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ABSTRACT

This study examines the press conference of the American Secretary of State on March 2, 2023 during the course of ongoing G20 Summit in India, in the context of Ukraine-Russia conflict. Antony J. Blinken Secretary of State addressed the press conference generally on global issues and especially on Russian attack on Ukraine. The data has been taken from <https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-at-a-press-availability-30/>. Which consists of 21 paragraphs and 1590 words other than Question-Answer session. Clauses are the fundamental building block of transitivity analysis. To accomplish this, a convenient sample of the clauses related to the Ukraine-Russia conflict from the text is taken for analysis. The section of the American Secretary of State's news conference on the Ukraine-Russian crisis at the G20 summit in India in 2023 is analyzed using the methodology developed by Fairclough and Halliday for Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) and Transitivity Analysis. The themes of peace and war, aggression and food insecurity of the world because of said crisis, and ideologies of owning and othering are analyzed. Participants, different process types, and circumstances were all carefully examined. Key findings demonstrated that speakers most typically depict activities and occurrences in the physical world via the material process of transitivity. The conclusive results show the American construction as champion of peace and Russia as oppressor, aggressor, and invader.

Keywords: Critical Discourse Analysis, Political Discourse, Ukraine War, News Conference, US-Russian Conflict.

Introduction:

The conflict between Ukraine and Russia has been ongoing for several years and has its roots in both historical and political factors. It began in 2014 when Ukraine's pro-Russian president, Viktor Yanukovich, was ousted following months of protests known as the Euromaidan movement. Yanukovich was seen as too close to Russia and the protests were fueled by a desire to move closer to the West.

Russia responded to Yanukovich's ouster by annexing Crimea, a peninsula in southern Ukraine, in March 2014. The international community widely condemned this move, and the West imposed sanctions on Russia in response.

The conflict then escalated into a full-scale war in eastern Ukraine, where Russian-backed secessionists took over the control of several regions and declared independent republics. The conflict has claimed over 13,000 lives and displaced more than 1.5 million people.

The conflict is complex and involves multiple factors, including historical tensions between Ukraine and Russia, ethnic and linguistic divisions within Ukraine, and strategic interests of both countries. The conflict has also been exacerbated by propaganda and disinformation campaigns on both sides.

The G20 summit is an important platform for global leaders to discuss key issues and collaborate on solutions. The 2023 G20 summit in India will be a crucial event for addressing pressing global challenges such as climate change, economic inequality, and political instability. The press conferences of the Russian and American counterparts at the G20 summit are important events that offer insight into the positions and perspectives of these two influential countries.

Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) and Transitivity Analysis (TA) are two approaches that can be used to analyze the language use in these press conferences. CDA seeks to uncover the underlying power structures and ideologies that shape discourse, while TA focuses on the grammatical structures of sentences, particularly the relationships between clauses, participants, and processes. The combination of these two approaches can provide a comprehensive understanding of how language is used to shape meaning and influence discourse.

Previous studies have used CDA and TA to analyze political discourse and media representation. For example, Richardson and Wodak (2009) used CDA and TA to analyze Barack Obama's speeches, revealing the discursive strategies he used to construct his identity and the identity of the United States. Wang (2014) used CDA and TA to analyze the speeches of Chinese leaders, exploring the ways in which language is used to reinforce the dominant ideology of the Communist Party of China.

The application of CDA and TA to the press conferences of the Russian and American counterparts at the G20 summit India 2023 can provide valuable insights into how language is used to shape meaning and influence discourse in the context of global politics. This research aims to analyze the language used in these press conferences to uncover the power structures, ideologies, and discursive strategies employed by these two influential countries. By doing so, this study can contribute to our comprehension of how language is used to shape global politics and inform policy decisions.

The Research Questions

The research questions of the study of "Political discursive construction of global issues: A critical discourse analysis of the part of press conference of American Secretary of State on Ukraine-Russia conflict at G20 summit India 2023" are:

- 1-What are the key linguistic features, discourse markers, and themes used by the American Secretary of State in his press conferences at the G20 summit in India 2023?
- 2-What are the transitivity patterns in the speech of the American Secretary of State at the G20 summit in India 2023 in terms of the processes, participants, and circumstances involved?
- 3-What underlying ideologies (Othering and Owning), values, and assumptions shape the discourse of American Secretary of State at the G20 summit in India 2023?

The objectives

- 1-To examine the dominant political discourses used by world leaders regarding the Ukraine-Russia conflict during the G20 Summit press conferences.
- 2-To identify the underlying assumptions and ideologies that shape the political discourses of world leaders regarding the Ukraine-Russia conflict.
- 3-To investigate how political leaders construct their identities and the identities of their opponents in relation to the Ukraine-Russia conflict.
- 4-To explore how language is used to legitimize or delegitimize the actions of different actors involved in the Ukraine-Russia conflict.
- 5-To critically analyze the language used by political leaders in terms of its potential impact on the resolution or exacerbation of the Ukraine-Russia conflict.

