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**ABSTRACT**  
**POLITENESS STRATEGY USED BY THE SPEAKERS IN**  
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Pragmatic is the study of the relation between language and context that are basic to an account of language understanding. the study about the relationship between context and meaning is the main purpose of Pragmatics. Politeness is one of pragmatics studies. Politeness is a “polite social behavior ”within a certain culture. It is the form people save other people’s face and feeling in communication.

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From The result, it can be concluded that there are the result of the data analysis will be discussed comprehensively to find out the whole results of the analysis. This will include the employment of positive politeness strategy covering 15 strategies and the factors influencing the characters to employ this strategy of the 26 data.

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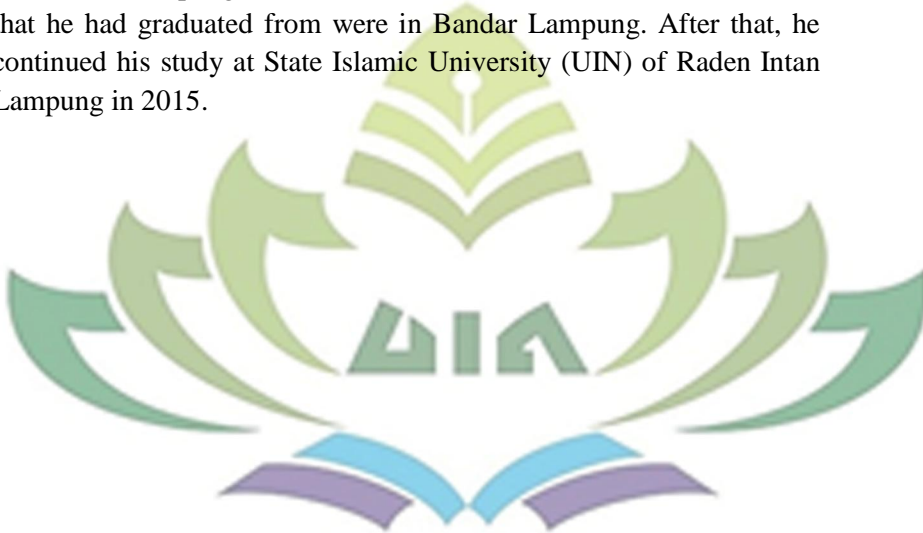
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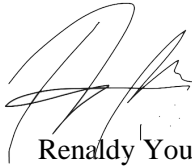
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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of The Research

The language is important in conversation with other people. Through language, people could deliver their idea, information and opinion to others. When people decided to say or do something, they already thought about the ways and choice of words, which were used during conversation. Conversation is one of the ways to interact with others. In interaction, people must notice the attitude to avoid misunderstanding between the speaker and the hearer. In this case, politeness plays a role to keep relationship between the speaker and the hearer. Politeness is not something human beings were born with, but something which was acquired through a process of socialization.<sup>1</sup>

Politeness is one of pragmatics studies. Pragmatic is the study of the relation between language and context that are basic to an account of language understanding.<sup>2</sup> Pragmatics is the study of how language is used to communicate. Pragmatics itself is concerned with the study of meaning as communicated by a speaker (or writer) and interpreted by a listener (or reader). Pragmatics can be defined as the study of the relationship between context and meaning. Through this corpus data as an investigation associated with pragmatics such as Deixis, Speech Act Theory and politeness are covered. But, it is only politeness in the pragmatics view that will be applied in this research.

Understanding politeness is very important. People often think that politeness is simply a matter of saying please, sorry, excuse, and thank you. Politeness does have its own role. Being linguistically polite means speaking to people appropriately in the right place and the right time. People must be aware of the

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<sup>1</sup>Elizabeth Flores Salado, *The Pragmatics of Request and Apologies*, (John Benjamin publishing company). P. 1

<sup>2</sup>Edi Subroto, *Pengantar Studi Semantik dan Pragmatik*, (Surakarta: Cakrawala Media, 2011), 9.

context of speaking and then be able to determine which politeness form is the best to be applied in a context.

According to politeness discussion, There are many speakers in Tedxcsu Youtube Channel used Positive Politeness strategies in his utterance in his speech. They submitted his speech with English. The choice of words of his speech shows the politeness symbol according to English language rules in English conversation because it is viewed in terms of the environment and different culture. He used standard and polite English in his speech. In this research proposal will examine the positive politeness The Speakers' utterances in three video on Tedxcsu Youtube Channel.

