

## CRITICAL DISCOURSE ANALYSIS: ISLAMOPHOBIA AND PALESTINIAN GENOCIDE IN IMRAN KHAN AND TAYYAB ERDOGAN' SPEECHES AT UNITED NATIONS

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### ABSTRACT

*This research offers a comparative Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) of the United Nations General Assembly speeches by Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan, focusing on how both leaders construct narratives of injustice, identity, and resistance through strategic language use. The study examines how discourse reflects and reinforces social cognition, ideologies, and group-based representations by applying Van Dijk's Social Schema Theory on macro, meso and micro levels. Both leaders rely on binary oppositions, repetition, and rhetorical questions to construct in-groups (Muslim World) and out-groups (Western community) in order to convey their ideologies and to create a difference between both communities. The findings contribute to CDA by showing how schema-based language not only reflects but also actively shapes political thought and global narratives in high stakes diplomatic settings. The findings also contribute to understand the perspective of both leaders and also to understand the severity of the issue of Islamophobia and Palestinian Genocide in order to take the problems at a serious level.*

**Key words:** Critical Discourse Analysis, Rhetorical Strategies, Binary Oppositions, Self vs. Other Representation

### Introduction

Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) is a research method that is used to explore language use in relation to social and political context, with more focus on how language reinforces or challenges power dynamics, social inequalities, and ideologies. In Critical Discourse Analysis language is a form of social practice, exploring how different texts and conversations construct meanings and shape our perceptions regarding understanding of the world. Fairclough defines CDA as; A form of discourse analysis which aims to systematically explore often opaque relationships of causality and determination between (a) discursive practices, events and texts, and (b) wider social and cultural structures, relations and processes (Fairclough, 1995). Wodak argues that CDA is not a single method but a problem-oriented interdisciplinary research field that aims to analyze language as a form of social practice (2009). Political discourse basically refers to the use of language in the realm of politics as it encompasses the spoken or written communication by the political actors (e.g. politicians, parties, governments, and media) for the purpose of influence, persuasion, or to justify political actions, ideologies or decisions. Chilton emphasizes that political discourse is not just about discussing politics but actively doing politics through language. Political discourse is not just about politics; it is the discourse that does political things (Chilton, 2004, p. 6).

Platforms such as the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) provide world leaders with the opportunity to address global issues and advocate for their national interests before an

international audience. The 2019 UNGA speeches of Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan serve as prime examples of such rhetorical efforts.

Existing research regarding both speeches particularly focuses on either the regional implications or on single issue like Islamophobia or Palestinian resistance (Ahmed & Javed, 2022). However, there is still gap in analyzing how both of the speakers use some of the similar strategies, such as emotive appeals, moral imperatives, and polarizing language in their narratives, to shape global political identities and confront hegemonic narratives. The researcher has tried to address this gap by applying Van Dijk's Social Schema Theory, that highlights how political leaders usually construct in-group and out-group (van Dijk, 1998).

### **1.1 The Significance of the research**

This study is significant in the field of Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) because it has tried to fill the gap in existing literature by doing comparative analysis of Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan's speeches at UN. By exploring how both of the leaders use emotional appeal, and moral imperatives to build national and global narratives. This research contributes to the discourse by giving valuable insights for international relations and political communication. The comparative analysis done in this study gives the understanding of role of language in framing international conflicts.

### **1.2 Research Objectives**

1. To examine the rhetorical devices in Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan at United Nations in 2019
2. To analyze Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan's schemas regarding issue of Islamophobia, Palestinian rights.

### **1.3 Research Questions**

1. What common rhetorical devices are used by Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan at United States in 2019?
2. How do Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan present their schema regarding issue of Islamophobia, Palestinian rights?

### **1.4 Delimitations**

This study is limited to the analysis of two specific speeches: Imran Khan's and Tayyab Erdogan's addresses at the 2019 UN General Assembly. It focuses only on the use of language and ideology in these speeches, without going into the broader political history or background of the speakers. Furthermore, it concentrates only on selected themes such as Islamophobia, and the Palestinian struggle, leaving out other international issues.

### **Literature Review**

Imran Khan's 2019 speech at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and Tayyab Erdogan's speech, delivered in the same year, both reflect a strong ideological stance on global issues, albeit with different focal points.