Literature review

A group of linguists established Critical Linguistics at East Anglia University in the late 1970s (Fowler et al., 2018; Llinares & McCabe, 2020). They believe that language expresses realities and has a big influence on people's ideas and cognitive processes. Like other branches of science and technology, linguistics conducts systematic study of language. This method of studying language is based on morphology, phonology, semantics, and pragmatics at various levels. In addition to these features, language also comprehends discourses.

The Systemic Functional Linguistics of Halliday (1995) served as the foundation for the critical linguistics approach (SFL). Using the examples of "isolating ideology in discourse" and uttering, "how ideology and ideological processes are manifested as systems of linguistic characteristics and processes" (p. 11). Critical linguist Hao (2020) makes these claims (p. 11). With this objective, developing critical analysis tools based on SFL (Afzaal et al., 2019; Fowler et al., 2018; Llinares & Xin, 2020). Following Halliday's (1985), these proponents of critical linguistics believe that language in use performs the ideational, interpersonal, and textual functions simultaneously.

The ideational function, according to Fowler et al. (2018) and Martin et al. (2019), relates to the speakers' perception of the world and its manifestations. Another key tenet of CDA and SFL is that speakers choose their vocabulary and grammar, whether consciously or unconsciously, and these choices are "principled and systematic" (Fowler et al., 2018, p.188). PDA incorporates interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary method that emphasizes on the linguistic and discursive aspects of political writings and expression, as well as the political nature of discursive action, within the larger context of CDA. Discourse can be expressed verbally or in writing (Fairclough & Fairclough, 2013). Although though critical discourse analysis (CDA) is frequently employed to interpret and analyse political texts, including

speeches, more work in the area of systemic functional linguistics has to be done (PDA). It was noted that political discourses always have some sort of goal or objective to advance, as Van Dijk (1996) asserts. It could be done to enhance or discredit the rival's reputation, win over the public's sympathies, or clarify any stance. Bayram (2010) asserts that language has Mushtaq et al., *Cogent Social Sciences* (2020), 7: 1856999 <https://doi.org/10.1080/23311886.2020.1856999> Page 3 of 17 different levels including the grammatical level. The transitivity process is dealt with at the grammatical level (Daz & Deroo, 2020). The study may aid in clarifying the explanations and deliberations made in any under consideration text and demonstrating that there is no upper bound to such an interpretation (Coffin & Donohue, 2012; Firth, 2014; Harman et al., 2020). The goal of Systemic Functional Linguistic usage, according to Halliday and Matthiessen (2013), is to provide linguistic structure for the purpose of content evaluation, making it possible to say valuable and rational things about any content, whether it be vocal or written.

Many political discourse studies have been examined in recent years using the methodology of political discourse analysis (PDA) (Akah et al., 2020; Goatly, 2004; Hart et al., 2005; Kazemian & Hashemi, 2014; Shayegh & Nabifar, 2012; Wang, 2010). Additionally, functional linguistic approaches have been used to investigate linguistic phenomena. Political Critical Discourse Analysis (PCDA) has eventually emerged as a distinctive and developing topic of research in nations like Pakistan. As PDA researches how language choices affect the ideology, attitude, and thought process of the speaker and listener, social sciences, and linguistics in particular, have received a lot of attention in Pakistan to focus language-related concerns. Obama and Rouhani spoke at the United Nations in 2013, and Sharififar and Rahimi (2015) have examined the political discourse of their statements. Examining how the two political leaders convey their influence through speeches was the main goal of this study. The study looked at transitivity and modalities to show how language functions in speeches to shape ideology and power (Zappavigna & Dreyfus, 2020). According to the study, both political leaders acknowledged issues that ordinary people encounter by using personal pronouns.

Framework

Fairclough and Halliday's framework for Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) and Transitivity Analysis can be applied to the part of press conference of American Secretary of State on Ukraine-Russia conflict at the G20 summit in India 2023. Here is a framework that can be used for this purpose:

Discourse Practice:

This aspect of the framework refers to the social context in which the discourse is taking place. It includes the institutional and historical background of the discourse, the participants, and their roles in the discourse, as well as the power relations between them. For instance, the discourse practice for the G20 summit press conferences would include the political, economic, and social issues at stake, the position of Russia and the US within the G20, and the media's role in reporting the event.

