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## **Sociolinguistic Analysis of Speech: How Speechwriters Create Persuasive Texts: Kazakh Speechwriter Abish Kekilbayev and American Speechwriter Jonathan Edward Favreau**

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### ABSTRACT

This research paper presents a sociolinguistic analysis of speeches, with a focus on the persuasive writing techniques used by speechwriters. It compares the approaches of Kazakh speechwriter Abish Kekilbayev and American speechwriter Jonathan Edward Favreau, examining their contributions to political communication and the shaping of public opinion. The aim of this study is to explore the linguistic strategies and stylistic devices employed by Kekilbayev and Favreau in crafting impactful speeches. Special emphasis is placed on how cultural and linguistic contexts shape the political leaders' identities through their speech texts. The research methodology includes sociolinguistic speech analysis, comparison of linguistic

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features, and textual data analysis to identify both shared elements and unique aspects of the two speechwriters' approaches. This study offers a fresh perspective on the importance of speechwriters' expertise in shaping political discourse, highlighting their critical role in contemporary political communication. Furthermore, the paper investigates key elements of rhetorical effectiveness, emotional appeal, lexical richness, syntactic structures, ideological framing, and discourse strategies that enhance persuasive power and audience engagement. Through the analysis of linguistic tools such as metaphor, parallelism, and repetition, the paper shows how speechwriters construct narratives that resonate with their audiences. Additionally, the study takes into account the historical and socio-political contexts that influence their rhetoric, providing insight into how speechwriting evolves within different cultural and political settings.

**Keywords:** Sociolinguistic; Speechwriters; Persuasive; Abish Kekilbayev; Jonathan Edward Favreau

## 1. Introduction

Speechwriters play an integral role in political discourse, shaping and transforming political ideas into persuasive texts that significantly influence public opinion and political processes. Their work is a key element of communication strategies employed by political leaders and organizations to persuade and mobilize the masses.

This academic article focuses on the sociolinguistic analysis of speechwriting, highlighting how linguistic and stylistic choices impact the effectiveness and reception of speech texts. Specifically, it examines the works of Kazakh speechwriter Abish Kekilbayev and American speechwriter Vincent Foster, whose creative approaches and professionalism serve as exemplary models for crafting persuasive speeches in diverse cultural and political contexts.

The research aims to analyze the linguistic strategies, semantic structures, and stylistic devices employed by speechwriters to identify the key elements of their success in creating impactful speeches. Understanding these aspects will not only deepen appreciation for the contributions of speechwriters to political communication but also provide recommendations for improving strategies of public influence and mass persuasion through linguistic tools.

Thus, this article makes a valuable contribution to the study of speechwriters' roles in shaping political discourse, emphasizing the key mechanisms of their professional activities and their influence on societal processes.

The role of speechwriters in political and public spheres is substantial and multifaceted, affecting the formation of public opinion, communication of political ideas, and management of leaders' public images. Speechwriters develop speeches and addresses for political leaders, helping them ef-

fectively articulate their political views and goals. They not only craft the content but also select linguistic constructions that convey ideas to the audience in the most compelling manner<sup>[1]</sup>.

Speeches created by speechwriters play a pivotal role in shaping public opinion and perceptions of political leaders. Well-structured and emotionally charged speeches can significantly strengthen leaders' positions or shift public attitudes on important political issues<sup>[2]</sup>.

In multicultural societies, speechwriters play a vital role in adapting political messages to diverse cultural and linguistic contexts. Their work enables leaders to reach audiences across various cultures and educational levels, a critical requirement in today's political landscape.

Speechwriters not only perform the technical task of drafting speeches but also hold a strategic role in shaping and maintaining political images and influencing public consciousness through effective communication.

The ability to write persuasively is an essential skill across academic and professional domains, from constructing compelling research arguments to delivering impactful public speeches. Scholars have examined the linguistic methods writers use to effectively engage their audiences, emphasizing the importance of metadiscourse, rhetorical appeals, and audience involvement.

Speechwriting is a nuanced and strategic art that requires careful selection and deliberate arrangement of language to captivate and persuade an audience. Skilled speechwriters meticulously craft their words to resonate with their target audience, evoke emotional responses, and ultimately shape public opinion through the power of rhetoric<sup>[3]</sup>.

Composing persuasive speeches is a delicate and complex endeavor, requiring a deep understanding of the intri-

cate interplay between language, context, and audience. In this research, we explore the sociolinguistic strategies employed by two prominent and highly respected speechwriters: Abish Kekilbayev, an eminent Kazakh speechwriter, and Jonathan Edward Favreau, a renowned American speechwriter. Through a comprehensive examination of their approaches, we aim to illuminate the multifaceted linguistic and cultural factors that shape the creation of impactful and persuasive texts.

A comparative analysis of the techniques used by Kekilbayev and Favreau seeks to highlight the diverse linguistic and cultural factors that influence the crafting of persuasive texts<sup>[4]</sup>.

Although these renowned speechwriters come from contrasting cultural backgrounds, they share a common goal: crafting speeches that captivate, inspire, and ultimately persuade their audience. While Kekilbayev's rhetorical strategies are deeply rooted in his Kazakh cultural heritage and traditions, Favreau's speechwriting is shaped by the broader American political discourse and its established conventions. By exploring these nuanced differences, we gain valuable insights into the multifaceted nature of effective persuasive communication.

Engaging the audience effectively is a key component of constructing compelling discourse. This engagement is often achieved through the strategic use of metadiscourse—a linguistic feature that guides the audience's understanding and shapes their perception of the text. Metadiscourse encompasses various linguistic resources such as hedging, reporting verbs, and personal pronouns, which play a crucial role in establishing the author's stance, building relationships with the audience, and creating a sense of shared experience and understanding<sup>[5]</sup>.

By carefully selecting and employing these metadiscursive elements, speechwriters like Kekilbayev and Favreau anticipate their audience's concerns, address their needs, and ultimately guide them toward the desired persuasive outcome. Kekilbayev and Favreau's approaches to speechwriting demonstrate a nuanced understanding of the influential role of metadiscourse. Through the strategic use of linguistic resources, including hedging, reporting verbs, and personal pronouns, they cultivate a close connection with their audience, anticipate their concerns, and guide them to a persuasive conclusion.

By leveraging these metadiscursive features, speechwriters foster a sense of shared experience and mutual understanding, creating an engaging and effective communication style that resonates with their audiences.

Cultural and contextual factors shaping the approaches of speechwriters are of paramount importance and cannot be overlooked. Kekilbayev's speeches, deeply rooted in Kazakh cultural tradition, may employ a diverse array of rhetorical techniques and linguistic strategies that strongly resonate with his local audience, captivating and persuading them through the strategic use of culturally specific references, metaphors, and expressions. These culturally embedded elements help Kekilbayev establish a strong connection with his Kazakh audience, allowing him to deliver his message in a familiar and accessible manner. Kekilbayev's use of traditional Kazakh poetic devices, such as alliteration and parallelism, further enhances the emotional impact and memorability of his speeches, as these linguistic features are deeply ingrained in the cultural consciousness of his target audience<sup>[6]</sup>.

