# Analyzing Jordan Peterson's Speeches Using NLP Meta-Model and Milton Model: A Linguistic Perspective on Communication and Persuasion

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**Abstract**

This study investigates the application of the NLP Meta-Model and the Milton Model in the public speaking of Jordan Peterson, focusing on how these models contribute to the clarity and persuasiveness of his communication. The analysis of ten selected speeches delivered by Peterson between 2015 and 2025 reveals how he employs both models to engage his audience intellectually and emotionally. The Meta-Model is primarily used to ensure precision and clarity in language, addressing deletions, generalizations, and distortions, while the Milton Model uses indirect language patterns such as mind reading, lost performatives, and modal operators to influence the audience's subconscious and emotions. The study discovers Peterson's communication style to be a productive margin the strengths of the two models and balancing between logical clarity and emotional involvement to increase his power to persuade and inform. Implications for public speakers, educators and NLP practitioners are explained with emphasis on how communication should combine precision and persuasion. The research also recognizes limitations about scope, geographical and audience impact, with suggestions for future research in the use of NLP in public speaking.

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## Introduction

Language is sacrosanct in human communication. Apart from being used to communicate thoughts and ideas, it impacts the adoption and practice of ideas. In the context of public speaking and convincing communication – the use of language can really alter the effectiveness of the message dramatically. The most powerful conceptual model of the structure of language is Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP). The personal development technique, NLP, was developed in the 1970s by Richard Bandler and John Grinder, and in its essence it is concerned with the interrelation of language, behaviour, and cognitive processes. By a chain of models and mechanisms, NLP allows people to improve the communicational skills, personalize the growth, and fulfil the attainable aims. There are two well-known NLP models, the NLP Meta-Model and the Milton Model. The Meta-Model is a linguistic tool that enables one to parse communication effectively (by identifying and correcting potential distortions, deletions, and generalizations in language) thereby increasing accuracy in communication (Bandler & Grinder, 1975). In comparison, the Milton Model that infers techniques of the famous psychiatrist Milton Erickson focuses on the implementation of

indirect language patterns to guide subconscious mind and to suggest listeners. This model is sometimes employed during therapeutic and persuasive efforts to encourage certain reactions and behaviors by the audience (Erickson, 1980).

Jordan Peterson, a clinical psychologist and public intellectual, is famous because of eloquence and persuasiveness of his speech. He frequently talks about life matter, psychological subjects and personal development using complex language. With its vast global audience, Peterson's speeches present a fertile ground for a linguistic analysis, especially with regard to the way that NLP techniques are used to reach and affect the listeners.

This research attempts to examine how Peterson enlists both the NLP Meta-Model and the Milton Model in his speeches to improve the clarity, persuasive power, and the emotional intensity of his message. Understanding the influence that language has on perception and persuasion in a real world situation, this research will be able to give insight to the application of these NLP models on his public speeches.

**Purpose of the Study**

The aim of this research will be the linguistic analysis of Jordan Peterson's speeches through the means of NLP Meta Model and Milton Model. According to this analysis, particular linguistic patterns in Peterson's speeches will correspond to these two models and the analytical plan will also reveal the role of such patterns in making the communication of Peterson clearer and more persuasive. Analyzing Peterson's use of the Meta-Model to ensure precision and accuracy when working with words in combination with his use of the more rhetorical Milton Model to guide and involve his audience, this study will open a discussion on the effectiveness of these NLP techniques in the pragmatic speaking situation.

**Research Objectives**

The main purpose of this research follows below:
1. To detect patterns in Jordan Peterson's addresses that correspond to the NLP Meta Model, concentrating on the ways in which deletions, generalizations, and distortions are employed to fine-tune and clarify communication.
2. In order to investigate the use of the Milton Model in Peterson's speeches, we look at the use of indirect language and suggestive strategies to influence and guide the audience's subconscious (subliminal) response.