Textual Practice:

This aspect of the framework refers to the linguistic features of the discourse, such as the grammatical structures, lexical choices, and rhetorical devices used in the text. In analyzing the press conferences, textual practice would involve identifying the dominant themes and discourse markers used by the speakers to convey their messages. It would also entail

examining the transitivity patterns in the text, such as the processes, participants, and circumstances involved in the speakers' statements.

Transitivity system represents ideational function in grammar. Transitivity system comprises six processes as follow:

- 1) Material processes: Physical action in the real world.
- 2) Relational processes: Expressing possession, equivalence, attributes...
- 3) Mental processes: Processes of cognition, affection and perception.
- 4) Verbal processes: Processes of communication.
- 5) Behavioral processes: Hybrid processes== a material + mental process.
- 6) Existential: Processes of existing by an empty there in subject position. (Xiang, 2022, p.167)

Interpretative Practice:

This aspect of the framework refers to the ways in which the discourse is interpreted by the speakers and their audiences. It involves identifying the underlying ideologies, assumptions, and values that shape the discourse, as well as the intended and unintended effects of the discourse on the audience. In analyzing the G20 summit press conferences, interpretative practice would involve examining the speakers' goals, attitudes, and beliefs, as well as the potential impact of their messages on the media and the public.

Using this framework, an analysis the part of press conference of American Secretary of State on Ukraine-Russia conflict at the G20 summit in India 2023 would involve examining the discourse practices that shape the event, the textual features of the speakers' messages, and the interpretive practices that influence the audience's understanding of the discourse. Transitivity analysis would be particularly useful in identifying the key processes, participants, and circumstances that underpin the speakers' messages and their implications for the wider political, economic, and social contexts of the summit.

Methodology:

This study used a qualitative descriptive approach for the analysis. The qualitative study is a way of research that strengthens the results with words instead of statistics and numbers. The researcher used the target text thoroughly and highlighted the lexicographical items relevant to the ideologies according to the research questions and objectives. By the human analyzer of text (the researcher himself), lexical terms were identified, classified, and interpreted according to their meanings.

The data for the sample of this study was selected from the massive body of spoken and written text produced by different government officials last year—the news conference by Blinken, secretary of the state in G20 2023, held in India. The textual data (news conference transcript) was copied from the official website <https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-at-a-press-availability-30/>. The data comprises 21 paragraphs, which are 1590 words. The data were analyzed descriptively step by step according to the framework.

Data Analysis

1-“We just finished a marathon day at the G20”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 2).

Participant: [Actor], [We]

Process: [Material], [finished]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [just]; [Locative], [at the G20]

2-“We came together to focus on solving some of the most consequential problems affecting people of our nations and the world”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 2).

Participant: [Actor], [We]

Process: [Material], [came]; [Mental], [focus on solving]

Product: [none] Circumstance: [none]

3-“And let me begin by thanking our host, India, for setting out an ambitious agenda for this meeting, and for its presidency of the G20”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 2).

Participant: [none]

Process: [Mental], [let begin]; [thanking]; [setting out]; [presidency]

Circumstance: [none]; [Actor], [me]; [Temporal], [for this meeting]

Note: The Participants and Circumstances are not always explicit in every clause. In clause 2, for example, the Participants are implied rather than stated, and there are no explicit Circumstances. In clause 3, the Participants are not explicitly stated but can be inferred from the context.

4-“We met here in Delhi roughly one year after President Putin launched his war of aggression on Ukraine”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 1).

Participant: [Actor], [We]

Process: [Material], [met]

Circumstance: [Locative], [here in Delhi]; [Temporal], [one year after President Putin launched his war of aggression on Ukraine]

5-“and one week after 141 countries voted in the United Nations General Assembly for a resolution that expressed the support for a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace, in accordance with the United Nations charter and its principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity and deplores the human rights and humanitarian consequences of Russia’s aggression”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 2).

Participant: [none]

Process: [Temporal], [one week after 141 countries voted]; [Mental], [expressed]; [Mental], [support]; [Mental], [deplores]

Product: “[Resolution], [that expressed the support for a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace, in accordance with the United Nations charter and its principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity and deplores the human rights and humanitarian consequences of Russia’s aggression”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 2).]

Circumstance: [none]

6-“Not a single G20 member voted with Russia to oppose that resolution”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 2).