In contrast, Favreau's work reflects the broader American political discourse and its established conventions, employing linguistic tools and rhetorical strategies specifically designed to engage and influence his target audience within the context of the American political landscape. Favreau's speeches often draw on quintessential American values, tropes, and references, such as the American Dream, the legacy of the Founding Fathers, and the concept of American exceptionalism, enabling him to craft messages that resonate with his audience and align with the broader political and cultural ethos of the United States.

Through the strategic use of these culturally specific linguistic and rhetorical elements, both Kekilbayev and Favreau are able to create a strong sense of identification and connection with their respective audiences, ultimately enhancing the persuasive power of their speeches.

The sociolinguistic study of Abish Kekilbayev and Jonathan Edward Favreau's approaches to speechwriting highlights the multifaceted nature of persuasive discourse. By analyzing the linguistic and cultural nuances that shape their craft, we gain deeper insight into the complex strategies that enable these renowned speechwriters to captivate, influence, and ultimately persuade their diverse audiences. Through the strategic use of metadiscursive elements and

culturally specific rhetorical techniques, Kekilbayev and Favreau establish strong connections with their audiences, anticipate their needs and concerns, and guide them toward desired persuasive outcomes.

This comparative analysis underscores the critical role that language, context, and audience play in shaping the art of effective and impactful speechwriting, offering valuable insights for both practitioners and scholars in the fields of rhetoric and communication. The findings of this study may help develop more nuanced and effective strategies for crafting persuasive speeches that resonate with diverse audiences, ultimately contributing to more meaningful and impactful communication in various socio-political and cultural contexts.

We also believe that such research will contribute to correcting the deficiencies in the oral speech of today’s Kazakh youth. “It is well known that the oral speech and official rhetoric of today’s Kazakh youth are declining. In the language of youth, the elements of barbarisms and colloquial speech have mixed, and, in addition to this, unclear, unnecessary, and empty speech is increasing. In this regard, the article suggests that in order to develop the rhetoric of youth, it is necessary to first teach, analyze, and practice works written in the traditional speech style of Kazakh writers,” as stated in<sup>[7]</sup>. In solving this issue, it is important that the speech of leaders in society arises from the pen of skilled writers. This is because, in any society, young people tend to imitate leaders in many aspects, and we cannot deny the possibility of improving their effective and meaningful speaking abilities to a certain extent.

In developed countries around the world, speechwriting is recognized as a profession within the PR field. However,

in Kazakhstan, this is not openly acknowledged, and it is not included in the list of professions. Therefore, we use the method of prediction regarding this matter<sup>[5]</sup>.

In this article, we seek to answer the question of who the speechwriters of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, were and, based on several facts, we clarify that Abish Kekilbayev served as a speechwriter.

Before delving into this topic, we reviewed the seven-volume collection of N.A. Nazarbayev’s “Selected Speeches.” In the preface to the first volume, it is stated: “The speeches delivered by N.A. Nazarbayev throughout his many years of political service form a wide range of oratorical values.”

The seven-volume “Selected Speeches” collection covers the period from 1989 to 2013. Thus, it can be considered a quarter-century chronicle. During this period, Abish Kekilbayev, a prominent writer of Kazakhstan and a statesman, was a key figure in politics and served as a trusted companion to the First President. This is not a mere coincidence but rather indicates that, in addition to his main state duties, Kekilbayev likely also served as a speechwriter.

To support our argument without raising doubts, we can use data from volumes III and IV of “Selected Speeches,” which cover the years 1995–2002. Additionally, the second volume of the “Abish Kekilbayev” encyclopedia refers to the Presidential Archive of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which includes the work schedule of the State Secretary for the years 1998–2002. The list is extensive, and it is not possible to cover it all in one article. Therefore, in our opinion, the data from 2001 alone is sufficient to substantiate our claim (see **Table 1**)<sup>[8]</sup>.

**Table 1.** The main reports of A. Kekilbayev over the years of service

No.	Date	State Secretary A. Kekilbayev’s Work Schedule	Date	President N. Nazarbayev’s Selected Speeches
1	24.01.2001	Directly carrying out the President’s orders	02.02.2001	Speech at the II Congress of Education and Science Workers of Kazakhstan (Almaty) <sup>[9]</sup>
2	12.01.2001	Working with classified information from the National Security Committee of Kazakhstan	09.02.2001	Speech at the Conference of the Senior Command of the Armed Forces of Kazakhstan (Almaty) Working with classified documents
3	13.03.2001 02.04.2001	Preparing responses to the President’s tasks Seeing the President off on an official visit to Norway and Lithuania	03.04.2001	Speech at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (Kingdom of Norway, Oslo)
4			26.04.2001	26.04.2001 Speech at the VII Summit of Turkic-speaking countries (Turkey, Istanbul)
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Table 1. *Cont.*

No.	Date	State Secretary A. Kekilbayev's Work Schedule	Date	President N. Nazarbayev's Selected Speeches
6	22.05.2001	Attending a closed meeting held by the President	15.06.2001	Speech at the Summit of Member States of the Shanghai Five (PRC, Shanghai)
7	18.07.2001	Working on the President's orders	29.08.2001	Speech at the International Conference "XXI Century: Step Towards a Nuclear-Free World" (Almaty)
8	2001	The State Secretary worked on the Address text during the August holidays—B.Zh	03.09.2001	Speech at the International Conference "XXI Century: Step Towards a Nuclear-Free World" (Almaty)
9	06.09.2001	Working on the President's orders	06.09.2001	Speech at the First Congress of Kazakh Youth (Mangystau Region, Aktau)
10	19.09.2001	Working on the preparation for the visit of Pope John Paul II to Astana	22.09.2001	Speech at the Ceremony for the Reception of Pope John Paul II (Astana)
11	17.09.2001	Preparing for the VIII session of the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan	24.10.2001	Speech at the VIII Session of the Assembly of the People of Kazakhstan on "10 Years of Independence: Peace, Progress, and Public Accord" (Astana)
12	02.08.2001	Working on issues related to the 10th anniversary of Independence	06.11.2001	Speech at the Anniversary Session of the National Academy of Sciences of Kazakhstan (Almaty)
13	02.11.2001	Working with classified documents	30.11.2001	Speech at the Anniversary Summit of the CIS Heads of State on the 10th Anniversary of the Commonwealth (Russia, Moscow)
14	08.10.2001	Meeting to prepare the draft of the President's speech on the 10th anniversary of Independence	16.12.2001	Speech at the Official Meeting on the 10th Anniversary of Kazakhstan's Independence: "10 Years Worth 100 Years" (Astana)

## 2. Methods

To conduct a comprehensive analysis of the methods and approaches employed by speechwriters Abish Kekilbayev and Jon Favreau in crafting persuasive texts, this article utilizes three key methodological approaches: psycholinguistics, rhetoric, and sociolinguistics. These methods enable an in-depth examination of the cognitive and emotional aspects of speech perception, as well as the rhetorical and sociocultural factors influencing their effectiveness.

The psycholinguistic method was employed to determine how speechwriters elicit emotional and cognitive responses from listeners and to study how psycholinguistic techniques are used to create persuasive and memorable speeches. The analysis focuses on how speeches evoke specific cognitive and emotional reactions in the audience. Content analysis of speeches is applied for this purpose.

