

## ABSTRACT

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Based on transitivity system in Halliday and Matthiessen's systemic functional grammar (2004), this paper aims to identify and realize transitivity processes found in clauses of American president Joe Biden's State of the Union address transcript. The study used qualitative content analysis by Hsieh and Shannon (2005) as data analysis. The data for this study were taken from online website [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) owned by the United States government. The data was analyzed by reading, arranging, identifying and interpreting patterns transitivity processes. According to the data analysis, six transitivity processes are found in the State of the Union address transcript by Joe Biden. Researcher took 226 clauses out of 498 clauses found in address transcript. Material process, 130 clauses with total 57.5 %. Relational process, 53 clauses with total 23.5%. Mental process, 22 clauses with total 9.8%. Verbal process, 17 clauses with total 7.6%. Existential and behavioral are last with 2 clauses in total 0.8% which make them insignificant. The researcher discovered that president Joe Biden used material processes frequently than other process is indicating that he portraying situations, administration policies. He addressing the unity, loyalty, nationalism as a wise and caring president of the United States through State of the Union address on March 1, 2022.

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