Participant: [none]

Process: [Mental], [voted], [to oppose that resolution]

Circumstance: [Quantitative], [Not a single G20 member]; [Actor], [Russia]

Note: The Participants and Circumstances are not always explicit in every clause. In clause 1, the Participants are explicitly stated, while the Circumstances are expressed through prepositional phrases. In clause 2, the Process includes multiple mental actions, and the Product is a resolution. In clause 3, the Process is a mental action, and the Circumstances include a quantitative expression and an Actor

7-“The chair’s statement by India today reaffirmed the declaration issued by the G20 leaders last year in Bali, which – and I quote – “strongly condemned the war in Ukraine and stressed that it is causing immense human suffering and exacerbating existing fragilities in the global economy”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 3). end quote. Participant: [Actor], [The chair], [India], [G20 leaders]

Process: [Mental], [reaffirmed], [strongly condemned], [stressed]

Product: [Declaration], [issued by the G20 leaders last year in Bali]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [today]; [Quotation], [“strongly condemned the war in Ukraine and stressed that it is causing immense human suffering and exacerbating existing fragilities in the global economy”]

8-Russia and China were the only two countries that made clear that they would not sign on to that text. Participant: [Actor], [Russia], [China]

Process: [Mental], [made clear], [would not sign on to that text]

Circumstance: [Quantitative], [only two countries]; [Product], [that text]

9-Eighteen members of the G20 also reaffirmed that it is – and I quote – “essential to uphold international law and the multilateral system. This includes defending all of the purposes and principles enshrined in the charter of the United Nations and adhering to international humanitarian law,” end quote.

Participant: [Actor], [Eighteen members of the G20]

Process: [Mental], [reaffirmed]

Product: [Statement], [“essential to uphold international law and the multilateral system. This includes defending all of the purposes and principles enshrined in the charter of the United Nations and adhering to international humanitarian law”]

Circumstance: [none]

Note: In clause 1, the Participants include multiple Actors, while the Product is a Declaration. In clause 2, the Participants are explicitly stated, while the Product is a text. In clause 3, the Process is a mental action, and the Product is a Statement

9-“Every G20 member – and virtually every country, period – continues to bear the cost of Russia’s war of aggression, a war that President Putin could end tomorrow, if he chose to do so”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 4).

Participants: Every G20 member, virtually every country, President Putin

Type: Every G20 member and virtually every country (group of countries), President Putin (individual)

Processes: continue to bear (mental process), could end (mental process)

Circumstances: of Russia's war of aggression, tomorrow

10-The United States didn’t want this war.

Participants: The United States

Type: The United States (country)

Process: didn't want

Type: mental process

Circumstances: None

11-We worked hard to prevent it.

Participants: We

Type: We (group of people)

Process: worked

Type: material process

Circumstances: to prevent it

12-Like most countries, we want to focus on the fundamental challenges affecting the daily lives of our people.

Participants: we, most countries

Type: we (group of people), most countries (group of countries)

Process: want to focus, affecting

Type: mental process, material process

Circumstances: on the fundamental challenges, affecting the daily lives of our people

13-“So even as we stand with Ukraine while it defends itself, as any nation would do in that position, we’re also determined to keep working with other countries to deliver solutions to these shared challenges”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 4).

Participants: we, Ukraine, other countries, any nation

Type: we (group of people), Ukraine (country), other countries (group of countries), any nation (group of nations)

Process: stand, defends, determined to keep working, deliver solutions

Type: mental process, material process, mental process, material process

Circumstances: with Ukraine, while it defends itself, to deliver solutions to these shared challenges

14-And that is exactly what we did today at the G20."

Participant: [Actor], [We]

Process: [Material], [did]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [today at the G20]

15-"These challenges include the unprecedented food security crisis around the world."

Participant: [none]

Process: [Mental], [include]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [none], but specifying the type of challenge: unprecedented food security crisis around the world.

16-"We’ve got to do two things at once – get food to the hungry now, but also help countries build up their agricultural productivity and resilience so that they’re less vulnerable to future shocks."

Participant: [Actor], [We], [countries]

Process: [Material], [do], [get], [help], [build up], [be vulnerable]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [at once], [now], [less vulnerable to future shocks]

17-"The United States is leading on both fronts."

Type: Declarative

Participant: [Actor], [The United States]

Process: [Material], [leading]

Product: [none] Circumstance: [none]

18-"In addition to funding more than half of the World Food Program's entire budget,

Participant: [Actor], [We]

Process: [Material], [funding]; [Mental], [contributed], [committed]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [none]

19-we've contributed \$13.5 billion to fight hunger over the last year alone, and we've committed more than \$11 billion over the next five years to boost countries' resilience and nutrition."

Participant: [Actor], [We]

Process: [Material], [contributed], [committed]; [Mental], [boost]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [over the last year alone], [over the next five years]

Circumstances: More than half of the World Food Program's entire budget, over the last year alone, over the next five years, to boost countries' resilience and nutrition.

20-"African countries in particular have told us time and again that, more than aid, what they want is help building the sustainable capacity to feed their own people, and we're teaming up to do just that"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 6).