The rhetorical method was used to analyze the rhetorical devices and strategies employed by speechwriters to create compelling texts. It also compares the rhetorical techniques of Abish Kekilbayev and Jon Favreau, highlighting their impact on audiences. The rhetorical method examines metaphors, analogies, repetitions, and other rhetorical elements used in speeches. Content analysis is employed to identify the frequency and types of rhetorical devices in the texts. A comparative analysis of Kekilbayev's and Favreau's rhetorical strategies is conducted to identify similarities and differences in their approaches to crafting speeches for di-

verse audiences.

The sociolinguistic method was applied to investigate how social, cultural, and ethnic factors influence the creation and content of speeches and to assess how speechwriters adapt their texts to the sociocultural context of the audience. This includes analyzing the use of linguistic variations, dialects, and sociolects in the speeches. The social and cultural contexts in which the speeches are crafted and delivered are also considered. Methods for analyzing sociocultural factors are employed.

The methodological approach in this article provides a comprehensive perspective on the process of crafting persuasive speeches by Abish Kekilbayev and Jon Favreau. The application of psycholinguistics, rhetoric, and sociolinguistics offers deep insights into the cognitive and emotional aspects of speech perception, as well as the rhetorical and sociocultural factors that enhance its effectiveness. This enables the identification of key strategies and techniques that contribute to successful audience influence.

The selection of data for this sociolinguistic analysis is inherently tied to the necessity of examining persuasion through the lens of cultural, political, and rhetorical traditions. By focusing on Abish Kekilbayev and Jonathan Edward Favreau, the study establishes a dual framework—one that contrasts the rhetorical landscapes of Kazakhstan and the United States while uncovering the deeper mechanisms of speechwriting as a form of ideological and social engineering.

The rationale behind these data choices is rooted in the complex interplay between national identity and the construction of political discourse. Kekilbayev's texts, embedded in the historical and cultural continuity of Kazakhstan, emphasize structured national narratives, collective responsibility, and the rhetorical weight of historical motifs. His language operates within the parameters of Kazakh oral traditions, leveraging the authority of past generations to reinforce contemporary political messages. In doing so, his rhetoric fosters a sense of continuity, stability, and national unity, intertwining the past with the present to assert political legitimacy. In contrast, Favreau's speeches capitalize on the American tradition of democratic discourse—relying on fluid emotional resonance, individual agency, and the invocation of shared struggles to create a sense of immediacy and unity. His rhetorical style is often characterized by its adaptability and emotional appeal, engaging audiences on both a personal and collective level by invoking the ideals of democracy and inclusivity.

The methodology employed in this study is driven by the need to understand both the linguistic strategies and the broader social functions of these texts. Psycholinguistic analysis explores how audience reception is shaped by rhetorical tools—whether through the rhythmic certainty of Kekilbayev's declarative structures or the evocative appeal of Favreau's soaring metaphors. This psycholinguistic approach examines how specific rhetorical choices elicit psychological responses, influencing audience perceptions and emotional engagement. In parallel, rhetorical scrutiny reveals the structural elegance of each speech, whether it be the carefully organized prioritization of policy objectives in Kazakh political addresses or the narrative-driven cadence of American political storytelling. This analysis of rhetorical devices, such as metaphor, analogy, and repetition, provides insight into how each speaker constructs meaning and authority, creating resonant messages that engage and persuade.

The sociolinguistic dimension situates these texts within their broader cultural and political contexts, highlighting how speechwriters calibrate language to national consciousness. Through careful analysis of language, this study explores how speechwriters use discourse to shift public perception, emphasizing the ways in which political messages are tailored to fit the values and ideologies of specific national audiences. For Kekilbayev, the nationalistic framing

in his speeches often underscores Kazakhstan's historical trajectory, emphasizing modernization and collective development. For Favreau, American political discourse is driven by civic empowerment narratives, positioning the audience as active participants in the democratic process.

The strategic use of lexical and syntactic devices further underscores the significance of these texts beyond their immediate political contexts. Kekilbayev's speeches, centered on modernization and national progress, exhibit an almost ceremonial weight, elevating the collective over the individual. The formality of his language reflects the gravity of his political messages, reinforcing the importance of unity and shared purpose in the nation's development. Favreau's rhetorical approach, in contrast, thrives on inclusivity and momentum, positioning political leadership as both aspirational and participatory. His speeches emphasize individual empowerment and collective action, suggesting that leadership is not solely top-down but involves the active engagement of the public in shaping the political landscape. These contrasts not only reflect stylistic preferences but also signal fundamental differences in the way power and agency are linguistically mediated within each society.

Thus, the methodological choices made in this study serve a broader purpose: to interrogate how persuasion functions across different socio-political landscapes. By weaving together psycholinguistics, rhetoric, and sociolinguistics, the analysis transcends a purely textual examination. It offers a multidimensional perspective on how speechwriters craft narratives that resonate, mobilize, and ultimately shape political reality. This approach facilitates a deeper understanding of the ideological forces at play within political speeches, revealing how they are used to navigate and reinforce the complex social dynamics of each culture.

The methodological framework in this study arises from the need to comprehensively examine the persuasive strategies employed by speechwriters within distinct cultural and political contexts. The research integrates psycholinguistics, rhetoric, and sociolinguistics, each offering a unique yet complementary perspective on how speechwriters shape public discourse.

Psycholinguistics allows for the exploration of how cognitive and emotional responses are elicited through speech structure, word choice, and rhetorical devices. The persuasive impact of language is not merely the result of logical

argumentation but also of how words and phrasing trigger psychological and affective reactions in an audience. This study explores how Kekilbayev and Favreau strategically use emotional appeals, collective identity markers, and motivational language to guide audience perception and encourage engagement. By examining how language functions on both a cognitive and emotional level, psycholinguistics reveals the deeper psychological processes at play in political persuasion.

Rhetorical analysis plays a key role in dissecting the formal strategies of persuasion, such as metaphor, analogy, parallelism, and repetition. By comparing the deployment of these devices across different cultural traditions, this research reveals how each speaker uses rhetoric to engage their audience. For Kekilbayev, whose style is rooted in Kazakh oral tradition and historical continuity, persuasion is often driven by narrative coherence and authoritative appeal. For Favreau, persuasion hinges on the emotional intensity and inclusivity of his democratic rhetoric. By identifying these rhetorical tendencies, the study sheds light on how speechwriters establish authority, credibility, and resonance with their respective audiences, whether through the compelling force of tradition or the emotional appeal of democratic values.

Sociolinguistics situates these speeches within their broader cultural and political frameworks, recognizing that language is shaped by social structures, ideological narratives, and national identity discourses. The research examines how speechwriters tailor their messages to meet the expectations of their audiences—whether through nationalistic framing in Kazakhstan’s political rhetoric or by invoking civic empowerment narratives in American political discourse. Speech is not merely a tool for persuasion; it is a reflection of the underlying societal norms, values, and power dynamics that govern each political context<sup>[10, 11]</sup>.

