

## ABSTRACT

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**Title:** “Peculiarities of the actualization of the categories of modality in the political discourse (linguodidactic aspect)”.

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**Topical Importance:** Our studies are due to the need to study modality as the semantic category of the English language and the ways of its verbalization in the political discourse. Nowadays, due to the rapid growth of the political uncertainty in the English-speaking countries and in the world, the elements of the political discourse permeate all the spheres of the societal life, creating therefore favorable conditions for the realization of various modality expression devices within its range.

**Goal:** The major goal of this study is to determine the specifics of the semantic category of modality and ways of their representation in political discourse.

**Tasks:** There is a number of tasks one should accomplish to achieve the above set goal:

- to identify the general features of the language of modern political discourse;
- to analyze and compare different approaches to the concept of modality;
- to analyze and compare different approaches to the classification of modality and identify those that are most suitable in terms of pragmasemantic aspect of political discourse;
  - to identify the functional value of the ways of representing modality in terms of their pragmatic function.
- to develop a set of interactive exercises with reference material for mastering the topics of modality and subjunctive mood of English language for the advanced students.

**Theoretical value** lies in its contribution to the development of research into the category of Modality within the framework of political texts. In our work we systematize modern approaches to the definition and concretization of such concepts as political discourse, modality and gradability, define the ways of the expression of Modality within the political discourse, clarifying their concepts and classification approaches, and determine the functional meaning of the way they are represented.

**Practical applicability:** lies in the opportunity to use the results of the carried out research for the courses in culturology, politology and lexicology.

**Results:** The study of the category of Modality allowed us to establish that the different types and categories of it can be verbalized both lexically and grammatically in political discourse including different combination variants. The most memorable statements and quotes by different politicians were analyzed in the aspect of the main aim of the political discourse – achieving power through the persuasion of the opponent and the audience. For the later classification of the statements in terms of this aspect, a special “scale of persuasion to make a choice” was proposed.

**Implementation advice:** The results of the research can serve as a basis for further linguistic study of the category of Modality in the political discourse, as well as in working with students, the development of special courses and methods of teaching a foreign language. The results of the research can also hold practical value for the political scientists and the speechwriters.