran the right to continue developing its nuclear program on terms agreed upon with the (5 plus one) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The deal also gave Iran the chance to unfreeze the Iranian financial assets in the global banks, which in return will be used to develop the missile program and finance terrorism in Syria and Yemen. Trump is calling the international community to take a deterrent and courageous decision to stop Iran’s nuclear program by (re-imposing) sanctions on Iran, which contribute to isolating this regime internationally. Trump tries to de-emphasize the bad regional, political and economic role played by Iran in the Middle East, and he tries to de-emphasize the political role in the Middle East and the unprecedented development in military products despite the economic sanctions on Iran. Trump used the phrase (Not good) for (2) times to express his resentment toward the role of Iran’s regime in the conflict in Syria. Trump uses his legitimate power again using the legitimating, consultation and pressure tactics concerning the Iranian issue.

### **Theme(3): Trade and oil**

*Extract(5): “We believe that trade must be fair and reciprocal. The United States will not be taken advantage of any longer”. For decades, the United States opened its economy the largest, by far, on Earth with few conditions. We allowed foreign goods from all over the world to flow freely across our borders. “Yet, other countries did not grant us fair and reciprocal access to their markets in return. Even worse, some countries abused their openness to dump their products, subsidize their goods, target our industries, and manipulate their currencies to gain an unfair advantage over our country. As a result, our trade deficit ballooned to nearly \$800 billion a year”. “For this reason, we are systematically renegotiating broken and bad trade deals. Last month, we announced a groundbreaking U.S.-Mexico trade agreement. And just yesterday, I stood with President Moon to announce the successful completion of the brand new U.S.-Korea trade deal. And this is just the beginning”.*

Another thorny issue in Trump's speech was the economic tension between his country and China, which became more critical nowadays. Trump said his country believed that trade should be “fair and reciprocal”, which means a mutual interest in trade exchange between the two parties. Trump is using exchange influence tactic showing lateral influence attempt with China. Furthermore, he adds for a long time the American economy is (the largest on earth) was open freely with limited conditions to trade the goods from different countries freely into the USA. He uses the rational persuasion tactic emphasizing the benefits of the American policy suggested to other countries.

Trump used (yet) to make a new starting point for his speech and used the pronoun (us) to refer to (himself and the American people) then he describes the consequences of unfair trade. He used specific verbs to show the effect of this trade on his country like (abused, to dump, subsidize, target, manipulate) in this case, he is trying to assert vehemently that this action is continued till the time of his speech and cost his country to lose nearly \$800 billion a year. Using such factual evidence indicates that Trump is using the rational persuasion influence tactic.

representing evidence-based argument concerning the policy and its consequences to convince the United Nations to reconsider their decision. Again, Trump using the pronoun (we) to refer to unity and the ability of the American community to take the necessary punitive means to stop the transgression and abusing the American economy, first, he censured and canceled the U.S.-Mexico trade agreement and in return signed a valid trade deal with South Korea adding that it is just the beginning to reclaim the American global trade position. The use of the verb “renegotiating” followed by the adjectives “broken and bad” describing the consequences of the previous policy and how it is supposed to be reconsidered. Trump, here, is using the pressure influence tactic. stands for a repeated action.

*Extract(6): “Many nations in this hall will agree that the world trading system is in dire need of change. For example, countries were admitted to the World Trade Organization that violate*

*every single principle on which the organization is based. While the United States and many other nations play by the rules, these countries use government-run industrial planning and state-owned enterprises to rig the system in their favor. They engage in relentless product dumping, forced technology transfer, and the theft of intellectual property. The United States lost over 3 million manufacturing jobs, nearly a quarter of all steel jobs, and 60,000 factories after China joined the WTO. And we have racked up \$13 trillion in trade deficit over the last two decades". "But those days are over. We will no longer tolerate such abuse. We will not allow our workers to be victimized, our companies to be cheated, and our wealth to be plundered and transferred. America will never apologize for protecting its citizens. The United States has just announced tariffs on another \$200 billion in Chinese-made goods for a total, so far, of \$250 billion".*

Trump openly condemns the countries (unknown), which control and change the rules of WTO based on their interest only. They are using government-run industrial planning and state-owned enterprises to "rig the system in their favor". Trump explains the dishonest economic policy done by these countries against this country like "product dumping, forced technology transfer, and the theft of intellectual property". The economic consequences on the USA were too significant, characterized by the loss of more than three million manufacturing jobs, nearly a quarter of all steel jobs, and 60,000 factories after China joined the WTO. In return, the American administration represented by Trump has thrived to rack up \$13 trillion in trade deficits over the last two decades. At this point, Trump is using his legitimate power by providing evidence of prior precedents and the verification of the previous policies.

Trump, in his speech, shifts the whole situation through passing his policy. The use of the conjunction "But" stands what he intends to present later. The reference "those days are over" is an indication that the whole previous policy is no more working due to the adverse consequences it caused. The sentence "we will no longer tolerate such abuse" is a direct rejection of the policy and another emphasis on the weakness of the previous administration with China and the word "abuse" summarizes the policy. Another rejection for the policy is presented through many negations "We will not allow our workers to be victimized, our companies to be cheated, and our wealth to be plundered and transferred. America will never apologize for protecting its citizens". The personal pronoun (we) is used to refer to the American people including Trump himself, but later he directly used the noun "America" confirming the role of the American government in protecting the American relating the new policy proposed by his government. He states that on April 3, 2018, American government, under his authority, announced 25 percent tariffs on \$50 billion on Chinese imported electronics, aerospace, and machinery. The administration wants China to stop requiring U.S. companies to transfer their proprietary technology to Chinese firms. They must do this if they're going to gain access to China's market. That Trump is using his legitimate power by presenting the contradictory evidence on the previous policy with proposing the substitute and the change needed to end that policy and fulfilling his new one.

## 6. Conclusions

Through the analysis carried out to Trump's speech in 2018 at the United Nations to identify the types of power and influence tactics that uncover Trump's ideology towards the American economy, Iran and trade and oil, different conclusions were stated. Most of the policies advocated by the President of the United States, Trump, and those passed or promised by Trump's administration, are aimed at increasing the growth of the U.S. economy ("putting America first") and bring it back to the higher growth trend or higher than prevailed before the 2008–2009 crisis. Trump used the pronoun (we) for (77) and the pronoun (our) for (47) times in different parts of his speech. From one side (we/our) refer to Trump and the American people as (unity and power) to achieve his motto "Make America First". From another side (we/our) refers to America and the international community together to face the danger of Iran, China which was mentioned for (4) times only. Trump's speech was lengthy, in which he adopted the ideology of glorifying America and placing it first, he used (*United States*) for (23) times to refer to the power of the USA. Trump used specifically the legitimating power presented through different forms of influence tactics involving the legitimating, inspirational, relational persuasion and pressure influence tactics. As far as the theme of the American Economy, Trump formed his legitimate power using the legitimating, inspirational and relational persuasion tactics but he relied heavily on the inspirational and relational tactics through providing specific statistics concerning his policy and the previous policies. As far as the Iranian theme is concerned, he used legitimate power through the legitimating, consultation and pressure influence tactics presenting his policy towards the Iranian politicians. Finally, concerning the Trade and Oil theme, Trump used the legitimate power through the pressure influence tactic to get approval for his new policies. As unfair to describe the previous administration as (powerless) to achieve what he has accomplished in a short time.

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