In the current situation, any kinds of sources can be used for communication, not only in direct conversation or utterance but also from the internet. In communicating on the internet, we can also express our opinions. Many ways that can be used to express opinions and comments on a matter, such as in discussions, debates, and social media. Moreover in distance learning era, Speech is usually used by the speaker to discuss and communicate some topic. Furthermore, Speech is a kind of entertainment that reveals a real life situation. It is the reason why a Speech including its script is suitable to be analyzed in terms of its types and functions of positive politeness strategies. Speech has special features that make them an interesting object of a research since it is a private venue for pragmatic learning. However, there are still limited numbers of research that discuss it. Being interested in the concept of pragmatics in a speech talk, the researcher will choose Tedxcsu Youtube Channel as the sources of object the research because this channel not only occur in daily conversations, but also in the speeches delivered by the speakers. This youtube channel provide many kind of videos with various topics. And the researcher will focus on positive politeness strategies used by the speakers in the videos. There are several researchers who have conducted the research about positive politeness strategies. Dealing with this research, the observer takes some relevant researches which have been investigated.



The first study was a research journal by Nurmawati Entitled a “An Analysis of Positive Politeness Strategies to Promote Effective Interaction in The Classroom”. The second study was a research Journal by Febiyani Entitled a “Positive Politeness Strategies Used by the Member of Student Youth Community (SYC) Widya Gama Mahakam University”.

The third study was a research thesis by Regita Entitled a “An Analysis Of positive Politeness Strategies On Comments Indonesians”.

In this study, the research will focus on the positive politeness strategies on Tedxcsu Youtube Channel exactly in the types and factors influencing the choice of positive politeness strategies. Actually, there is resemblance between the previous researched with this research. Nevertheless, to make this research to be different with the previous research, the researcher sought types of positive strategies which argued proposed by Brown and Levinson’s theory and the researcher also looked for the object base on the update video on Tedxcsu Youtube Channel. The researcher is really motivated to conduct a research entitled “**An Analysis Of Positive Politeness Strategy Used On Tedxcsu Youtube Channel**”.

## **B. Identification of problem**

Based on the background of the problem presented above, the problem can be identified as follows:

1. The first aspect is politeness. This issue is an interesting aspect to discuss because characters need to be polite in order to create effective communication.
2. The second aspect is conversational implicature. explains that conversational implicature refers to a kind of additional meaning that is not literally contained in the utterance. It means that the hearer should think about what the speaker means to get more than is being said by the speaker.

### **C. Formulation of the Research**

Based on the background of the research above, the formulation of the Research that is revealed in this study can be stated, as follows:

1. What kinds of the positive politeness strategies are used by the speakers in Tedxcsu YoutubeChannel videos?
2. What factors influencing the choice of positive politeness strategies used by the speakers in Tedxcsu Youtube Channel videos?

### **D. Limitation of the Research**

In this research, Based on Brown and Levinson (1987), there are four politeness strategies; they are bald on-record, positive politeness, negative politeness and off-record. the researcher focuses to analyze about the types and factors influencing the choice of positive politeness strategies on Tedxcsu Youtube Channel videos. The researcher will take three video on Tedxcsu Youtube Channel. In analyzing the video, the researcher will look for the positive politeness strategies in pragmatics view. The data were collected from three videos of Tedxcsu Youtube Channel.

### **E. Objective of the Research**

The objectives of the research which are arranged by the researcher of this study, as follows:

1. To find out the types of positive politeness strategies were used by the speakers in josh kaufmanspeech.
2. To find out the factors influencing the choice of politeness strategies were used by the speaker on Tedxcsu Youtube Channel videos.

## **F. Benefit of the Research**

The researcher expects that this graduating paper would give some benefits, both theoretically and practically.

### **1. Theoretical Benefit**

The theoretical benefits of this research are :

- a. This research increases the pragmatics pattern of the students and it helps in learning pragmatics, especially politeness strategies proposed by Brown and Levinson.
- b. This research can enrich the previous research in positive politeness strategy.

### **2. Practical Benefit**

The practical benefits of this research are :

- a. For English Learners, this research can encourage them to be more aware of using politeness comments in language. This helps them to be capable of using appropriate English politeness utterances in social situations.
- b. For English Teachers, this research can encourage them to assess and evaluate not only the grammatical skill, but also the students' skill in using politeness language in social situations.
- c. For the next researcher, this research can give them enough information about politeness language and it can be a reference for their studies.