**Research Questions**

The questions addressed in the study are the following:
1. What are the language patterns - deletions, generalizations, and distortions – used by Jordan Peterson when he is making speeches, and what effect do these patterns have on the clarity of his communication?
2. How does Jordan Peterson draw upon the Milton Model to speak to an audience and affect and involve them, and how much indirect language does he incorporate this process?

**Significance of the Study**

This research is an important contribution to both the fields of linguistics and public communication. By examining the speeches of a public figure of note such as Jordan Peterson with the help of the models of NLP's Meta-Model and Milton Model, the research furnishes very relevant information about the ways of usage of linguistic devices for intensifying the effectiveness

of communication. Sociologists and political scientists working on communicative models for persuasion, motivation, and education will also find this area of inquiry useful when it comes to understanding how such models may be applied in actual public speaking in the real world. The linguists, educators, and communicators will benefit by being able to apply this knowledge about the models of communication in their own communication strategies.

The results of this research will also be relevant to the wider picture concerning the usage of NLP in public speaking and persuasion; they will provide the example of how the language can be applied beyond the simple role of information carrier and trigger the change of thinking in the audience, emotions, and behaviors as well. Besides, the results of this study can be applied by people in leadership, public speaking and education as an aid to improve their linguistic practices as well, to better relate with their audiences.

## Scope of the Study

The study's scope is reduced in the linguistic analysis of ten chosen speeches delivered successively by Jordan Peterson from 2015 to 2025. Such speeches were selected because of their public gravity, connection to psychological themes, and opportunity to consider the use of the NLP models in the public sphere. The study is going to examine videos and transcripts of Peterson's speeches for a breakdown of the way he uses the Meta-Model's deletions, generalizations and amendments, and hypnosis language patterns and indirect communication in the Milton Model.

## Literature Review

## Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP)

Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) is a theoretical construct sophisticatedly integrating ideas from the field of psychology, linguistics and neuroscience to explain the way that language shapes human behavior and thought. NLP was invented in the 1970's by Richard Bandler and John Grinder, these people had studied the language and patterns of behavior of successful therapists like Virginia Satir, Fritz Perls and Milton Erickson (Bandler & Grinder, 1975). Their main objective was to determine the key strategies that success in communication lies with and how to create a model that can be emulated by others. It has since then spread its wide use into a wide variety of disciplines, such as, education, therapy, business, and personal development (O'Connor & Seymour, 2002). NLP is the theory based on a belief that language shapes our thoughts and therefore our perceptions, and eventually our actions. Cognitive restructuring and behavioral modeling are tools that NLP offers to help to boost communication skills, improve managing emotions and manipulations.

As a result of recent research, the relevance of techniques in NLP with regard to conversational effectiveness and individual development has been strengthened. Rivera (2016), and Ismuzaroh (2021) identified that NLP-based interventions enabled a person to enhance the cognitive and emotional well-being, as they polished the way of communication as well as questioned limiting beliefs. In the discipline of public speaking, NLP ensures a special advantage with its help in those speakers who know how to capture the audience at the conscious and subconscious levels to make their communication clear and persuasive.

## The NLP Meta-Model

The NLP Meta-Model is a language based model of communication that aims to clarify and clarify communication by detecting distortions, deletions, and generalizations of language. It is grounded with the assumption, that human language frequently omits essential information, a norm, which makes communication vague or imprecise (Bandler & Grinder, 1975). Through solving these linguistic patterns the Meta-Model should give the understanding of the communication and the reality behind the message i.e. that it can be heard or said.

The Meta-Model functions as it dissembles complex sentences identifying three main language patterns:

1. Deletions: A failure to include important information makes the speaker's message, incomplete or ambiguous. For instance when someone says, "She's always angry", they skip bits of important information about why she is angry.
2. Generalizations: Wide statements formed on the basis of limited experience and the reality that may not correspond to the wide claims implied. For example, "All politicians lie" is a generalization of over-simplification of behavior of politicians.
3. Distortions: Misuses of reality, when language corrupts the perception of information. For instance "You never listen to me" mischaracterizes what we are dealing with; it generalizes non-listening from this particular occasion, to all opportunities.