This methodological combination ensures a multi-layered analysis that goes beyond surface-level textual scrutiny. Rather than isolating individual rhetorical features, this study considers how language interacts with cognition, ideology, and historical context to produce effective political persuasion. By applying these varied analytical perspectives, the research offers a holistic examination of speechwriting as a strategic, adaptive, and socially embedded practice—one that is not just concerned with persuasion but also with shaping and reflecting political realities within diverse cultural

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### 3. Results and Discussion

Sociolinguistics is a dynamic and interdisciplinary field of study that examines the intricate interaction between language and society. This discipline explores how language use is profoundly influenced by a range of social, cultural, and contextual factors, providing a comprehensive understanding of the role language plays in shaping social interactions and how social factors, in turn, shape language use. Sociolinguistic analysis offers a holistic perspective on the complex relationships between language and its social context, drawing from disciplines such as linguistics, sociology, and anthropology. By investigating the impact of various social, cultural, and contextual variables on language use, sociolinguists aim to uncover the nuanced and multifaceted nature of the connections between language and society, ultimately contributing to a deeper understanding of human communication and social dynamics. Using this interdisciplinary approach, sociolinguists shed light on the intricate mechanisms through which language reflects and constructs the social world, emphasizing its crucial role in shaping and negotiating cultural identities, power dynamics, and social hierarchies.

A central concept in sociolinguistic analysis is linguistic variation, which encompasses differences in language use within a speech community. Sociolinguists explore how various social, demographic, and geographic factors contribute to this diversity. For example, they examine how characteristics such as age, gender, social class, ethnicity, and geographic location influence the adoption of different dialects, accents, and linguistic features within a speech community. Additionally, the concept of language attitudes—the beliefs and perceptions people hold about various linguistic varieties—is a vital aspect of sociolinguistic analysis. These attitudes can significantly impact language use and change, as individuals may prefer or stigmatize specific linguistic varieties based on their perceived status, prestige, or appropriateness in various social contexts. Furthermore, sociolinguists investigate how the use of certain linguistic varieties can reflect and reinforce power dynamics within society, as dominant or prestigious

varieties are often associated with higher social status and privileged groups, while less prestigious varieties may be stigmatized or marginalized. By understanding these complex relationships between language and social factors, sociolinguists illuminate how language use reflects and shapes social hierarchies and cultural identities.

Interactional sociolinguistics, an important branch of sociolinguistics, focuses on analyzing language use in social interactions. This area examines how language is dynamically adapted and used in various social contexts, offering valuable insights into how individuals manage their social relationships and maintain social order through language. By studying the nuances of language use in real-life interactions, interactional sociolinguists highlight the intricate processes through which speakers employ linguistic strategies to achieve specific communicative goals, such as expressing politeness, managing interpersonal dynamics, and upholding social norms and expectations. This approach provides a deeper understanding of the complex interplay between language, social interactions, power dynamics, and cultural identity within a given context<sup>[12, 13]</sup>.

Sociolinguists also study the concept of language ideologies, which refer to people's beliefs and perceptions about the inherent value, status, and appropriateness of different linguistic varieties. These ideologies can significantly influence patterns of language use, language policies, and the maintenance or transformation of linguistic practices within a speech community. Language ideologies shape how people perceive and evaluate various linguistic varieties, often privileging certain forms over others based on their perceived prestige, correctness, or suitability for specific social contexts. These ideologies affect individual language choices as well as broader societal attitudes and institutional policies that either support or marginalize certain linguistic practices. By examining language ideologies, sociolinguists clarify the intricate ways beliefs about language intersect with broader social hierarchies, power dynamics, and cultural identities within a speech community<sup>[14]</sup>.

Recent advancements in computational sociolinguistics, which leverage large-scale data from sources such as social media, have opened new avenues for exploring linguistic variation and change on a broader scale. This has enabled sociolinguists to identify patterns and trends that were previously difficult to observe and analyze. The ability



to access and process vast amounts of digital linguistic data, often in real-time, has transformed the field of sociolinguistics, allowing researchers to uncover subtle insights into the complex relationships between language and social factors on an unprecedented scale. This computational approach complements traditional sociolinguistic methods, equipping sociolinguists with powerful tools to study the dynamics of language use and change across various social contexts and communities.

The field of sociolinguistics employs a multifaceted set of concepts and theories to investigate the intricate connections between language and society. This interdisciplinary approach provides valuable insights into how social, cultural, and contextual factors shape patterns of language use. Through this analytical lens, sociolinguists illuminate the ways in which language simultaneously reflects and actively constructs cultural identities, power dynamics, and social hierarchies within a given speech community. By studying linguistic variation, attitudes, speech acts, interactional dynamics, and ideologies, sociolinguists offer a nuanced understanding of the mechanisms through which language both influences and is influenced by the social world. This deeper understanding of the relationship between language and society is essential for addressing issues of linguistic diversity, equity, and inclusivity, as well as informing language-related policies and practices that can foster more just and inclusive social structures<sup>[12]</sup>.

In today's world, effective communication is crucial across various fields, from business and politics to culture and education. Speeches and written materials crafted by speechwriters play a significant role in shaping public opinion, influencing audiences, and delivering important messages. In this context, structural and thematic analysis of speeches and texts created by speechwriters become an indispensable tool for understanding and improving communication.

To comprehensively analyze the methods and approaches used by Abish Kekilbayev and Jonathan Edward Favreau in crafting persuasive texts, this study applies three key methodological approaches: psycholinguistics, rhetoric, and sociolinguistics. These methods provide a holistic examination of both the cognitive and emotional aspects of speech perception, as well as the rhetorical and sociocultural factors that influence their effectiveness. The methodologi-

cal framework employed in this study enables an integrated exploration of how Abish Kekilbayev and Jonathan Edward Favreau create compelling speeches.

For the analysis, we selected texts written by these speechwriters for their respective presidents (Kazakhstan and the United States). The text by speechwriter Abish Kekilbayev:

*“Dear citizens of Kazakhstan! Honorable deputies and members of the Government! Ladies and gentlemen!*

*Kazakhstan today stands at the threshold of a new phase of socio-economic modernization and political democratization.*

*My understanding of the key components that will allow us to claim a place among the countries in the upper part of the global ranking is as follows:*

*First, the foundation of a prosperous and dynamically developing society can only be a modern, competitive, and open market economy, not limited to just the raw materials sector. This is an economy based on respect for and protection of private property rights and contractual relationships, initiative, and entrepreneurship from all members of society.*

*Second, we are building a socially-oriented society, where the elderly, motherhood and childhood, youth, and all citizens are cared for and supported. It is a society that ensures high quality and advanced social standards of life for all segments of the population.*

*Third, we are building a free, open, and democratic society.*

*Fourth, we are consistently creating and strengthening the rule of law, based on a balanced system of political checks and balances.*

*Fifth, we guarantee and ensure full equality of all religions and interfaith harmony in Kazakhstan. We respect and develop the best traditions of Islam, other world and traditional religions, but we are building a modern secular state.*

*Sixth, we preserve and develop the centuries-old traditions, language, and culture of the*

*Kazakh people, while ensuring interethnic and intercultural harmony and the progress of the united people of Kazakhstan.*

*Seventh, and this is one of our most important priorities, we consider our country as a full-fledged and responsible member of the international community, where Kazakhstan plays an important role in ensuring geopolitical stability and security in the region.*

*Today, in addressing you with my annual Address, dear citizens of Kazakhstan, I want to present the main priorities for advancing Kazakhstan among the most competitive and dynamically developing states in the world.”*

Address by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, N.A. Nazarbayev, to the people of Kazakhstan, March 2006. Strategy for Kazakhstan’s entry into the list of the 50 most competitive countries in the world. Kazakhstan is on the threshold of a new leap forward in its development.