## **G. Scope of the Research**

The scopes of this study are to know the types and the factors influencing the choice of positive politeness strategies proposed by Brown and Levinson's theory in Tedxcsu Youtube Channel videos.



## CHAPTER II

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### A. Theories

##### 1. Pragmatics

Pragmatics is the branch of linguistics that examines language from the speaker's perspective and depends on context of utterance. Pragmatics is study of contextual meaning. It is related to human's interaction. In interaction with others, people have to respect each other in order to make good interaction. To respect others, people have to consider politeness. Therefore, politeness becomes one of the units to be studied in pragmatics. Pragmatics also strongly related with context or situation when something is being said, thus it is very important for the speakers to focus on the context.<sup>3</sup> Here are many definitions of pragmatic from linguists view:

Pragmatics can also solve the problem between the speaker and the hearer, especially the problem about point of view. Levinson defines that pragmatics is the study of language use, that is the study of relation between language and context which is basic to an account of language understanding which involves the making of inferences which will connect what is said to what is mutually assumed or what has been said before<sup>4</sup>

Pragmatics is the study of speaker meaning. This type of the study necessarily involves the interpretation of what people mean in a particular context and how the context influences what is said. It requires a consideration of how speakers organize what they want to say. According to Yule states that pragmatics is the study of contextual meaning, it has consequently more

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<sup>3</sup> AgusHidayat, "Speech Acts: Force Behind Words, English Education," *English Education: Jurnal Tadris Bahasa Inggris*, Vol 9 (1), (2016): 2. <https://doi.org/10.24042/ee-jtbi.v9i1.415>

<sup>4</sup> Stephen C. Levinson, *Pragmatics*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983), 5.

to do with the analysis of what people mean by their utterances than what the words or phrases in those utterances might mean by themselves.<sup>5</sup>

Next, cited from Asna; Crummings in Cruse says that pragmatics deals with information aspects that are conveyed through language which is not decoded conventionally that socially agreed in the linguistics form that is used, but it also appears naturally from and depends on the meaning.<sup>6</sup> In addition, Horn and Ward defines pragmatic as the study of those context-dependent aspects of meaning which are systematically abstracted away from the construction of content or logical form.<sup>7</sup>

Furthermore, Publitz in Schauer defines pragmatics as the study of communication principles to which people adhere when they interact rationally and efficiently in social context. Speakers/writers follow these principles to imply additional meaning to a sentence, and hearer/readers follow these principles to infer the possible meaning of an utterance out of all available options in given context.<sup>8</sup>

Pragmatics is the study of contextual meaning. This approach also necessarily explores how listeners can make inferences about what is said in order to arrive at an interpretation of how the speaker intended meaning. This type of study explores how a great deal of what is unsaid is recognized as part of what communicated. We might say invisible meaning. Pragmatics is the study of how more yet communicated than is said.

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<sup>5</sup> George Yule, *Pragmatics*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996), 3.

<sup>6</sup> Silvia Febriana, Asna, Thesis, "Face Threatening Acts And Politeness Strategy Performed By Male and Female Instagram Users," (Disertasi, State Islamic Institute of Tulungagung, 2017)

<sup>7</sup> Horn, Laurence R.; Ward, Gregory, *The Handbook of Pragmatic*,: Blackwell Handbooks in Linguistics, (Blackwell Publishing, 2006), 6

<sup>8</sup> chauer, G. A. *Interlanguage Pragmatic Development, The Study Abroad Context*. (New York: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2009), 6.

## 2. Pragmatics For TEFL

There has been a growing interest within language teaching in the area of pragmatics for many years, and this has been reflected in the increasing body of academic research, publications and special interest groups devoted to the area. This interest seems to have grown largely from a belief that the mastering of vocabulary and grammar is not enough to enable learners to become competent, naturalistic users of English. Many of the 'natural' or 'native' utterances and discourse patterns produced by both native and non-native speakers of English can be seemingly grammatically incorrect or 'wrong' according to many prescriptive grammatical rules. Language proficiency should be correlated with not only grammatical knowledge, the mastering of syntax, morphology, phonology and semantics, but also with the pragmatic aspects of the target language, the lack of which may result in communication breakdown.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, what enables some learners to be able to produce pragmatically correct language in the correct context or situation seems to be of great importance to language teaching professionals.