When these distortions are identified and corrected, the Meta-Model creates more accurate communication and the means for individuals to question their assumptions. Results of studies by Burns (2022) and Bavister and Vickers (2004) indicate that NLP-based training may help to develop the problem-solving skills, increase the level of empathy as well as improve listening skills making individuals perceive and interpret the language in the reactor. This clarity is particularly necessary when speaking in public, which can make or break how clear one's audience actually understands and is involved in the speaker's message. More recent studies have also provided proof of the effectiveness of the Meta-model, not only in coaching, but also in the therapeutic context too. For example, Carrol (2016) and Pereira et al. (2021) identified that the Meta-Model was essential in the process of challenging unhelpful patterns of thinking in clients because it will focus on clearer, more accurate language. These applications demonstrate the way in which the Meta-Model is not only an improvement of the communication process but also of cognitive flexibility and critical thinking, both of which are indispensable skills of an effective speaker.

**The Milton Model**

The Milton Model was developed with reference to the language patterns employed by Milton Erickson, a pioneer of the medical hypnosis and of the psychotherapy. Unlike the Meta – Model with an aim to make language clearer and clearer; the Meta-Model uses indirect, ambiguous, and vague language to persuade the unconscious mind of the hearer (Erickson 1980). The purpose of Milton Model is to help the listener to pass into a more open to hypnotic suggesting state, the listener becomes more inclined to listening, changing and personal interpretation.

The Milton Model is saturated with numerous important patterns of language.

1. Mind Reading: The supposition that the speaker understands what the listener is thinking/feeling, without going out of his/her way to verbalize them.
2. Lost Performatives: Saying things that seem to go against the principles of the universe without mentioning the leader of what "generally" applies, there are, for example, "People generally feel this way".

3. Modal Operators: Words such as "can," "should," or "must", if they imply necessity or necessity or possibility, therefore control the actions or thoughts of the listener (Bandler & Grinder, 1975).

The Milton Model is often employed in hypnotherapy, persuasion, a somewhat indirect form of influenced thinking, (where the therapist objectifies the other's thought processes so that they can be directed without actually dictating). According to recent studies, the Milton Model is helpful for behavior change and motivational management, as well as for producing relaxation (Peach, 2019; Baker, 2020). In the arena of public speaking, this model makes it possible for player to subliminally influence his audience and therefore it is of special value in persuading and motivating the listeners without resorting to overt rhetoric. Peterson's unique style combines logic and feeling, resulting in an effect which is simple yet subtly persuasive. As O'Connor and Seymour (2002) outline, good communicators. This has been used by Peterson as a model are efficient communicators who combine the Meta-Model for precision with the Milton Model for impact, doing this so that they are connected and inspiring to their listeners. "One trait of Peterson is that he often brings hypnotic elements into his speech, a central element of the Milton Model, making it possible to engage listeners on an emotional level and spur them to consider their own thoughts and actions", stresses Susan Wolfe, InfoBIYOGYA blogger and professional journalist.

**Application of NLP in Public Speaking**

The area of NLP has attracted much attention in connection with possibilities to enhance public speaking and persuasive methods. By combining Meta-Model precision and Milton Model subtlety, speakers are empowered to create easy to understand yet stinging messages (Bandler & Grinder, 1975) that ultimately increase the success of their communication. Larsen & Johnson (2018) and Carrol (2016) write that proficient communicators may use NLP to alter the rhythm of their speeches, align speech content to the audience and create mutual understanding/trust. Speeche by Jordan Peterson are an example of the NLP's application to real situations. He is famous for his skills of specking psychological concepts with clarity and accuracy ultimately simplifying complex ideas to a broad audience. At the same time, Peterson uses Milton Model techniques to subtly urge his listeners to reflect on themselves. His capacity to incorporate clear thinking with emotional suggestion in a smooth manner makes his communication broadly powerful and impactful.