The text is written in an official and formal style, which is characteristic of political messages and addresses by high-ranking officials. The speech register used implies respect for the audience and emphasizes the importance of the message. This is expressed through the use of formal forms of address (“Dear Kazakhstanis,” “Esteemed deputies and members of the Government,” “Ladies and gentlemen”), which create a distance between the speaker and the audience and lend an official tone to the speech. The text emphasizes collective identity and social unity. Words and phrases like “Kazakhstanis,” “the elderly,” “maternity and childhood,” and “youth” are used to address all social groups, demonstrating a desire to unite different groups of citizens around common goals.

The main focus is on the modernization and democratization of society. The text emphasizes the need for the development of a competitive economy, the creation of a socially oriented society, and the strengthening of the rule of law. These points reflect ideological goals aimed at developing the country in line with modern political and economic standards.

The text is structured in bullet points, allowing for a clear and concise presentation of the main priorities and goals. This approach makes the message more convincing and easier to understand.

The tone of the message is positive and optimistic,

aimed at strengthening trust and confidence in the future. The use of expressions like “the foundation of a prosperous society,” “high quality of life,” and “international geopolitical stability” creates an image of a dynamically developing and successful state.

Sociolinguistic analysis of the text shows that it is a carefully structured and formally presented address, reflecting the ideological and cultural orientations of Kazakhstan’s state policy. It is aimed at strengthening social cohesion, maintaining a positive image of the country, and demonstrating its commitment to modernization and international recognition.

The text has a clearly expressed structure with bullet points, which simplifies the perception and understanding of the information. Clearly defined points (first, second, etc.) help the audience navigate the content and remember key aspects. The structured presentation of information facilitates cognitive processing and comprehension of the text. Terms related to progress and development, such as “new stage,” “modern economy,” and “social standards,” create an image of a dynamically developing society. These terms positively affect perception and create an optimistic view of the future.

The tone of the text is optimistic and confident. The author uses positive words and phrases such as “prosperous society,” “high quality of life,” and “advanced social standards,” which evoke a sense of confidence and pride in the audience. This emotional impact helps create a positive image and encourages the perception of the text as inspiring and hopeful. The text appeals to the social and cultural values of the audience. For example, mentioning care for “the elderly” and “maternity and childhood” evokes emotions of empathy and responsibility. The emphasis on preserving the “age-old traditions” and “language and culture of the Kazakh people” appeals to cultural identity and national pride.

The text uses rhetorical devices aimed at establishing authority (ethos) and evoking emotions (pathos). Presenting information as Kazakhstan’s “global mission” to achieve high international status creates an impression of significance and urgency. This contributes to increasing trust in the message and encourages support for the outlined goals.

The text forms certain cognitive schemas about development and modernization. Mentioning specific aspects like “market economy,” “rule of law,” and “interfaith harmony” helps form ideas about the structural elements of a successful

society. This creates clear mental images and makes it easier to understand the development strategy.

The text is aimed at motivating the audience to support the government's program and actively participate in national efforts. Positive formulations and concrete goals contribute to strengthening motivation and confidence in the success of upcoming changes.

Appealing to different population groups and emphasizing common goals helps create a sense of unity and cohesion. This strengthens collective consciousness and encourages joint actions to achieve national goals. Psycholinguistic analysis of the text shows that it is aimed at creating a positive and confident image of the government program. The text uses a clear structure to facilitate cognitive processing of information and applies emotionally charged and motivating formulations to strengthen trust and audience involvement. The psychological impact of the text helps form a positive perception and maintain a high level of motivation among listeners and readers.

*"...1. First priority: Successful integration of Kazakhstan into the global economy—the foundation for a breakthrough in the country's economic development. We wish to see Kazakhstan as a country that develops in line with global economic trends. A country that absorbs all the new and advanced innovations created in the world, occupies a specific, though small, "niche" in the global economy, and is capable of quickly adapting to new economic conditions. We must be prepared for fierce competition and use it to our advantage. Kazakhstan can and must actively participate in multilateral international economic projects that contribute to our integration into the global economy, leveraging, among other things, our favorable economic-geographical position and available resources. The state, for its part, must eliminate legislative, administrative, and bureaucratic barriers to business initiative and provide direct support to promising private business ventures. Considering integration into the global economy as a necessary condition for a qualitative "breakthrough" in Kazakhstan's economic development, I believe*

*it is essential to focus on the following areas."*

Address by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan N.A. Nazarbayev to the people of Kazakhstan, March 2006. Strategy for Kazakhstan's entry into the top 50 most competitive countries in the world. Kazakhstan is on the verge of a new leap forward in its development.

The text emphasizes Kazakhstan's integration into the global economy, highlighting the country's commitment to internationalism and globalization. Concepts such as "global economic trends," "world economy," and "multilateral international economic projects" underline Kazakhstan's ambition to be part of the global economic system. The repetition of the word "Kazakhstan" signals national context and priorities. The phrase "embracing all that is new and advanced" reflects the country's desire to maintain national identity while adapting to international standards. The text emphasizes the need to remove "legislative, administrative, and bureaucratic barriers," which reflects the drive for a more open and transparent business environment, essential for creating a favorable investment climate. The use of phrases like "We wish to see" and "We must be ready" creates a direct address to the audience and a call to action, fostering a sense of involvement and responsibility among readers.

The concept "The state must" emphasizes the active role of government in creating conditions for economic growth, reflecting the need for state support of the private sector and simplifying the business environment. The text stresses the importance of "supporting promising private sector initiatives," acknowledging the significance of the private sector in the country's economic development. The text also demonstrates cultural values of accepting and implementing innovations and advanced technologies, signaling the country's ambition to follow global trends and maintain competitiveness. The discussion of "fierce competition" and "a necessary condition for a qualitative breakthrough" highlights both challenges and opportunities for Kazakhstan, acknowledging international competition and the desire to leverage it to achieve goals.

Sociolinguistic analysis reveals that the text reflects Kazakhstan's social and cultural ambitions, aiming for integration into the world economy. It emphasizes the importance of globalization, innovation, and reforms in achieving an economic breakthrough. The language is future-oriented and action-driven, focusing on the need for both state and

private sector support, creating a comprehensive view of the country’s social and economic strategy as it seeks to be part of the global economic community<sup>[15]</sup>.

The text is structured as a list, simplifying the processing of information. Numbering (“1. First priority”) makes key points more visible and easier to understand, aiding cognitive processing. The clear expression of priorities, such as “the successful integration of Kazakhstan into the world economy,” makes the content easy to grasp. Simple and specific phrases help readers quickly understand the main goals and tasks.

The text presents a conceptual model where integration into the world economy is the primary priority. Terms like “integration,” “breakthrough,” and “global economic trends” form a mental image of dynamic and progressive development. Phrases like “We wish to see Kazakhstan as a developing country” create a positive and encouraging impression, fostering confidence and optimism about the future. Expressions like “Kazakhstan can and must actively participate” and “use it to our advantage” evoke a sense of

responsibility and motivation. The focus on active action and responsibility stimulates positive perception. The text asserts that the government “must remove barriers” and “provide direct support,” creating a sense of necessity and urgency, encouraging readers and listeners to take active steps and support the proposed measures<sup>[16]</sup>.