In one of the studies from MDPI Journal of Religions (2020), Van Dijk's Social Schema Theory has been applied to analyze how Khan has constructed the Us vs. Them dichotomy. This study has emphasized how Khan portrayed Muslims as marginalized and misunderstood group, and West as the aggressor that is responsible for the fear and the discrimination that is spread all over the world.

A study was published in CIRRJ Journal (2020) that focused on the micro and macro-level structures in Khan's speech. It highlighted that Khan had effectively used metaphors, and personal structures such as "we" or "our" to raise voice against injustices. Furthermore, the study emphasized that use of such language not only shaped public opinion but also positioned

Khan as the main speaker for Muslim identity, for justice and for human rights on the global stage.

On the other hand, Erdogan's speech has been examined by the lens of humanitarian discourse and narratives of global justice. Kaya (2021) argues that Erdogan's speech at UNGA demonstrated neo-Ottoman goals through humanitarian narrative, particularly regarding Palestinian issue. Yildiz (2021) strengthened the argument by explaining how Erdogan has portrayed himself as worldwide representative for all marginalized groups and also criticizing the validity of UN. Moreover, Demir (2020) analyzed how Erdogan portrayed the Palestinian struggle as a symbol of Muslim oppression with the help of emotionally charged language to show empathy and moral responsibility.

One of the studies in Journal of International Affairs (2021) explored the language used by Erdogan by investigating his use of emotional appeal to highlight the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Moreover, the speech focused on ethnic cleansing, that portrayed Erdogan as a defender of global peace. This ideology or perspective is a part of broader strategy of performative authority aiming to represent Turkey as a key player in international peace efforts.

Most of the previous studies focus on Western leaders or single themes like Islamophobia. There is limited comparative research on how Muslim leaders speak on global platforms. This study fills that gap by analyzing how Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan use language and ideology in their 2019 UN speeches.

### **Theoretical Framework**

Teun Adrianus Van Dijk was born on May 7 1943, in Naaldwijk, the Netherlands. He is a scholar in the fields of text linguistics, discourse analysis and Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA). He founded six international journals: Text & Talk, Discourse & Society, Discourse Studies, Discourse & Communication, The internet journal in Spanish *Discurso & Sociedad*, of which he still edits the last four. He contributed to the development of the psychology of text processing. Since the 1980s his work in CDA focused especially on the study of the discursive reproduction of racism by what he calls the 'symbolic elites' (politicians, journalists, scholar, writers), and the theories of ideology and context.

This theory focuses on how discourse shapes the perception of in-group (us) and outgroup (them), emphasizing the dynamics of in-group solidarity and outgroup opposition. For this study, the focus is on the three main levels, which are particularly relevant to the analysis of the UNGA speeches of Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan and are: Macro, Meso and Micro levels of analysis. Macro-level analysis deals with Power, Dominance, and Inequality. Meso-level analysis explores context of production and reception of the discourse. Lastly, the Micro-analysis: Language Use, Discourse, Verbal Interaction & Communication. These three levels form one unified whole in everyday interaction and experience.

These three tenets or the levels form the foundation for analyzing how both leaders construct their political identities and ideologies on the global stage, particularly with respect to their advocacy on issues like Islamophobia, Palestinian rights, and Kashmir.

Teun A. van Dijk's work has had a profound impact on the field of discourse by integrating cognitive science with discourse analysis, van Dijk has provided a deeper understanding of how individuals process and produce discourse, and how these processes are influenced by social and ideological factors. Van Dijk highlights the significance of ideology and power in discourse, significantly contributing to the understanding of how language can mirror and sustain social inequalities, which makes his research particularly pertinent in examining racism, sexism, and various other discriminatory practices.

### **3.1 Research Methodology**

The study uses qualitative research methodology based on Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), by applying Van Dijk's Social Schema Theory as the main theoretical framework. The data of the research includes the transcripts of the speeches by Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan at UN in 2019. The data analysis is based upon on the themes; Islamophobia, Palastinian genocide and also linguistic techniques like emotive language, divisive discourse. The research highlights the similarities in the discourse methods used by both leaders. By doing CDA, the researcher has aimed to analyze the linguistic tactics used by both leaders to influence public opinion and promote their objectives.