The challenge for foreign or second language teaching is whether we can arrange learning opportunities in such a way that they benefit the development of pragmatic competence in foreign or second language.<sup>10</sup> This seems to deal with what many teachers find a very challenging and complex area; how do we help our students understand what the effects of inappropriate language use will be, how do we equip our students to know when and how to be polite, to be casual, to be direct or authoritative. How do we explicitly teach language

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<sup>9</sup> Ayoub Loutfi, "The Importance of Pragmatic Competence in the EFL Curriculum: Application and Implications," *Arab World English Journal*, 183-195, (2016), 191. <https://osf.io/u5rc9/download>

<sup>10</sup> Kasper, G, *Can pragmatic competence be taught?* (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i, (1997) *Second Language Teaching & Curriculum Center*), 22.

learners a host of language strategies, nuances and subtleties that native speakers seem to take for granted, use effectively without thought, and can constantly adapt and change to suit a wide variety of situations and contexts.

pragmatics is “the study of how people create and interpret meaning in real situations.”<sup>11</sup> In this context, 'meaning' is understood as being related to language as a means of achieving a range of purposes, and expressing a variety of messages, feelings and emotions, which the user conveys using more than just strings of words. Language users utilize not only language, but also a large arsenal of signals, sounds, expressions and gestures in order to help convey real meaning in real interpersonal, communicative situations.

### 3. Politeness Theory

One of language phenomenon for communication is politeness. It is one of linguistics study that concern in social interaction in communication to avoid misunderstanding. In communication, politeness is an important aspect in the life of creating better communication between speakers and opponents said. The politeness take up the case about how is the relationship between something said and the hearer's judgment and respond the speaker said Grundy.<sup>12</sup> This idea is not different from Yule, if politeness has a function to give respect with show the awareness for another person's face when respond with people who has distance each other. Politeness is influenced by power, social distance, and ranking of imposition said Brown & Levinson as cited from Ika Nurfaida.

According to Yule, It is possible to treat politeness as a fixed concept, as in idea of polite social behavior or etiquette, within culture. Based on that statement we can see that

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<sup>11</sup><http://eslarticle.com/pub/teaching-english-as-a-foreign-language-tefl/76790-what-is-pragmatics-in-an-efl-context-why-is-it-important-how-teachab.html>

<sup>12</sup>Grundy Peter, *Doing Pragmatics*, ( New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), 77.



politeness is a concept of interaction and social senses that includes 'emotion' that is used to show self-image of a person. Holmes also states that politeness is general speaking that involves taking account of feelings of other; a polite person makes others feel comfortable.<sup>13</sup> Meanwhile, definition of politeness according to Brown and Levinson (is mentioned as follow : Given these assumptions of the universal of face and rationality, it is intuitively the case that certain kinds of acts that by their nature run contrary to the face wants of the addressee and/or of the speaker.<sup>14</sup> By 'act' we have in mind what is intended to be done by a verbal or non-verbal communication, just as one or more 'speech acts' can assigned to an utterance.

Based on the definition of the term 'politeness' given by some authors we can take a conclusion that politeness describe behavior, which is somewhat formal, and distancing, where the intention is not intruding or impose. Politeness, in an interaction, can be defined as the means employed to show awareness of another person's face. In this sense, politeness can be accomplished in situations of social distance or closeness. According to Holmes being polite means expressing respects toward the person that we are talking to and avoiding offending them, or expresses positive concern for others, as well as non-imposing distancing behavior.<sup>15</sup>

Brown and Levinson's politeness theory has three basic notions: face, face threatening act (FTA), and politeness strategies.<sup>16</sup> Their three basic nations represents a framework

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<sup>13</sup> Holmes Janet, *An introduction to sociolinguistics* (2nd ed.). (London: Longman, 2001), 268.

<sup>14</sup>Penelope Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language , Politeness phenomena.*(Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978), 65

<sup>15</sup> Holmes Janet, *An introduction to sociolinguistics* (2nd ed.), (London: Longman, 2001), 65.

<sup>16</sup> Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language , Politeness phenomena,* 68.

for linking the major dimensions of social interaction with the ways in which people talk with one other. The three basic notions will be discussed below.

