

**THE TRANSITIVITY ANALYSIS OF STATEMENTS OF
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUSLIM SCHOLARS ON
ORLANDO SHOOTER**

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ABSTRACT

This research focused on exploring the International Association of Muslim Scholars' five statements, including a joint Muslim statement *on the carnage in Orlando*, Nihad Awad's statements, The Delaware Council on Global and Muslim Affairs' statements, Omar Suleiman's statements, and Farhana Khera's statements. This research applied the Ideational Metafunction as a subsystem of Systemic Functional Linguistics that was realized through a Transitivity System to identify the elements and the clauses in the statements. This research applied the qualitative descriptive statistical approach to determine the transitivity system's division and functions in the statements. Those statements were examined based on the transitivity analysis by dividing the Process Types, Participant Functions, and Circumstantial Elements. Then, these transitivity elements were calculated. The result of this study indicates that 156 clauses in total have been analyzed. The most significant process is the material process (32.33%), subsequent by the relational process (31.41%), the mental process (19.87%), the verbal process (14.10%), and the existential process (1.28%). The most prevailing participant function refers to the Actor (17.27%); the lowest participant function is the Recipient (0.35%). The most predominant circumstantial element is the Location (31.46%); the Contingency and Angle (2.24%) have the lowest number of circumstances. Furthermore, each data has different dominant processes and distinguished implications. The first, fourth, and fifth data have the relational process as their dominant process. It signifies the assessment from one particular group to another. Thus, the relational processes are used to represent Muslim scholars' judgment of the American people, the media, and the public's popular misconception about Islam and Muslims, to present the Muslim scholars' rejection of American people, the media, and the public's negative judgment on Islam and Muslims, to identify the idea of American individual freedom, to show Muslims compassion for the Orlando victims and the LGBTQ community by expressing solidarity, support, and sympathy and to convey Muslim scholar's judgment and anger at the shooter and the incident. Besides, the second data and third data are dominated by material processes. It illustrates the activities that occur throughout the mass shooting. Hence, the material processes are used to perform Muslims, Americans, and the LGBTQ community's physical and concrete action to unite and fight against terrorism and to display Muslims, Americans, and the LGBTQ community's hopes by manifesting them with actual activities such as learning God's affection, understanding God's mercy and being warm-hearted to one another.

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