### **Discussion And Analysis**

The analysis is based on Van Dijk's Social Schema Theory. The analysis highlights the rhetorical devices that are used by both leaders in their speeches and also their schemas regarding the issues of Islamophobia, Palestinian rights, and International Justice by giving examples from the speeches.

#### **4.1 Macro Level**

Macro-level presented by Van Dijk in his Social Schema Theory suggests that macro-level deals with the discourse and how this discourse is used within the context to present specific ideologies that are also termed as Schemas.

##### **4.1.1 Imran Khan's speech analysis at macro-level**

Imran Khan in his speech has presented his nation, Pakistan, as defending nation against the biased oppression and also as a working nation for global peace. He positioned Pakistan as a voice of oppressed Muslim world, mainly focusing on the issue of Islamophobia. In his speech Khan said that Islamophobia is creating a division. Muslim women's Hijab is being an issue in Western countries. In some European countries, job is used as a weapon that a women can take off her clothes, but she cannot put more clothes, and all this is happening because of Islamophobia. It started after 9/11 because certain Western leaders equated terrorism with Islam (2019). Van Dijk also in his theory suggested that speakers basically organize their stored information to represent their schemas or ideologies. As Van Dijk suggested, people typically express and reproduce their ideologies in their discourse, communication either verbal or non-verbal semiotic messages. Imran Khan also has used language to represent his ideology regarding the issue of Islamophobia. He states that in overall world population the Muslims population is about 1.3 billion and millions of Muslims of this population live in the European countries, specifically U.S.

Furthermore, he said that Islam is termed as terrorist religion and specifically radical Islam, and what is radical Islam. There is only one Islam he said and that is the Islam that we follow Prophet Muhammad (Khan, 2019). There is no concept of radical Islam and what kind of the concept they are giving to West, how a person of New York can distinguish between a radical Muslim and a normal Muslim. This is causing the marginalization of Muslim communities in European countries, and marginalization leads to radicalism (Khan, 2019). This is the ideology he has represented in his discourse that Islamophobia is just a rumor. It has nothing to do with Islam nor any other religion either it is Hinduism, Judaism or Christianity. Moreover, he tried to clear the position of Muslims specifically Muslims as he said no Muslim leader has tried to do it even after the incident of 9/11 war that happened due to the issue of Islamophobia.

Overall, Imran Khan in his speech has declared that Islam has nothing to do with the terrorism and he has used his discourse, context and situation to clear the perception of Western communities regarding Islam and Islamophobia, and he has clearly described his purpose of with the help of different examples from the life of the Holy Prophet Peace be upon him. He has tried to defend Islam and Muslims so that the Muslim living in Western communities should be allowed to live freely as Islam allows the minorities to worship and live according to their own religion, same is the case the Muslims want and he has just tried to be the voice of



voiceless that cannot come on such a big platform and say whatever they want. He presented the generalized discourse, so that no one will get confused and will easily understand what he wanted to say.

#### **4.1.2 Tayyab Erdogan's speech analysis at macro-level**

Tayyab Erdogan is also the Muslim leader who presented his speech at the same forum on the same day. His main focus was on Palestinian genocide specifically in Gaza and also, he discussed some other topics regarding trades and interaction with other countries. He stated that that he is there to talk about the allowance of membership for Palestine as this is the need of time because in previous 350 days the Israeli attacks have been killed more than 41,000 people and in which most of were women and children (Erdogan, 2019). Moreover, Tayyab Erdogan also stated that the number is not limited to this, 10,000 people were missing and no one knew where they are and likewise, 100,000 people were injured, maimed, or they lost their limbs. 172 journalists were killed while trying to do their job under very difficult circumstances. And more than 500 medics have been killed while they were trying to save lives. Humanitarian aid workers and the United Nations personnel who came to the rescue of the people of Gaza who were struggling with hunger and thirst were killed. They hit marketplaces, tents and camps where the refugees were sheltered. They hit 820 mosques and three churches that shouldn't have been touched even in war, and they deliberately destroyed dozens of hospitals, hundreds of schools, more than 130 ambulances carrying patients (2019). These all are the facts that he gave to support his stance for the ceasefire in Palestine, he used the discourse to represent his ideology in order to get people on the same line as he was stating and this strategy aligns with the concept given by Van Dijk that people use their discourse and relate it with the context to represent their concepts and ideologies. Also, Van Dijk suggested that people usually generalize their discourse to make it simpler as easily understandable and same Tayyab Erdogan did. He had given facts in simpler to gain the attention of the people sitting in the rostrum and presented his schema regarding Palestinian genocide that he wants ceasefire because they cannot bear the attacks of Israel on their Muslim brother country.