### 1. Face

As Central to interpersonal politeness, Brown & Levinson's politeness theory is rooted in the notion of face. They claim that face is the motivation behind politeness. In particular, their politeness is influenced by Goffman's study of 'face.' Brown and Levinson define face as “the public self-image that every member wants to claim for himself,” and state that “face is something that is emotionally invested and that can be lost, maintained, or enhanced, and must be constantly attended to in interaction.<sup>17</sup> In a technical term, face means the public self-image of a person. It refers to that emotional and social sense of self that everyone has and expects everyone else to recognize.<sup>18</sup> They propose two kinds of face: positive and negative face. Positive face is defined as “the want of every member that his wants be desirable to at least some others” and Negative face is defined as “the want of every 'competent adult member' that his actions be unimpeded by others”.<sup>19</sup> In the simple terms, positive face is the need to be connected and negative face is the need to be independent<sup>20</sup>

### 2. FTAs

Brown and Levinson's key concept regarding face is Face-Threatening Acts (FTAs), which means that “certain kinds of acts intrinsically threaten face, namely those acts that by their nature run contrary to the face wants of the addressee and/or the speaker”.<sup>21</sup> More clearly FTA is “If a person says something

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<sup>17</sup>Penelope Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language, Politeness phenomena*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978), 61.

<sup>18</sup> George Yule, *Pragmatics*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996), 62.

<sup>19</sup>Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language, Politeness phenomena*, 61.

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<sup>21</sup>Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language, Politeness phenomena*, 65.

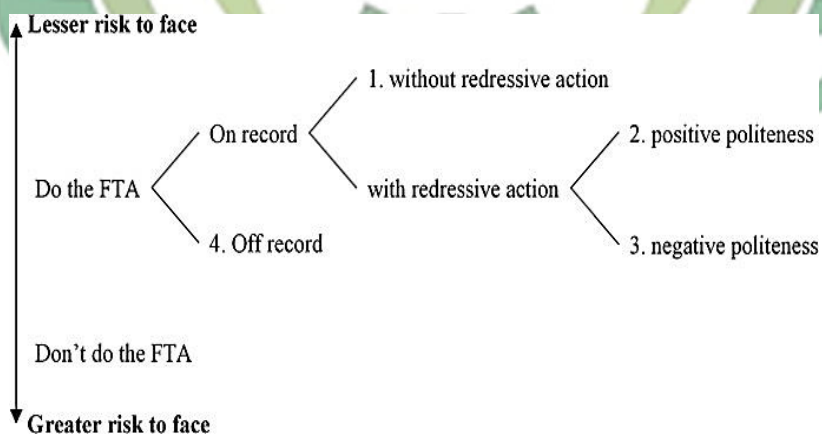
that represents a threat to another individual's expectation regarding self- image".<sup>22</sup>According to Grundy, in most encounters, our face is put at risk. Asking someone for a sheet of paper, or telling them they have to wait to see the doctor, or complaining about the quality of their work on one's car, or asking them the time, these all threaten the face of the person to whom they are directed.<sup>23</sup>

### 3. Politeness Strategies

According to Brown and Levinson's Politeness Strategies in any society, there are several rules and principles that regulate how people speak and behave. Brown and Levinson offer a descriptive analysis of strategies used by the participants to maintain their respective faces in social interaction. Brown and Levinson divided human politeness behavior in four strategies: bald on record, positive politeness, negative politeness, and off record.

The strategies are given below:

**Figure 2.1 Politeness Strategy table**



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<sup>23</sup> Grundy Peter, *Doing Pragmatics*, ( New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), 15

### a. Bald on Record

Brown and Levinson state that bald-on record is used in different situations since speakers can have different motives in doing the face threatening acts.<sup>24</sup> This strategy is ranked as the most direct strategy. It refers to the expression of an act in the most direct way. It requires no effort from the speakers to reduce the impact of the FTAs. Bald-on-record is likely to shock people to be addressed, embarrass them, or make them feel a bit uncomfortable. “Come in” or “Do sit down” are the examples of bald on record. Moreover, the speaker can ask the hearer to do something, for example, “Pass me the ketchup!”. The strategy can shock the hearer, therefore this type of strategy is commonly found in people who know each other very well and are very comfortable in their environment, such as close friends and family members.

The following are the sub strategies of bald-on record politeness strategy :

#### 1. Cases of non-minimization of the face threat.

Where maximum efficiency is very important, and this is mutually known to both S and H, no face redress is necessary.

In cases of great urgency or desperation, redress would actually decrease the communicated urgency.

For example :

- a. Help! (compare the non-urgent ‘Please help me, if you would be so kind’)
- b. Watch out!
- c. Your pants are on fire!

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<sup>24</sup>Penelope Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language, Politeness phenomena.* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978), 64

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3. Cases of FTA-oriented bald-on-record usage.

