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ABSTRACT

Debate is a common phenomenon that happens every day even in our daily life. The latest debate that was recently discussed by people is the 2016 U.S Presidential Debate, between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. The candidates come from The Republican Party and Democratic Party. The aim of the study is to find out what are the differences of lexical words: noun, adjective and verb; that used during debate by both candidates in frame of corpus linguistics research and highlight what is the most common lexical word used by both candidates. This study uses the third round debate only and extracted by CST's post-tagger software. The theories that used to analyze the data are language and gender which proposed by Lakoff (1975) and English lexical choice's theory proposed by Dixon (2005). The writer found that Hillary's most uttered type of noun is related to activities whose hold 34.93%, while Donald's most uttered type of noun is related to concrete reference that holds 40.2%. In conclusion, both candidates speak differently in lexical words, yet the difference is not huge. These factors are not only because of gender differences, but also background of life and knowledge.

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