Erdogan has used a holistic approach to address the serious and critical issue of Gaza that need urgent attention of all the big organizations to work on it to make sure the ceasefire in Palestine and also severe punishment to Israel as he has violated human rights charter. Moreover, he presented his ideology and schema regarding the issue of Palestinian genocide through his discourse in open language with the help of deliberate and direct questioning to United Nations and wild behavior of Israel.

Both leaders have used their discourse to create a significant impact on the listeners of the Assembly and incorporated their schema within the discourse so well that everyone has got the point and both leaders have also drawn the attention of United States toward the two most important and global issues that are Islamophobia and Palestinian genocide.

#### **4.2 Meso Level**

Van Dijk in his Social Schema Theory suggests that it deals with the local structures, linguistic choices made within the sentences and paragraphs. These linguistic choices may be lexical selection, syntax, emphasis on certain words, rhetorical devices, or coherence stratifies. As Van Dijk himself proposed that Ideologies influence discourse at all levels, either it be local meanings, argumentation, syntax, or even if it is style (2006). The purpose for using such linguistic choices can be to deliberately challenge something with not even getting noticed or to help the speaker to generalize the discourse because every linguistic choice is certainly ideological, it has some purpose. This strategic use of the language creates some moral dichotomies and also use of metaphors can mask the harsh reality of actions and truth being

done while being in a specific situation or discourse and this shows that language becomes a tool for the expression and reproduction of certain ideologies.

#### **4.2.1 Imran Khan's speech analysis at meso-level**

Imran Khan also used such linguistic choices in order to not directly attack any specific country or person, rather to hide the bitterness by the use of certain words. And he used this strategy not only to discuss one issue, e.g., Islamophobia, but rather he used rhetorical devices through his speech in which he discussed four of the main issues needing urgent attention. He stated that every year billions of dollars leave the poorer countries and go towards rich countries billions of dollars siphoned off by the ruling elites of the developing world and they find their way into Western bank accounts (Khan, 2019). This was his second issue that he discussed in the General Assembly and that was related to the policies used by previous leaders to make their money regardless of what their developing nation faces. Now here, he used such language that he has not directly attacked on someone rather he has just stated a fact that is noticeable, and everyone knows that certain political leaders make their money and ship it in Western communities. Lexical items are never innocent, they are always underly some kind of attitudes or ideologies (Van Dijk, 1995).

Imran Khan further addressed that look what is going to happen when the curfews lifted will be a bloodbath, as Narendra Modi says he's done this for the prosperity of Kashmir, this is actually supposed to be for the development of these nine hundred thousand troops (2019). What are they going to do when the demo when they come out there'll be a bloodbath has, he thought through what happens then (Khan, 2019). He further stated that has anyone thought that what happens when there is a bloodbath what do you think the impact will have on people of Kashmir what do you think they will think the way they have been boxed in in their houses treated like worse than animals with no rights (Khan, 2019). Imran Khan argued that thousands of all the political leaders has been arrested taken out of Kashmir even those Kashmiri leaders were Pro, and they have been taken out thirteen thousand boys have been picked up and taken to God knows which destinations so what do they think what will the people of Kashmir do when they lift the curfew (2019). They will be out of the streets and what will these soldiers do they will shoot them they've already used pellet guns blinded young boys in the last six years they're the five years the oppression that has gone on in Kashmir and so Kashmiris will be further radicalized Mr. president there will be another palwama and guess what India will blame us they are already blaming us they're saying this all this is happening because of Pakistan (Khan, 2019). All this is the emotional language used by Imran Khan in order to address that the problem he is discussing a serious issue regarding the Kashmir curfew by India and what India is doing, it is just blaming Pakistan for this as it always does. Moreover, targeting emotions by the usage of language is an approach that helps to propagate certain ideologies and help people specifically political leaders to inculcate their ideologies within discourse.