The standard uses of bald on record, are usages where other demands (at least metaphorically) override face concerns. But another use of bald on record is actually oriented to face. The classic example of such invitations is perhaps ‘Come in’, which is a bald-on-record imperative in many languages:

- a. Come in, don’t hesitate, I’m not busy.
- b. Go.
- c. Sit down.

**b. Types of Positive Politeness**

Positive politeness confirms that the relationship of both speakers and hearers are friendly and expressing group reciprocity to minimize the distance among them. Brown and Levinson state that this strategy attempts to attend the hearers’ interests, needs, wants, and goods.<sup>25</sup> Positive politeness addresses the positive face wants of the interactants or desire of connection. In Brown and Levinson’s view, positive politeness is assumed to be

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<sup>25</sup> Penelope Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language, Politeness phenomena.* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978), 101.

less polite than negative politeness. The important function of positive politeness is to share some degrees of familiarity with the hearer. It can be considered as the code or language of intimacy. This can be accomplished in various ways, for example, the use of joking and familiar terms of address. “Honey”, “luv”, and “sister” are the examples of the use familiar terms of address used in group identity.

The following are the sub strategies of positive politeness strategy :

- 1) Strategy 1: Notice, attend to a hearer (her or his interests, wants, needs, goods) Example : What a beautiful vase this is! Where did it come from?
- 2) Strategy 2: Exaggerate (interest, approval, sympathy with hearer) Example : What a fantastic garden you have!
- 3) Strategy 3: Intensify interest to a hearer; making good story, draw the hearer as a participant into the conversation.

Example : I never imagined that there were thousands beautiful girls in Jim’s party last night!

- 4) Strategy 4: (Use in-group identity markers); address form, in- group language or dialect, jargon or slang, contraction and ellipsis.

Example : Bring me your dirty clothes to wash, Johnny.

- 5) Strategy 5: Seek agreement; repetition - agreement may also be stressed by repeating part or all of what the preceding speaker has said.

Example : A: I had a flat tyre on the way home. B:  
Oh God, a flat tyre!

- 6) Strategy 6: (Avoid disagreement); token agreement, pseudo- agreement, white lies, hedging opinions. Example :

A: That's where you live, Florida?

B: That's where I was born.

- 7) Strategy 7: Presuppose/ raise/ assert common ground; gossip, small talk, point-of-view operations, presupposition manipulations.

Example : I had a really hard time learning to drive, didn't I.

- 8) Strategy 8: Joke.

Example : OK if I tackle those cookies now?

- 9) Strategy 9: Assert or presuppose speaker's knowledge of and concern for hearer's wants.

Example : I know you can't bear parties, but this one will really be good- do come! (request/offer)

- 10) Strategy 10: Offer, Promise.

Example : I'll drop by sometime next week

- 11) Strategy 11: Be optimistic.

Example : Look, I'm sure you won't mind if I remind you to do the dishes tonight.

- 12) Strategy 12: Include both a speaker and a hearer in the activity.

Example : Let's get on with dinner, eh?

- 13) Strategy 13: Give (or ask for) reasons.

Example : Why not lend me your cottage for the weekend?

- 14) Strategy 14: Assume or assert reciprocity.

Example : I'll give sugar for you if you give tea for me

- 15) Strategy 15: Give gifts to a hearer (goods, sympathy, understanding, cooperation)

Example : I'm delighted to hear about your cat

### c. Negative Politeness

On the other hand, Brown and Levinson define negative politeness as “the heart of respect behavior” and it is “more specific and focused.” The function of this strategy is to minimize imposition on the hearers.<sup>26</sup> It aims at the realization of solidarity. Therefore, it automatically assumes that there might be some social distances or awkwardness in the situation. Using hedges or questions is one of the examples of negative politeness strategy. “I just want to ask you if I could use your pen?” is the example of minimizing imposition.

The following are the sub strategies of negative politeness strategy:

- 1) Strategy 1: Be conventionally indirect Example : Can you please pass the salt?
- 2) Strategy 2: Question, hedge. Do not assume a hearer is able or willing to comply to any acts imposed on him

Example : Won't you open the door? (which could be glossed as 'I hedgedly request that you open the door')

- 3) Strategy 3: Be pessimistic about ability or willingness of a hearer to comply to any acts imposed on him. Example : Could you jump

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<sup>26</sup>Penelope Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language, Politeness phenomena*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978), p. 131



over that five-foot fence?

