

Textual Analysis on Governor Godwin Obaseki's 61st Independence Day Speech

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Abstract

The study was embarked upon to critically analyse the 61st Independence Day Speech of Governor Godwin Obaseki of Edo state using Van Dijk's triadic model to discuss the macrostructure, superstructure and microstructure of the speech. The study was anchored on the speech act theory while the full transcript of the Governor was the source of data. Findings from the study revealed that the macrostructure (thematic) of the Governor's speech centred on the Independence Day celebration and the 30th anniversary of the state and the steps his government is taking in delivering the dividend of democracy to all Edo people. Findings also showed that the superstructure (schematic) of the speech was in order with a good organised opening, content and closing while the microstructure (semantic) of the speech was simple and easy to comprehend by the audience. Therefore, the researchers concluded that the Governor's speech was coherent, logical and without ambiguity. The researchers recommended that Edo people who constitute the audience of the speech during the celebration of the country's Independence Day should always endeavour to pay adequate attention to the speech to grasp the information disseminated.

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