The text uses a persuasive tone to emphasize the importance of integration into the world economy. Rhetorical techniques such as repetition of key terms and phrases strengthen its impact on the audience. The emphasis on the need to remove barriers and support private capital encourages active participation and support for the proposed initiatives<sup>[17, 18]</sup>.

Psycholinguistic analysis shows that the text effectively influences the cognitive and emotional perception of the audience. Its clear structure and positive formulations help form mental images of Kazakhstan’s development, stimulating a sense of responsibility and motivation. Through its structure and language, the text creates a positive and hopeful perception of the proposed economic strategies and priorities (Table 2).

Table 2. Frequently Repeated Words.

No.	Frequently Repeated Words	Number of Repetitions
1	Kazakhstan	12
2	We	12
3	Economy/economic	5
4	Society	4
5	Integration	2

The frequent repetition of the word “Kazakhstan” (12 times) emphasizes the country’s central role in the text. This creates a focus on national identity and the importance of the country in the context of the global economy. The repetition of “economy/economic” underscores the main theme of the text—economic development. The use of these terms highlights the significance of economic aspects in Kazakhstan’s strategic development. The word “integration” emphasizes the process of Kazakhstan’s interaction with global economic systems, which is a key priority.

Comparing this to speeches written by Barack Obama’s speechwriter, Jonathan Edward Favreau, we can observe similar patterns. Obama’s speeches often focus on the nation’s central role in global issues, with frequent references to the United States. The repetition of terms like “economy” and

“change” in Obama’s speeches reflects the emphasis on economic growth and the nation’s evolving role in the world. Like the Kazakhstan speech, Obama’s speeches often include the term “we” to foster a sense of collective responsibility and engagement, which strengthens the call to action<sup>[17]</sup>.

Both types of speeches use structural elements such as frequent conjunctions (“and,” “in”) to link ideas and create a cohesive narrative. This rhetorical strategy is used to make complex topics more accessible and to guide the audience through the speaker’s message systematically. In both cases, the repetition of key terms and phrases helps to solidify the main message and ensures that the audience remains focused on the speaker’s priorities.

Barack Obama’s Inaugural Address in Washington, DC in 2009:

*«My fellow citizens:*

*I stand here today humbled by the task before us, grateful for the trust you have bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors. I thank President Bush for his service to our nation, as well as the generosity and cooperation he has shown throughout this transition.*

*Forty-four Americans have now taken the presidential oath. The words have been spoken during rising tides of prosperity and the still waters of peace. Yet, every so often the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms. At these moments, America has carried on not simply because of the skill or vision of those in high office, but because We the People have remained faithful to the ideals of our forbearers, and true to our founding documents. So it has been. So it must be with this generation of Americans.*

*That we are in the midst of crisis is now well understood. Our nation is at war, against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred. Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age. Homes have been lost; jobs shed; businesses shuttered. Our health care is too costly; our schools fail too many; and each day brings further evidence that the ways we use energy strengthen our adversaries and threaten our planet.*

*These are the indicators of crisis, subject to data and statistics. Less measurable but no less profound is a sapping of confidence across our land - a nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable, and that the next generation must lower its sights.*

*Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real. They are serious and they are many...»*

The text is presumably a speech delivered during an important political event, possibly a presidential inauguration. This is evident from references to the oath, ancestors,

the crisis, and the challenges facing the nation. The audience is a broad group of citizens, which requires the use of clear and emotionally charged expressions. The use of formal language (“fellow citizens,” “oath,” “foundational documents”) emphasizes the significance of the moment. The structure of the speech includes an introduction, the development of the crisis theme, and a call to action.

Rhetorical devices used include:

Anaphora: “So it was. So it must be with this generation of Americans.”—repetition to strengthen the significance.

Contrasts: “the rise of prosperity and calm waters of peace” vs. “gathering clouds and raging storms.”

Emotional appeals: “Our economy is severely weakened... Homes were lost, jobs were lost, businesses were closed.”

References to ancestors and foundational documents appeal to widely accepted cultural values and historical memory. The theme of sacrifice and responsibility resonates with national ideals. The identification of economic and social issues: “greed and irresponsibility,” “our economy,” “our healthcare,” “our schools.” The use of metaphors and imagery: “widespread network of violence and hatred,” “the decline of America.”

The speech emphasizes the need for unity and collective action during difficult times. The leader appeals to patriotism and civic responsibility, reflecting social expectations and cultural norms. This analysis shows that language is used to create a sense of unity and mobilize society in the face of crisis. Formality and rhetorical devices underscore the significance of the moment, while social and cultural allusions strengthen the connection with historical context and national values<sup>[7]</sup>.

In emotional terms: “Humbled,” “grateful”—express respect and appreciation, evoking positive emotions from the listeners. “Gathering clouds,” “raging storms”—metaphors creating images of danger and instability, evoking anxiety and concern. “Remembering the sacrifices made by our ancestors”—an appeal to historical memory, creating a sense of duty and responsibility among the audience. “True to the ideals of our ancestors”—a call to preserve traditions and values, enhancing the sense of responsibility.

In cognitive terms: “Our country is at war”—emphasizes the seriousness of the situation, requiring mobiliza-

tion. “Greed and irresponsibility”—personalizes the problem, heightening emotional response and cognitive judgment. “Forty-four Americans have already taken the presidential oath”—a reference to tradition and continuity, motivating support for current efforts. “Today I tell you that the problems we face are real”—acknowledges the complexity of the situation, motivating action.

The author positions themselves as humble and grateful, which fosters trust and sympathy with the audience. Mentioning continuity and cooperation with predecessors creates an image of stable leadership and stability. Acknowledging the problems (“the problems we face are real”) creates an honest and open image, strengthening trust in the leader. Referring to collective memory and national ideals forms a sense of unity and shared purpose.

Psycholinguistic analysis shows that language is used to generate an emotional response, motivation, and strengthen trust. The author uses metaphors, repetition, and contrasts to intensify the perception of the crisis and mobilize the audience, while simultaneously creating the image of a responsible and reliable leader. This contributes to the formation of collective consciousness and readiness to act in response to challenges.

Barack Obama’s Inaugural Address in Washington, DC in 2009:

*«...They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America - they will be met. On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord.*

*On this day, we come to proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics.*

*We remain a young nation, but in the words of Scripture, the time has come to set aside childish things. The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.*

*In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we*

*understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of short-cuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted - for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. Rather, it has been the risk-takers, the doers, the makers of things - some celebrated but more often men and women obscure in their labor, who have carried us up the long, rugged path towards prosperity and freedom.*

*For us, they packed up their few worldly possessions and traveled across oceans in search of a new life.*

*For us, they toiled in sweatshops and settled the West; endured the lash of the whip and plowed the hard earth.*

*For us, they fought and died, in places like Concord and Gettysburg; Normandy and Khe Sahn. Time and again these men and women struggled and sacrificed and worked till their hands were raw so that we might live a better life. They saw America as bigger than the sum of our individual ambitions; greater than all the differences of birth or wealth or faction.*

*This is the journey we continue today. We remain the most prosperous, powerful nation on Earth. Our workers are no less productive than when this crisis began. Our minds are no less inventive, our goods and services no less needed than they were last week or last month or last year. Our capacity remains undiminished. But our time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions - that time has surely passed. Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America.*

*For everywhere we look, there is work to be done. The state of the economy calls for action, bold and swift, and we will act - not only to create new jobs, but to lay a new foundation for growth. We will build the roads and bridges, the electric grids and digital lines that feed our*

*commerce and bind us together. We will restore science to its rightful place, and wield technology's wonders to raise health care's quality and lower its cost. We will harness the sun and the winds and the soil to fuel our cars and run our factories. And we will transform our schools and colleges and universities to meet the demands of a new age. All this we can do. And all this we will do.*

*Now, there are some who question the scale of our ambitions - who suggest that our system cannot tolerate too many big plans. Their memories are short. For they have forgotten what this country has already done; what free men and women can achieve when imagination is joined to common purpose, and necessity to courage...»*

The use of formal expressions (“the promise given by God,” “unyielding spirit,” “prosperity and freedom”) underscores the significance of the moment and the gravity of the address. The structure of the speech includes an introduction, the development of the main theme, and a call to action, which is typical of political speeches.