- 4) Strategy 4: Minimize the imposition.

Example : I just want to ask you if you could lend me a single sheet of paper.

- 5) Strategy 5: Give deference.

Example : Excuse me, sir, but would you mind if I close the window?

- 6) Strategy 6: Apologize; admit the impingement, indicate reluctance, give overwhelming reasons, beg forgiveness.

Example : I'm sorry to bother you, do you know where the American Express office is?

- 7) Strategy 7: Impersonalize a speaker and a hearer; per-formatives, impersonal verbs, address terms as 'you' avoidance.

Example : I ask you to do this for me.

- 8) Strategy 8: State the FTA as a general rule  
Example :

(a) Passengers will please refrain from flushing toilets on the train.

(b) You will please refrain from flushing toilets on the train.

- 9) Strategy 9: Nominalize to distance the actor and add formality

(a) You performed well on the examinations and we were favourably impressed.

(b) Your performing well on the examinations impressed us favourably.

(c) Your good performance on the examinations impressed us favourably.

- 10) Strategy 10: Go on record as incurring a debt, or as not indebteding a hearer.

Example : It wouldn't be any trouble; I have to go right by there anyway.

#### d. Off Record

According to Brown and Levinson, off-record or indirect strategy is done to let speakers figure out the unclear communicative intention.<sup>27</sup> It indicates if the speakers want to avoid their responsibility of doing face threatening acts, they can employ the strategy and let the hearers interpret the intended message. Off-record simply means the statement when one's saying is not directly addressed to the other or 'hints'. "Uh, I forgot my pen", means that the speaker wants the intended hearer to lend a pen. The meaning of the statement is not directly stated by the speaker and therefore the addressee needs to interpret the meaning.

The following are the sub strategies of off record politeness strategy :

1) Strategy 1: Give hints

Example : It's cold in here. (c.i. Shut the window)

2) Strategy 2: Give association clues Example :

My house isn't very far away

There's the path that leads to my house. (c.i. Please come visit me)

3) Strategy 3: Presuppose

Example : I washed the car again today.

4) Strategy 4: Understate Example

A: What do you think of Harry?

B: Nothing wrong with him. (c.i. I don't think he's very good)

5) Strategy 5: Overstate

Example : I tried to call a hundred times, but

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<sup>27</sup> Penelope Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language, Politeness phenomena.* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978), 211.

there was never any answer.

6) Strategy 6: Use tautologies  
Example : Boys will be boys.

7) Strategy 7: Use contradictions

Example : Well, John is here and he isn't here.

8) Strategy 8: Be ironic

Example : John's a real genius. (after John has just done twenty stupid things in a row)

9) Strategy 9: Use metaphors

Example : Harry's a real fish. (c.i. He swims like a fish)

10) Strategy 10: Use rhetorical questions

Example : How many times I have to tell you ... ? (c.i. Too many)

11) Strategy 11: Be ambiguous

Example : John's a pretty smooth cookie.

12) Strategy 12: Be vague

Example : Looks like someone may have had too much to drink.

13) Strategy 13: Over-generalize

Example : People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

14) Strategy 14: Displace hearer

Example : where one secretary in an office asks another — but with negative politeness — to pass the stapler, in circumstances where a professor is much nearer to the stapler than the other secretary. His face is not threatened, and he can choose to do it himself as a bonus 'free gift'.

15) Strategy 15: Be incomplete, use ellipsis

Example : Well, if one leaves one's tea on the wobbly table

**e. Factors influence the use of politeness strategy.**

The employment of politeness strategy is influenced by several factors. According to Brown and Levinson there are two factors that influence the speaker to employ politeness strategy. The factors are payoff and circumstances.

1. Pay off

The speaker employs the politeness strategy because they can get advantages. The speaker can minimize the FTA by assuring the listener that he likes the listener and wants to fulfill the listener's wants. Thus, the listener positive face is not threatened by the speaker because it can be seen for their mutual shares.

For example: let's get on dinner

The example above shows that speaker minimizes the FTA (request) to the listener by including the speaker himself equally as the participant.

2. Relevant circumstances

The seriousness of an FTA is also influenced by the circumstances sociological variables and thus to a determination of the level of politeness. According to Brown and Levinson in Rihardi (2005:68) there are three dimensions to determine the level of politeness. Among them are relative power (P), social distance (D) and size of imposition (R)

a. relative power

Power (P) is the general point is that we tend to use a greater degree of politeness with people who have some power or authority over us than to those who do not. it is based on the asymmetric relation between the speaker and listener.

