

**A TRANSITIVITY ANALYSIS OF SELECTED NEWSPAPER HEADLINES  
ABOUT PRESIDENT DUTERTE**

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### ABSTRACT

Drawing on Halliday's (1985) Theory of Transitivity with the language constructs endeavored critically through van Dijk's (1995) Ideological Discourse Analysis, this study unveiled the ideologies in the banner headlines about President Rodrigo Duterte and his first 100 days in his office from three selected Philippine daily broadsheets namely *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, *The Philippine Star* and *Manila Bulletin*. The paper also furthered its inquiry to elucidate how these ideologies are created and how social identity is shaped through the linguistic choices of the journalists. The Transitivity analysis of the 80 banner headlines revealed that the broadsheets portrayed the president as an active agent mostly of the verbal process with circumstances highly related to his duties and responsibilities as a national leader. This was supported by the results of Ideological Discourse Analysis revealing the following ideologies as the major themes of the newspapers aforementioned: (1) President Duterte as a sayer, (2) President Duterte as a national leader with a strong personality and (3) President Duterte and his conflicts. These ideologies were found to be constructed through mapping the ideas in the headlines' language domains.

The present study also discussed how these analyses can be of significance in facilitating the teaching of clauses in secondary education and deepening the ESL learners' understanding of the English Language through its proposed model of teaching Transitivity or clauses.



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