Participant: African countries, us

Process: Mental, told; Material, want; Mental, help building; Material, teaming up

Product: sustainable capacity to feed their own people

Circumstance: in particular, time and again

21-"Now the unprecedented levels of food insecurity have been driven primarily by climate, by COVID, and by conflicts"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 6).

Participant: [none]

Process: [Material], [have been driven]

Product: [none] Circumstance: [Cause], [primarily by climate, by COVID, and by conflicts]

22-"but the crisis has been worsened intentionally by President Putin, who's weaponized the hunger of people across the globe"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 6).

Type of process: stating/declaring

Participant: [Actor], [President Putin]

Process: [Material], [weaponized], [worsened]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Manner], [intentionally]; [Cause], [by President Putin]; [Location], [across the globe]

23-: "Thanks in large part to UN Secretary-General Guterres and Türkiye"

Type: Circumstance

Label: Cause/Reason

Participants: UN Secretary-General Guterres, Türkiye

There is no clause in the given text. It is a phrase that expresses gratitude towards UN Secretary-General Guterres and Turkey. Therefore, there is no need to label participants, processes or circumstances.

23-: "the Black Sea Grain Initiative loosened Russia's stranglehold on Ukraine's ports"

Participants: Actors the Black Sea Grain Initiative, Russia, Ukraine's ports

Participant: [none] Process:

[Material], [loosened]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [none], [Location], [on Ukraine's ports];

24-: "allowing more than 22 million metric tons of grain and other food – that's the equivalent of eight billion loaves of bread – to leave Ukraine's ports through global markets"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 7).

Participants: Ukraine's ports, global markets

Participant:

Process: [Material], [allowing]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: "[Manner], [more than 22 million metric tons of grain and other food – that's the equivalent of eight billion loaves of bread – to leave Ukraine's ports through global markets]"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d.).

25-: "And that's lowered the price of food for people everywhere"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 7)."

Participant: [none]

Process: [Material], [lowered]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Manner], [for people everywhere]

26-"Today, Russia is again slow walking the export of food from Ukraine."

Participant: [Actor], [Russia]

Process: [Material], [slow walking]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [Today]; [Source], [from Ukraine]

27-"And with the Black Sea Initiative set to expire on March 18th, Russia has refused to commit to renewing it."

Participant: [Actor], [Russia]

Process: [Material], [refused to commit]; [Mental], [set to expire]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [on March 18th]; [none]

28-"The message that countries sent at today's meeting is clear – extend the Black Sea Grain Initiative and strengthen it and do that without delay."

Participant: [Actor], [countries]

Process: [Verbal], [sent]; [Material], [extend]; [Material], [strengthen]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [at today's meeting]; [Manner], [clearly]; [Temporal], [without delay]

39-: "And what we're seeing in Delhi, in Astana, in Tashkent, and beyond is that countries want to partner with the United States"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 16).

Type: Declarative clause

Participants: Countries, United States

Process: Mental [Want to partner]

Circumstances: "In Delhi, in Astana, in Tashkent, and beyond"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 16).

40-: "because they see us showing up to solve shared problems, fostering inclusive economic growth, investing in our own competitiveness, and standing up for the international rules of the road that benefit all countries"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 16).

Type: Causal clause

Participants: Countries, us

Process: Mental [See us showing up], Material [solve shared problems], [fostering inclusive economic growth], [investing in our own competitiveness], [standing up for the international rules of the road]

Circumstances: None

41-: "including the right of every country to choose its own path, free from violence, coercion, and threats"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 16).

Type: Relative clause

Participants: Actor [Every country]

Process: Behavioral [Choose its own path]

Circumstances: "Free from violence, coercion, and threats"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 16).

42- "Lastly, I spoke briefly with Russia's Foreign Minister Lavrov on the margins of our G20 meeting today"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 17).

Type of participant: speaker, Foreign Minister Lavrov

Process: Verbal [spoke]

Circumstance: time (on the margins of G20 meeting)

43- "I urged Russia to reverse its irresponsible decision, and return to implementing the New START Treaty, which places verifiable limits on the nuclear arsenals of the United States and the Russian Federation"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 17).

Main Clause: "I urged Russia to reverse its irresponsible decision"(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 17).

Participant: [Actor], [I]; [Recipient], [Russia]

Process: [Verbal], [urged]

Product: [none]

44-Circumstance: [Manner], [responsibly]; [Purpose], [to reverse its decision]

Subordinate Clause: “return to implementing the New START Treaty”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 17).

Participant: [Actor], [Russia]

Process: [Material], [return to implementing]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [none]

45-Subordinate Clause: “which places verifiable limits on the nuclear arsenals of the United States and the Russian Federation”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 17).