These types of power are most found in obviously hierarchical setting, Such as courts, the military and workplace.

For example: you would probably be more polite about conveying to your employer because she or

he always arrives late, than in conveying to your brother. This is because your employer can influence your career in a positive way (reward power) or negative way (coercive way)

b. social distance

Social distance (D) can be seen as the composite of psychologically real factors (status, age, sex, degree of intimacy, etc.) which together determine the overall degree of respectfulness within a given speech situation. It based on the symmetric relation between the speaker and the listener.

For example: you feel close to someone or you know him well because he is similar in terms of age or sex, then you will get closer to him and the distance rating will get smaller. As a result you will not employ polite utterance when you ask him to do something. On the contrary, you will employ polite utterance when you interact with person whom you have not known well, such as person who older than you.

c. Size of imposition

Size of imposition (R) can be seen from the relative status between one speech acts to another in a context.

For example: borrowing a car in the ordinary time will make us feel reluctant, but in urgent situations it will natural. Thus, in the first context we will employ polite utterance. Meanwhile, in the second context it is not necessary to employ polite utterance because the situation is urgent.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>28</sup>Brown and Stephen C. Levinson, *Politeness, Some Universals in Language , Politeness phenomena*, 71

## **B. Relevance studies**

The first study was a research journal by Nurmawati Entitled a “An Analysis of Positive Politeness Strategies to Promote Effective Interaction in The Classroom” in ELS Journal on Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities. She investigated an EFL classroom at the course in the terms of interaction between teacher and students. The recording were transcribed and analyzed by making use of related positive politeness strategies and effective interaction. Also, interview was done to get deeper data. The findings showed that positive politeness strategies existed in this class and it has created effective interaction between teacher and students and among the students.

The second study was a research Journal by Febiyani Entitled a “Positive Politeness Strategies Used by the Member of Student Youth Community (SYC) Widya Gama Mahakam University”. The result of her research showed that there are four strategies used by the Members of SYC. They are bald on record, positive politeness strategy, positive politeness strategy, and off record strategy. From 277 utterances, 116 utterances of them recognized as bald on record (42%), 110 utterances as positive politeness (40%), 18 utterances as negative politeness (6%), and 33 utterances as off record (12%). She concluded that bald on record as the dominated strategy that used by the members of SYC. It means that, during the discussion and interaction, the members of SYC tend to use direct strategy.

The third study was a research thesis by Regita Entitled a “An Analysis Of positive Politeness Strategies On Comments Indonesians’ Politicians Twitter Account”. She took 15 comments from each twitter account, so there are 75 comments in total. And the results were 15 Bald on Record, 12 Positive Politeness, 10 Negative Politeness, and 38 Off Record found from netizens’ comments. From

the analysis researcher found out that netizens used Off Record more than other strategies, it means that the dominant type of Positive Politeness Strategy used is Off Record. And the Off Record strategy that is often used on comments are Strategy 4

(Overstate), Strategy 7 (Use contradiction), and Strategy 8 (Be ironic).

In this study, the research will focus on the positive politeness strategies on Tedxcsu Youtube Channel exactly in the types and factors influencing the choice of positive politeness strategies. Actually, there is resemblance between the previous researched with this research. Nevertheless, to make this research to be different with the previous research, the researcher sought types of positive strategies which argued proposed by Brown and Levinson's theory and the researcher also looked for the object base on the update video on Tedxcsu Youtube Channel. The researcher is really motivated to conduct a research entitled **“An Analysis Of Positive Politeness Strategy Used On Tedxcsu Youtube Channel”**.

### **C. Conceptual Framework**

This research studies the linguistics phenomenon under the pragmatics study. In this study, the researcher observes the positive politeness strategy employed by the characters in Carnage and the maxim violating when they are using those strategies. She examines the dialogues of all characters in the movies that contain positive politeness strategies. Based on the theory, there are fifteen strategies of Positive Politeness: noticing, attending to H; exaggerating; intensifying interest to the hearer in the speaker's contribution; using in-group identity markers in speech; seeking agreement in safe topics; avoiding disagreement; presupposing, raising, asserting common ground; joking to put the hearer at ease; asserting or presupposing knowledge of; offering, promising; being optimistic that the hearer wants what the speaker wants; including both S and H in the activity; giving or asking for reasons; asserting reciprocal exchange or tit for tat and giving gifts to H.

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