#### **4.2.2 Tayyab Erdogan's speech analysis at meso-level**

Tayyab Erdogan has also used certain kind of language and emotional appeal with the help of rhetorical devices of language that is accepted on an international forum. He used the language in which they understand, English as a tool to assimilate their propaganda of being at the forum and addressing speech. As he stated that despite our organizations with huge budgets employing tens of thousands of personnel as a human family of 8 billion inhabitants. We haven't yet managed to rescue a six-year-old girl which is actually like an injured sparrow trapped under the rubble. That was shaking before our eyes. Hundreds of Gazan children died. And they are still dying because they cannot find a morsel of dry bread, a sip of water, and a bowl of soup. In Gaza, not only children are dying, but also the United Nations system. The values that the West claims to defend are dying. The truth is dying. The hopes of humanity to

live in a more than just world are dying one by one (Erdogan, 2019). In these lines Erdogan has directly challenged United Nation system as it works as peace provider and to protect human rights. The purpose of making this organization was basically to defend human rights and to punish those who violate these human rights, so now why United Nation is failing to stop the massacre in Gaza. Erdogan deliberately talked about the purpose and foundation of the United Nations in order to make it critical and serious regarding the issue as it is about the lives of innocent people and the women who are being raped and murdered. He has bluntly used the language that can make other against him, but he cleared that he does not worry about these things as at the time he only wants to make sure that people who are being killed in the massacre should be saved.

I am asking you bluntly here, openly, frankly. I call out to you, oh human rights organizations are those in Gaza and the West Bank, not human beings. Do children in Palestine have no rights? And they play out on the streets in their homelands safely and call out to the international press organizations. Aren't the journalists murdered by Israeli Israel on live TV, your colleagues, whose offices were actually raided as well? I call out to United Nations Security Council. What are you waiting for to prevent the genocide in Gaza to put a stop to this cruelty, this barbarianism (Erdogan, 2019). This direct use of language allowed him to question the authority of United Nation system, so they can take it on serious account. Taking some International system into account is not as easy as one can think, such action can allow such forums or systems to make the country blacklist, who else directly challenges the authority. But Erdogan has used direct language with the help of emotional appeal so that he can easily tell the international forum his point.

Both leaders have successfully used their discourse and language to create an ideology and represent this ideology through the linguistic forms, and emotional appeal. They both used linguistic forms that can raise emotions, such as, use of certain words and referring to the current situation or to past incidents. Meso-level by Van Dijk also suggests that people use emotive language and certain rhetorical devices that help to perpetuate the ideologies.

#### **4.3 Micro Level**

Van Dijk in his social schema theory suggested that there are certain context models that are basically cognitive representations. These representations are made to understand any communicative event. Van Dijk argued that mental representations that control discourse production and interpretation in context are termed as context models. These are made on the basis of situations, speaker-listener relationships, power dynamics and lastly shared knowledge. Such models permit a speaker to change his discourse according to his audience, setting, and ideologies to be accepted and rejected in the particular context. This ensures that discourse is both the product and producer of social cognition and ideological structure.

##### **4.3.1 Imran Khan's speech analysis at micro-level**

Imran Khan uses the situation of Islamophobia in order to critique the West, particularly the United Nations and other European countries, to accuse them of propagating Islamophobia and failing to stand up for the rights of Muslims. Khan has positioned Pakistan and the broader Muslim World as victims of global ideological campaign, where their identity is being nullified and they have security issues also. Khan argued that while on one hand West criminalizes Holocaust denial and on the other hand it also allows the belittling of Islam that reflects their double standards. This strategy not only has criticized Western policies but has also evoked a sense of unit and resistance among Muslims. Khan's rhetorical framing of Islamophobia highlighted an "Us vs. Them" ideology, Muslim as the wronged, moral community, and the West as unjust aggressor, fitting into the micro level proposed by Van Dijk as he suggested that one can change his discourse according to the situation and can form binary oppositions.