Participant: [none]

Process: [Material], [places]

Product: [limits]

Circumstance: [Manner], [verifiable]

46-“Mutual compliance is in the interest of both our countries”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 17).

Type of participant: none

Process: is

Circumstance: quality (in the interest of both countries)

47-“It’s also what people around the world expect from us, as nuclear powers”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 17).

Type of participant: people around the world, us

Process: [Verbal], [is]; [Relational], [expect]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [none]

48-“I told the foreign minister that, no matter what else is happening in the world or in our relationship, the United States will always be ready to engage and act on strategic arms control, just as the United States and the Soviet Union did, even at the height of the Cold War”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 17).

Participant: [Actor], [I]; [Recipient], [foreign minister]

Process: [Mental], [told]; [Material], [engage and act]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Concessive], [no matter what else is happening in the world or in our relationship]; [Temporal], [even at the height of the Cold War]

49-“I also raised the wrongful detention of Paul Whelan”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 18).

Type of participant: Sayer [I]

Process: Verbal [raised]

Type of circumstance: circumstance of cause

50- as I have on many previous occasions.

Participant: [Actor], [I]

Process: [Mental], [have]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [on many previous occasions]

51-“The United States has put forward a serious proposal”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 18).

." Participant: [Actor], [The United States]

Process: [Material], [put forward]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [none]

52-Moscow should accept it.

Participant: [Actor], [Moscow]

Process: [Mental], [should accept]

Product: [Pronoun], [it]

Circumstance: circumstance of cause

53-“We’re determined to bring Paul and every other American citizen who is unjustly detained around the world home”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 18).

Participant: [Actor], [We]

Process: [Mental], [determined to bring]

Product: [Proper noun], [Paul]; [Pronoun], [every other American citizen who is unjustly detained around the world]; [none], [home]

Circumstance: [none]

54-We won’t rest until we do.

Participant: [Actor], [We]

Process: [Mental], [won't rest]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [until we do]

56-"I told the foreign minister what I and so many others said last week at the United Nations"

Participant: [Actor], [I]; [Recipient], [the foreign minister]

Process: [Material], [told] Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [last week at the United Nations]; [none]

57-"what so many G20 foreign ministers said today: end this war of aggression; engage in meaningful diplomacy that can produce a just and durable peace."

Participant: [none]

Process: [Mental], [said]; [Material], [end]; [Mental], [engage in]; [Mental], [can produce]

Product: [none]

Circumstance: [Temporal], [today]; [none]; [none]; [none]

58-“President Zelenskyy has put forward a 10-point plan for a just and durable peace”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 19).

Participant: [Actor], [President Zelenskyy]

Process: [Material], [put forward]

Product: [Noun phrase], [a 10-point plan for a just and durable peace]

Circumstance: [none]

59-“The United States stand ready to support Ukraine through diplomacy to end the war on this basis”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 19).

Participants: Actors [The United States, Ukraine]

Process: Material [Stand ready], [support]

Circumstance: Manner (through diplomacy)

60-“President Putin, however, has demonstrated zero interest in engaging, saying there’s nothing to even talk about unless and until Ukraine accepts – and I quote – “the new territorial realities,” while doubling down on his brutalization of Ukraine”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d.).

Participants: Actor [President Putin], [Ukraine]

Process: Behavioral,[Demonstrated],Verbal, [Saying],Material, [Doubling down]

Circumstance: Manner (zero interest, "the new territorial realities"), Result (brutalization of Ukraine)

61-“Independent of what Russia does, we showed here in Delhi what we will do: deliver results on the problems most affecting our peoples’ lives”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 20).

Type: Complex sentence

Participants: Actors [We], [Russia]

Process: Behavioral [showing], Material [delivering]

Circumstance: Independent of what Russia does, here in Delhi

62-“Our hosts are committed to doing this over the course of their G20 presidency”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 20).

Type: Simple sentence

Participants: Our hosts

Process: Mental [committed to doing]

Circumstance: over the course of their G20 presidency

Discourse Practice:

This aspect of the framework refers to the social context in which the discourse is taking place. As it is a press conference by American secretary of state on the occasion of G20 Summit 2023 in In Dehli India. It includes the institutional and historical background of the discourse, the participants, and their roles in the discourse, as well as the power relations between them. The United States has been a key player in efforts to resolve the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and its involvement in the G20 Summit is likely to reflect this. The U.S. may use the summit as an opportunity to rally support among other G20 members for its stance on the conflict, including sanctions against Russia and diplomatic efforts to resolve the situation. The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an international forum consisting of the world's largest advanced and emerging economies, including 19 countries and the European Union. The G20 was established in 1999 to promote international economic cooperation and decision-making, and to address global economic issues.