Rhetorical devices used include:

Anaphora: Repetition of phrases (“For us, they...”, “On this day, we...”) enhances emotional impact and reinforces key ideas.

Contrast: “Hope instead of fear,” “unity of purpose instead of conflict and division”—contrasts highlight the choice of positive values.

Metaphors and imagery: “Put aside childish amusements,” “remaking America”—metaphors make ideas more accessible and understandable.

References to historical events (Concord, Gettysburg, Normandy) and famous figures emphasize continuity and the historical significance of current actions. References to Scripture and shared national values (“the promise given by God”) appeal to a wide audience, strengthening a sense of unity and patriotism.

The speech aims to mobilize the nation, overcome the crisis, and unite people around common goals. The leader emphasizes the importance of collective labor, innovation, and responsibility, reflecting contemporary social expectations and cultural norms. The positive tone and confidence

in achieving goals (“they will be done,” “we will accomplish this”) create an optimistic mood and motivate the audience. References to the hardships and challenges overcome by ancestors evoke pride and duty. The call to action and specific plans (“we will build roads and bridges,” “we will harness the wonders of technology”) help the audience clearly envision what needs to be done and feel their involvement in the process. The frequent use of pronouns “we” and “our” emphasizes collective responsibility and unity (“we are about to,” “our workers,” “our economy”).

A sociolinguistic analysis of the text shows that language is used to create a sense of unity, inspiration, and motivation. The leader appeals to shared cultural and historical values, using formal expressions and rhetorical devices to strengthen the impact on the audience. This helps form a collective consciousness and readiness to act in response to current challenges.

From a psycholinguistic perspective:

“But know, America, they will be done”—expresses confidence and determination, evoking a sense of certainty and hope in the listeners.

“We can do all this. And we will do all this”—repetition creates confidence and motivation.

“We chose hope instead of fear”—emphasizes the positive choice, evoking optimism.

“It is time to affirm our unyielding spirit”—motivates the audience to act, confirming their strength and resilience.

“For them, they fought and died...” —references to historical events evoke a sense of pride and duty.

“This journey continues today”—connects the past to the present, enhancing a sense of continuity and responsibility.

From a cognitive perspective:

“Our path has never been one of shortcuts or settling for less”—the use of metaphors emphasizes the difficulty of the task, evoking respect for the process and readiness for effort.

“Our economy demands bold and swift action”—specifying the problem and the need for action helps the audience better understand the current situation and prepares them for active measures.

“We will build roads and bridges...” —specific plans create a clear picture of the future, fostering confidence and hope.

“We will return science to its rightful place...”—emphasizing the importance of science and technology creates an image of progress and innovation.

“Now, there are some who question the scale of our ambitions...”—posing questions and answering them creates a dialogic effect, engaging the audience in reflection.

“Their memory is short”—a sharp statement highlights the invalidity of the criticism, reinforcing confidence in the course.

“Put aside childish amusements”—a metaphor signaling a shift to more serious and responsible actions helps the audience feel the importance of the moment.

“This precious gift, this noble idea”—symbolism evokes a sense of value and significance of the ideals being passed on.

The leader positions themselves as resolute and confident, ready to act, which builds trust and support from the audience. Mentioning historical events and achievements strengthens the sense of continuity and legitimacy of the leadership. Frequent use of the pronouns “we” and “our” highlights collective responsibility and unity, increasing the sense of community and solidarity.

Psycholinguistic analysis of the text reveals that language is used to create optimism, confidence, and motivation. The author actively uses metaphors, rhetorical devices, and appeals to historical events and values to enhance emotional response and cognitive perception. This contributes to the formation of collective consciousness, readiness to act, and support for the leader in addressing current challenges (Table 3).

Table 3. Frequently Repeated Words.

No.	Frequently Repeated Words	Number of Repetitions
1	We	16
2	Our	15
3	and	20
4	Time	5
5	the	31

The frequency analysis highlights the significance of key thematic words such as “the,” “and,” “we,” “our,” and “time,” reflecting the speech’s focus on collective action, national identity, and the urgency of the tasks at hand.

Diagram 1: Frequently Repeated Words in Speechwriters’ Texts.

This analysis could help visualize the frequency of terms in a speech, offering insights into the main themes emphasized by the speechwriters. Would you like assistance in creating the diagram or exploring further analysis? (see Figure 1).

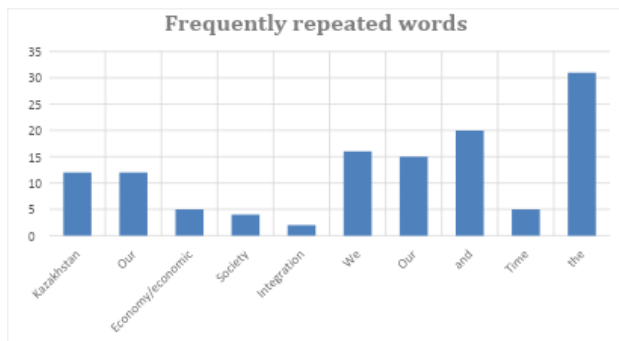


Figure 1. The most frequently occurring words in the text.

**Comparative Analysis:**

Both texts are written in an official and formal style, typical of political speeches. Both emphasize collective identity and social cohesion. The first text uses terms such as “Kazakhstani citizens,” “older generation,” and “maternity and childhood,” while the second refers to historical figures and events, along with the use of pronouns like “we” and “our.” Both texts employ positive and optimistic phrases to build trust and confidence in the future. The first text includes expressions like “thriving society” and “high quality of life,” while the second emphasizes future certainty with phrases like “We chose hope over fear” and “We will build roads and bridges.”

Diagram 2: Common Features of Speechwriters’ Texts. Use of Rhetorical Devices Tone.

Differences between the texts:

1. Focus:

The first text emphasizes the need for modernization and democratization of society, the creation of a competitive economy, and the establishment of the rule of law.

The second text focuses on current economic and social



issues, the mobilization of the nation, and the continuity of power.

#### 2. Structure:

The first text uses a clear structure with points (“First,” “Second”), which simplifies the perception and absorption of information.

The second text has a less formal structure, more oriented towards emotional impact through anaphora and contrasts.

#### 3. Approach:

The first text offers a conceptual model of development, focusing on progress and innovation.

The second text is more action-oriented, focusing on calls to action and specific plans (“We will build roads and bridges,” “We will restore science to its rightful place”).

#### 4. Global vs. National Focus:

The first text emphasizes the need for Kazakhstan’s integration into the global economy, mentioning globalization and innovation.