Khan's repeated emphasis on words like "pain," "division," and "injustice," is not just coincidental, these all are emotionally charged terms meant to explain Muslim concern and to foster empathy, particularly from Western audience that may not fully grasp the emotional and spiritual depth of Islamic beliefs. This reflects the efforts of Khan to bridge the cultural misunderstandings between both communities. He has also given real life examples such as hijab fans, freedom of speech paradoxes, and the example of Holocaust sensitivity, to create a parallel discourse to which the Western community can relate. This shows context (UN setting), audience (global leaders), and purpose (raising awareness and defense of Islamic values) shape structure and content of what is being said. The situation demands careful explanation, so he doesn't just condemn the West, he attempts to educate it, showing that Muslims do not oppose freedom of speech but ask for respect and empathy in its use.

Khan also has molded his discourse by shifting registers throughout the speech, moving from diplomatic tones to passionate pleas, from historical accounts to personal anecdotes as he gave his experience of living in West. His framing of Islam as a religion of "compassion and justice" and of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as a living example of Quran serves to provide alternative, contextually grounded meanings that challenge misconceptions, specifically of West.

#### **4.3.2 Tayyab Erdogan's speech analysis at micro-level**

Tayyab Erdogan has not just criticized Israel, he also framed the entire geopolitical situation as a moral crisis, where silence from global powers equals complicity in injustice. Erdogan has adapted his language to resonate with Muslim Ummah, oppressed communities, and even liberal Western audiences who value human rights. Erdogan also referred to "ethnic cleansing" or "massacres". He has not merely reported events rather he has constructed a powerful emotional narrative. That represents his deliberate discursive choice to use emotionally charged and morally loaded language to build solidarity with Palestinians and show Turkey as a voice of justice.

Erdogan while giving speech has molded his discourse by calling out the hypocrisy of the international community, particularly those that claim to champion human rights yet remain silent or indirectly support Israel's actions. He uses language that posits rhetorical questioning to highlight the silence of powerful states and international bodies such as UN, thereby he has constructed a sense of global moral failure. This is a strategy presented by Van Dijk in his theory where speakers frame local and individual realities against broader global narratives, with emphasis on contradiction, hypocrisy and injustice. He has basically created a map during his speech that how Palestinian land has steadily diminished since 1947. This reveals that Erdogan's argument is not only based on ideology but also on evidence. This approach resonates with the micro-level discourse analysis, as the speaker has to adapt his language according to the situational demand, audience expectations, and socio-political realities.

Both Imran Khan and Tayyab Erdogan in their speeches have expressed firm opposition to injustice even though they raised different issues. Imran Khan highlighted the issue of Islamophobia by giving examples through his personal life that how Muslims are being treated differently and are discriminated by West. On the other hand, Tayyab Erdogan focused on Palestinian genocide by criticizing UN for its failure in balancing the human rights and their protection. Both of them adjusted their speeches according to the audience and the situation to ensure their messages reach all over the world.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In a nutshell, the research has allowed researcher to investigate certain rhetorical devices and schemas regarding Islamophobia and Palestinian genocide. The research highlights that both leaders have used certain devices such as emphasis, emotional appeal etc., to propagate their specific ideologies and also have used language for creating certain concepts and clearing the



misconcepts of Western community or to call an urgent need of action. Van Dijk's Social Schema theory in the field of CDA has allowed researcher to delve in the Critical Discourse Analysis and to critically evaluate the speeches given by both leaders of Muslim Ummah. As theory suggests that in a discourse there are three levels, first is concerned with ideologies, second is concerned with how these ideologies are propagated and the last one deals with the situations in which discourse is being molded. So, all these levels can be noticed in speeches of both leaders. As they successfully inculcate their ideologies within the Western communities.

## 5.2 Recommendations

Future researchers are encouraged to explore multiple directions to expand on the findings of this study. A longitudinal analysis of Imran Khan's and Tayyab Erdogan's UNGA speeches across different years could reveal how their ideological narratives and discursive strategies evolve over time. Additionally, studies focusing on audience reception may help determine how different populations, such as Western audiences, Muslim-majority communities, or diaspora groups, interpret these speeches, thereby highlighting the broader impact of ideological discourse.

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