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(Albert Einstein)¹

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This study is concerned with pragmatics especially hedging that is used by George W. Bush in his 2003 press conferences. It is interesting to analyze 2003 press conferences because in that year, a controversial policy was made. It was Iraq war. Moreover, it is conducted to uncover his evasion how hedging can reflect avoidance of George W. Bush which it will be depicted by the result of dominant hedging. The analysis uses Grice's cooperative principle which is led to find out the types of hedging.

The study applies qualitative method to analyze the data. The primary data are taken from website ([http:// www.presidency.ucsb.edu/](http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/)) accessed on June 19th 2012. It investigates four selected press conferences in 2003 comprising: March 6th, 2003; July 30th 2003; October 28th 2003 and December 15th 2003 through cooperative principles by Grice (1075). Grice (cited in Grundy, 2000:74) proposes four maxims that could be regarded as the basis for cooperative communication: maxim of quality, maxim of quantity, maxim of relation and maxim of manner. Sometimes people break those maxims and they are called flouting. Hedging can be identified from those flouting maxims. From the analysis of those flouting maxims, it can be found the dominant hedging.

The results of the study elucidate that George W. Bush in this press conferences flouts the maxim of quantity dominantly. It is also found dominant hedging device "must" that shows George W. Bush evades himself through hedging.

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