

Reflective Structures of the Participants Discourse during Mass Political Actions

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Abstracts

- Research of the reflective structures of the protest mass participants discourse started in the style of the psychological documentation with its main purpose to fix emotional, intellectual, personal and inter-group components of participants consciousness.
- **An objects:** protest mass (named Maydan) to support the opposite and power candidat which was formed in different towns during last Ukrainian President Election (2004-2005) and named Orange Revolution. The matter of the investigation were participants of mass events from 22.11.04 to 16.01.05 (in Kyiv and Donetsk).
- **A method** of video (audio) reflective interview was applied. A semantic background of the interview structure were the following questions: In the present events context, what NEW appeared in Your knowledge, experience, relationships, feelings? If You could be plunged in thoughts and feelings of the opposite camp representatives (blue / orange)? What do they think about you, what do you want to tell them as to people?
- **A sample:** the re-spondents were taken out of the Maydan context through a suggestion to participate in a public self-investigation. The Investigation was held both in the camp of power (n=54 in Kyiv, +72 in Donetsk) and in the opposition camp (n=254). Opposite Maydan was the first initiative, power – the next reaction.
- **The subject** was the participants personal reflection of the events. The content analysis of participants reflection demonstrates the mechanism of the creative personification from protest mass. Reflective structure in the participants discourse was distinguished by special linguistic frequency indicators, which was found in our study of creative task solution (Naydonov, 1990).
- **Conclusion.** No difference of intellectual reflection was found for participant of different political camp. The causal reflective structures are most frequent. The difference in personal reflective structures (collective ore individual identification) was significant.

Colour symbols of political actions: power and opposition

- The action under the **white-blue** and **orange** flags.
- The criterion of the name of the colour – what the followers were guided by when they oriented on the place where the action was held, as such, where their requirement of joint protest could be satisfied.
- The centre of the white-blue camp was Donetsk, Yanukovich's motherland. The center of orange Yuschenko's camp was Kiev.
- And there began to arrive people from other cities and regions waiting for holding of such actions. But it means that the interviewed participants were all the followers of this colour, but it was really a predominant majority of the participants, especially in Donetsk, where the minority was more pressed (even up to physical assault, tents ruining, protesters massacre).

A semantic basis of an interview structure at Maydan are in questions for a reflexive public self-investigation:

- 1) **What NEW appeared in your knowledge, experience and feelings** taking into account the context of the events a participant of which you are?
- 2) If you could be plunged in thoughts and feelings of the **opposite camp representatives** (blue / orange) what NEW appeared in their knowledge, experience, relationships, feelings?
- 3) What do **they think about you**? What do you **want to tell them** as to people?
- 4) Your warnings and **requests for politicians**.
- 5) Your virtual present (toast, wish) to them.
- The interviewer could diverge from the given questions keeping the reflexive trend of the interview as a whole

Discursive Structure of Participants' Reflectivity

		MUTUAL CONCORDANCE	C O M P O N E N T S	MUTUAL CONCORDANCE		
	PERSONAL REFLECTION	MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING		MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING	PERSONAL REFLECTION	
CONTENTS	INTELLECT. REFLECTION	INTER-ACTION		INTER-ACTION	INTELLECT. REFLECTION	CONTENTS
Intellectual	Personal sphere	Inter-personal sphere		Inter-group sphere	In-group sphere	Communicative
Of individual activity plan				Of group activity plan		

Discursive indicators and ind/group-reflective index

Kyiv

Donetsk

• I	2657 <i>(2)</i>	997 <i>(3)</i>
• Me	143 <i>(98)</i>	132 <i>(51)</i>
• We	947 <i>(10)</i>	421 <i>(17)</i>
• You /individ	80 <i>(167)</i>	20 <i>(249)</i>
• YOU /group	0	515 <i>(10)</i>
• our	311 <i>(46)</i>	164 <i>(40)</i>
IGR-Index ↓	2,09	1,01

Discursive indicators of reflective structures

- Intellectual reflection

- Exstensive ('well')
- Intensive ('not')
- Constructive ('if../ so..')

Kyiv

Donetsk

↓	710 (16)	2 (1112)
=	2441 (3)	950 (4)
↑	182 (81)/ 947 (10)	187 (31)/ 601 (7)

- Personal reflection

- Perspective (will/shell)
- (I ..)
- (We ...)
- (They ...)

> <	2 (163)/ 0	0 / 2 (251)
>	49 (258)	8 (582)
>	40 (306)	27 (214)
<	59 (258)	34 (180)

Discursive indicators of reflective structures

- Inter-personal reflection in:

		Kyiv	Donetsk
• Interaction			
• stopping ('wait')	↑	2	10
• managing (let us)	↑	30 (395)	20 (257)
• Inter-concordance			
• confirming (yes)	↑	247 (56)	252 (22)
• presenting (as I think)	↑	5	12

Conclusion

- No significant difference of intellectual reflection was found for participant of different political camp.
- The causal reflective structures of intensive reflection are most frequent.
- The difference in personal reflective structures (collective or individual identification) was significant: opposite camp participants had more individual-personified reflective structures and resource, then power camp.