ABSTRACT


This research examines impoliteness aspects presented in the 2016 second U.S. Presidential Debate. The objectives of this research are to describe the realizations of impoliteness strategies employed by the participants and to identify the addressees’ response to the impoliteness strategies addressed to them. This research used Culpaper’s Impoliteness as a theory. This research used a qualitative method. The sources of data were the script of utterances spoken by the participants. The results of this research are described as follows: first, four types of impoliteness strategies occur in the participants' utterances i.e. bald on record impoliteness, positive impoliteness, negative impoliteness, and sarcasm. Bald on record impoliteness becomes the most dominant type used by the participants. It indicates that the participants wanted to convey their ideas about the other participant directly and clearly. Second, there are two responses which occur in the debate i.e. no response and countering the face attack. No responses became the most frequent choice of responses of impoliteness strategies used by the participants. This response becomes the most dominant because the participants did not have chances to reply the realization of impoliteness strategies and the participants attack the other people who do not present in this debate.

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