The second text focuses on national challenges and the need for unity in the face of a crisis, with references to historical continuity and national ideals.

#### 5. Content:

Text 1 (Kazakhstan analysis) is focused on modernization, democratization, economic development, and globalization. It uses a clear structure and appeals to collective values to create an optimistic and confident image of the government program, focusing on the need for innovation and reform.

Text 2 (presumed U.S. presidential inauguration speech) emphasizes current economic and social challenges, the need for unity, and collective action. It uses emotionally charged expressions, historical and cultural allusions to mobilize society, emphasizing the continuity of power and national ideals.

Both texts effectively use formal style, rhetorical techniques, and appeals to social and cultural values to create a sense of unity and motivate the audience to act. However, their focus and approaches to achieving these goals differ depending on the context and objectives. The first text is more forward-looking, aiming to shape a future based on modernization and global integration, while the second text is more focused on addressing immediate issues, invoking unity and action in response to national challenges.

The impact of speechwriting has evolved significantly in the digital age, where speeches are no longer confined to the moment of delivery but are continuously reshaped, repurposed, and reinterpreted across multiple media platforms. Digital media amplify the reach and influence of political rhetoric, transforming speeches from static textual artifacts into dynamic, interactive discourse.

One of the most significant shifts is the fragmentation and viral spread of speech content, which, unlike in the past when a speech’s impact depended on its immediate audience and print or television coverage, now extends through platforms like social media. Speechwriters must craft messages with digital virality in mind. They need to ensure that key themes are condensed into tweetable statements or video snippets that resonate beyond the speech.

The shift toward audience interactivity challenges traditional rhetorical strategies. In a digital media landscape, speeches face instant commentary, fact-checking, and reinterpretation by a global audience. This places a dual responsibility on speechwriters: crafting language that withstands scrutiny and engaging with an audience that expects immediacy and responsiveness. Kekilbayev’s approach, rooted in Kazakh historical continuity and national unity, and Favreau’s emphasis on American civic engagement and emotional appeal, both find different forms of adaptation in the digital space. Favreau’s speeches, for example, have frequently been dissected on platforms like Twitter, where specific lines from Obama’s addresses became rallying cries. Kekilbayev’s rhetorical structures, designed for formal state discourse, may undergo reinterpretation as they circulate in digital forums and media outlets that emphasize different aspects of persuasion.

Furthermore, the rise of algorithm-driven content on digital platforms influences speechwriting priorities. Digital platforms tend to promote content that generates high engagement. This often includes emotionally charged language, conflict-based narratives, and appeals to group identity. Speechwriters face the challenge of balancing traditional rhetorical depth with the brevity and emotional intensity that digital audiences demand. This is particularly evident in modern political communication, where speeches are created alongside digital campaigns that use hashtags, memes, and video clips to increase message retention.

Moreover, deepfake technology and AI-generated

speech manipulation introduce new challenges for speechwriters. In an era where political messages can be altered, repurposed, or fabricated, speechwriters must be acutely aware of how their words can be manipulated. This raises ethical concerns and requires strategic framing to maintain authenticity and prevent misrepresentation<sup>[10]</sup>.

Digital media also reshapes the relationship between speechwriters and their audiences. Whereas traditional political speeches maintained a hierarchical, one-directional flow of information, today's speechwriting must account for a constant dialogue between political figures and the public. Social media platforms enable feedback loops where audience responses can influence rhetorical strategies in real-time. This means that the effectiveness of speeches is no longer solely measured by their immediate reception but by their adaptability to ongoing digital discourse.

In conclusion, the impact of speechwriting in the digital era extends far beyond the spoken or written word, encompassing a rapidly evolving media landscape. The role of speechwriters has expanded to include crafting language that can withstand digital scrutiny, engage fragmented audiences, and remain persuasive across a rapidly evolving media landscape. As political communication increasingly intersects with digital culture, the fundamental nature of persuasion continues to evolve, requiring speechwriters to be both linguists and media strategists in an interconnected, participatory public sphere.

## 4. Conclusions

In conclusion, this article presents a comprehensive analysis of the methods and approaches used by speechwriters Abish Kekilbaev and Jonathan Edward Favreau in creating persuasive texts. The application of three key methodological approaches—psycholinguistics, rhetoric, and sociolinguistics—allowed for the identification of cognitive, emotional, rhetorical, and sociocultural aspects that influence the perception and effectiveness of speeches.

The psycholinguistic analysis demonstrated how speechwriters evoke emotional and cognitive reactions from the audience by using specific techniques to create memorable speeches. The rhetorical approach revealed various strategies, such as the use of metaphors and analogies, which help to craft convincing texts. The sociolinguistic analysis

showed how social and cultural factors influence the structure and content of speeches, emphasizing the adaptation of texts to different audiences.

The comparative study of Abish Kekilbaev's and Jonathan Edward Favreau's approaches revealed significant differences and similarities in their strategies, enriching the understanding of the process of creating successful speeches in different cultural and political contexts. These findings underscore the importance of a comprehensive analysis when studying rhetoric, psycholinguistics, and sociolinguistics in speechwriting, contributing to a deeper understanding of the mechanisms that influence the audience and the improvement of communication practices.

The conclusion reinforces the central themes of the study, emphasizing that speechwriting is not merely an exercise in linguistic artistry but a vital mechanism in shaping political identity, public perception, and ideological coherence. The comparative analysis of Kekilbaev and Favreau highlights the adaptability of persuasive strategies across different political and cultural contexts. It demonstrates how speechwriters navigate national narratives, audience expectations, and rhetorical traditions to craft messages with lasting impact.

The study establishes that speechwriting operates at the intersection of psycholinguistics, rhetoric, and sociolinguistics, with each dimension contributing to the effectiveness of persuasion. Speechwriters must balance emotional appeal, structural clarity, and ideological framing to ensure their speeches resonate with both immediate audiences and broader societal discourses. The findings emphasize that while rhetorical devices—metaphor, repetition, parallelism—are universal, their functions are deeply shaped by the political system and historical consciousness within which they are deployed.

Beyond its core analysis, the study points to the evolving nature of speechwriting in the digital age. As political rhetoric becomes increasingly mediated through social platforms, the immediacy and fragmentation of discourse introduce new challenges for speechwriters. The rise of algorithm-driven communication, viral speech fragments, and interactive political engagement reshapes traditional boundaries of persuasion. This dynamic highlights the need for future research into how speechwriting adapts to an environment where speeches are not only delivered but also continuously

reinterpreted, remixed, and contested in the public sphere.

The implications extend into questions of ethics, audience manipulation, and the strategic deployment of language in crisis management and policy narratives. Speechwriters are no longer confined to crafting words for live audiences; they must also anticipate how language functions across multimedia platforms, either reinforcing or challenging political legitimacy. Further exploration into the intersection of speechwriting, artificial intelligence, and digital propaganda will shed light on the changing role of rhetoric in contemporary governance.

Ultimately, the study frames speechwriting as both a linguistic and sociopolitical force that not only reflects but actively shapes political realities. The findings confirm that persuasive speech is an adaptive, high-stakes craft, deeply embedded in cultural context and technological transformation. Future research must continue to unravel its complexities, especially in an era where language is as much about control and mobilization as it is about persuasion.

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