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#### Abstract

One particular tool commonly used by people in delivering thoughts is speech, in this case, formal speech. Collecting Illocutionary Actions within formal speech is very interesting activity. By analyzing Illocutionary Actions, people can reveal the intended meaning of the speaker. The data source in this research is taken from the script of Obama"s formal speech delivered at Interfaith Prayer Vigil in Newtown, Connecticut. The objectives of this research are to propose a list of Act of Representative and to provide an analysis about Act of Representative inside the speech, by connecting the Act of Representative found with the prevailing circumstances in USA when the speech were delivered. By collecting some of the representative acts in the Obama's speech, the writer is able to provide some thorough analysis toward some truths and facts spoken by Obama himself, as the president of the United States of America. There are 22 representative acts in the Obama"s Speech delivered at Interfaith Prayer Vigil in Newtown, Connecticut. The truths and facts themselves talk about some different themes, such us religious themes, family, future US policy, shootings tragedy, and the circumstances in the related neighborhood.

**Key words:** Act of Representative, Obama, Obama's Speech at Interfaith Prayer Vigil in Newtown, Connecticut

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