The G20 Summit is an annual meeting of the leaders of G20 countries, where they discuss global economic issues and policies. The summit provides an opportunity for the leaders to exchange ideas and to coordinate their efforts to address issues such as financial stability, trade, and economic growth.

The G20 has become a key player in global economic governance, as it represents about 80% of global GDP and two-thirds of the world's population. The decisions and policies agreed upon at the G20 Summit can have a significant impact on the global economy and can shape the future of international economic cooperation.

For instance, the discourse practice for the G20 summit press conferences would include the political, economic, and social issues at stake, the position of Russia and the US within the G20, and the media's role in reporting the event.

Textual Practice:

This aspect of the framework refers to the linguistic features of the discourse, such as the grammatical structures, lexical choices, and rhetorical devices used in the text. In analyzing the press conferences, textual practice would involve identifying the dominant themes and discourse markers used by the speakers to convey their messages. It would also entail examining the transitivity patterns in the text, such as the processes, participants, and circumstances involved in the speakers' statements. American secretary of State Mr. Blinken used 1590 words in his press conference, and out 1590 words 769 words were used in the discussion about the atrocities committed by Russian forces and food insecurities emerging because of war. 11 Paragraphs out of 21 one paragraphs were about Russia-Ukraine conflict. In the Selected part of press conference the 62 clause are found. He has used colloquial language in order to shorten the distance between him and the audience.

Material	Relational	Existential	Verbal	Behavioral	Mental
Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
48	2	0	6	3	42

In the table one the most of the verbs used are material process, and second count is of mental processes, then comes verbal, behavioral and relational weak processes.

Table 2 Process

Processes	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Material	48	47.5	47.5	47.5
Relational	2	2.0	2.0	49.5
Verbal	6	5.9	5.9	55.4
Behavioral	3	3.0	3.0	58.4
Mental	42	41.6	41.6	100.0
Total	101	100.0	100.0	

According to table 2 the Material process stands at the peak with 47.5% among other processes. At the second position comes mental process with 41.6%, at third stands verbal 5.9%, at fourth behavioral with the percentage of 3%, then Relational at fifth, and Existential has no value.

Material Process

The material processes are the activities and the events that are happening in the world. We can say that that are “doing” and “Happening”. Two Participants are involve in the material

processes “Actor, the doer” and “Goal, the affected”. Material process means the action words whether abstract or concrete.

Table 3

Actors	Processes	Goals
We, The United States, African countries, UN Secretary-General Guterres, Russia, I	Finished, came, met, , worked, affecting , defends, deliver solutions, did, get, help, build up, be vulnerable, leading, funding, contributed, committed, want teaming up, have been driven, weaponized, loosened, allowing, lowered, slow walking, refused to commit, extend, strengthen, solve shared problems, fostering inclusive economic growth, investing in our own competitiveness, standing up for the international rules of the road, Every country, return to implementing, places, Stand ready, support, delivering,	G20 leaders, countries, us, Türkiye, Countries, United States, foreign minister, Ukraine

In Table 3, the US Secretary of State used the verbs (came, met, worked) for struggle That US, UN and other G20 participants are making to end the conflict by the diplomatic channels. Through other action verbs (affecting , defends, deliver solutions, did, get, help, build up, be vulnerable, leading, funding, contributed, committed, want

teaming up, have been driven, weaponized, loosened, allowing, lowered, slow walking, refused to commit, extend, strengthen, solve shared problems) he has tried to convince others especially Russia to end the war, and he also tried to persuade the G20 participants to show support for Ukraine. Press conference shows that US is not only the biggest supporter of Ukraine, but also main peace loving country in the world. US is trying to get support for American version of peace in context of ongoing conflict. This use of material processes shows, how actively the US is taking actions to maintain peace and create win win situation for Ukraine.

Mental Process

The second highest percentage is 41.6 % of mental processes, that means sensor feels the agony and trauma of citizens of Ukraine.

Press conference of the US Secretary of State

“We(Actor) met (Material Process) here in Delhi roughly one year(Circumstance)after President Putin(Actor) launched(Material Process) his war of aggression on Ukraine (Goal), and one week after 141 countries (Actor) voted (Material Process) in the United Nations

General Assembly for a resolution(Circumstance) that expressed (Verbal Process) the support for a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace (Verbiage), in accordance with the United Nations charter and its principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity (Circumstance)and deplores (Material Process) the human rights and humanitarian consequences of Russia’s aggression (Goal). Not a single G20 member (Actor) voted (Material Process) with Russia to oppose that resolution (Circumstance)”(*Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State*, n.d., para. 3).

It shows the dominant theme of the press conference is Russian act of launching war on Ukraine is inhumane, and the Second theme is Love of USA for peace and prosperity of the world, and USA is the only champion of peace in the glob.

Interpretative Practice:

This aspect of the framework refers to the ways in which the discourse is interpreted by the speaker that is American Secretary of State one of the most powerful man, and audiences are the whole world, press conference is watched on TV worldwide. Pronouns used by the secretary would identify the inclusive, owning, and exclusive, othering.

We just finished a marathon day at the G20.

This “We” included all G20 countries. Here Speaker is owning the G20 countries.

2-“We came together to focus on solving some of the most consequential problems affecting people of our nations and the world”(*Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State*, n.d., para. 2).

These “We” and “problems affecting people of our nations and the world” also included the G20 countries. It is another owning of the whole of the world the problems faced by the people of the nations.

3- “We met here in Delhi roughly one year after President Putin launched his war of aggression on Ukraine”(*Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State*, n.d., para. 3).

Notwithstanding, Here the Secretary is owning G20 countries by saying “We”, and on the other handing distancing the whole participants from Russia by saying “President Putin launched his war of aggression on Ukraine.”

4- “and one week after 141 countries voted in the United Nations General Assembly for a resolution that expressed the support for a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace, in accordance with the United Nations charter and its principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity and deplores the human rights and humanitarian consequences of Russia’s aggression”(*Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State*, n.d., para. 4).

In the Clause he showed how 141 countries disowned the Russian act of aggression by voting in favor of peace.

5- “Not a single G20 member voted with Russia to oppose that resolution”(*Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State*, n.d., para. 2).

The Secretary of State showed how no G20 member owned the Russian act.

6- Eighteen members of the G20 also reaffirmed that it is – and I quote – “essential to uphold international law and the multilateral system. This includes defending all of the purposes and principles enshrined in the charter of the United Nations and adhering to international humanitarian law,” end quote

“Eighteen members” of the G20 owned the American version of peace, and excluded the Russian act.

5—“Every G20 member – and virtually every country, period – continues to bear the cost of Russia’s war of aggression, a war that President Putin could end tomorrow, if he chose to do so”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 5).

In the above clause the secretary distanced America by singling out “Every G20 member” and “every country” and then distanced all the members of the G20 Summit from Russia and President Putin.

6- We worked hard to prevent it.

The secretary owned the G20 countries and disowned the act war by saying “worked hard to prevent it”

7- “Like most countries, we want to focus on the fundamental challenges affecting the daily lives of our people”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 5).

“Like most countries, we want” is another example of owning, and in larger context of press conference it disowning of Russian act. Means world is facing other challenges of very serious type, and Russia made things worse by attacking Ukraine.

8- “So even as we stand with Ukraine while it defends itself, as any nation would do in that position, we’re also determined to keep working with other countries to deliver solutions to these shared challenges”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., para. 5).

“We stand, we’re also determined, The United States, I, Us, Me, Our,”this use of personal pronouns and shows how the Secretary of State Owns the World ,G20, and the Peace of the world and makes problems of the peoples and nations like hunger and violence as the collective problem of the globe. This is how Mr. Blenkin constructed America as the champion of peace in the world “The United States didn’t want this war, We worked hard to prevent it, Today, Russia is again slow walking the export of food from Ukraine, Russia has refused to commit to renewing it.,I urged Russia to reverse its irresponsible decision, the United Nations, and what so many G20 foreign ministers said today: end this war of aggression, The United States stand ready to support Ukraine through diplomacy to end the war on this basis., and on the other hand “President Putin launched his war of aggression on Ukraine, and one week after 141 countries voted in the United Nations General Assembly, Russia’s aggression, strongly condemned the war in Ukraine, Russia’s war of aggression, a war that President Putin could end tomorrow, . President Putin, however, has demonstrated zero interest in engaging, Independent of what Russia does, we showed here in Delhi what we will do: deliver results on the problems most affecting our peoples’ lives,”(Secretary Antony J. Blinken at a Press Availability - United States Department of State, n.d., paras. 19–20) constructed President Putin and Russia as aggressor.

Conclusion

In the Ukraine-Russia conflict, the members of G20 countries during the Summit2023 in India voted in the favor of end of Ukraine-Russia war. In the context of war and G20 Summit, American Secretary of State addressed a press conference on March 2, 2023.In press conference the American Secretary of state constructed the USA as champion of the peace and

world leader that wants to restore the peace especially in the Europe and generally in the whole of the world. He used the action verbs in the most of the clauses that shows how actively the USA is taking practical steps to end the war. The other hand he constructed Russia and the President Putin as an Aggressor. It was true representation of American anti-Russia Ideology. As, this peace loving approach did not prevail during Iraq and Afghan Wars.

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