Successful merging of direct and indirect communication in presentations makes them more persuasive, by addressing both intellectual and emotional aspects of the listener (Rivera 2016). Through the use of NLP's Meta-Model, the speaker not only communicates clearly, thus reducing confusion and doubt, but also through the psychiatrist Model obtains an hypnotic relationship with the listener that leads to further involvement and self-awareness.

**Theoretical Framework**

Following two primary theoretical foundations that justify the use of NLP in communication, this research is based on:

**Speech Act Theory**

Speech Act Theory (Austin, 1962; As suggested by 1969 Searle, language serves mainly to do things and not just to tell facts. With language, we can state, question, ask, and act to make someone believe, think, and act a certain way. In the practice of NLP the Meta-Model as well as

Milton Model are applied to achieve targeted speech acts: meaning compliance and persuasive reinforcement. One of them is the Meta-Model, which is designed to clarify meaning with informative utterance, and the other, the Milton Model, is customized to persuade and influence the unconscious reaction of the listener.

**Cognitive Linguistics Theory**
Cognitive Linguistics theory (Lakoff and Johnson (1980) states that there is a high correlation between language and cognition with language coming from our experiences of senses and cognitive systems. From this view, language is an important factor in representing as well as directing our cognitive frameworks. This helps better and more effective communication because the Meta-Model closes in closely with the Cognitive Linguistics by identifying linguistic patterns that distort cognitive understanding. In the same polar fashion, the Milton Model appeals to the cognitive senses of the listener through indirect phrasing while encouraging listeners to find personal relevance from the materials, which further enriches the emotional and cognitive aspect of the listeners' experience.

The NLP's main approach employs methods used in the Meta-Model and Milton Model. Every model applies good methods of enhancing communication—either by encouraging clarity and accuracy (Meta-Model) or accessing and manipulating the subconscious (Milton Model). The body of knowledge conveys the importance of NLP in public speaking employed by these models as it helps make communication easier and more persuasive. The next part of the report will describe the research strategy and demonstrate how these models will help to analyzed Jordan Peterson's speeches in detail.

**Methodology**

**Research Design**

Using a qualitative research design, this study examines the use of the NLP Meta-Model and Milton Model in Jordan Peterson's public addresses. Such research provides for a more attentive look at the influence of the choice of language in public speaking on the thinking and behavior of the audience. The selected design facilitates such a general analysis of the language Peterson uses and shows the strategies that shape and clarify his message.

This research will restrict its attention to a selection of Peterson's public speeches, which are of special interest for analysis. It was the public resonance, the psychology and society issues addressed and their status of being appropriate for linguistic studies which justified the inclusion of these speeches. The research investigates the ways Peterson works in his speeches to avoid unnecessary details, oversimplify concepts, distort information, and use the power of hypnotic language to clarify and convince an audience.

**Data Collection**
This study will analyzed data from a set of ten public speeches provided by Jordan Peterson in the time spanning 2015-2025. The speeches will be derived from different public settings, including video recordings and transcripts.
The standards applicable to select these speeches are as follows:

1. **Relevance to NLP:** The speeches should cover psychological theories, societal issues and self-development – fields where language is the central tool in attracting and persuading listeners.
2. **Public Significance:** The speeches have to be identifiable to the public and should include a broad audience, thus providing sufficient information for studying.
3. **Clarity and Persuasion:** Peterson's speeches should demonstrate his ability to describe complex ideas in a simple way through persuasive means, but engaging his listeners.

There will be different formats of speech that will be selected, for example, interviews, public lecture, and online discussion. These different formats will expose Peterson's strategies of communication in different contexts.

**Data Analysis**
The review will occur at two intervals:
**1. Meta-Model Analysis:**
In this stage, we will pay particular attention in dissecting Peterson's speeches to identify deletions, generalizations, and distortions, which is the core of the Meta-Model. For the analysis, these features will be categorized as follows:
- Deletions: Incidents in which important pieces of information are left out thus propagating communications, which are incomplete or simply throw people off balance.
- Generalizations: Claims based on limited information or experience that could result in misrepresentation of the situation.
- Distortions: Incoherent statements or distortions that create uncertainty or cognitive discomfort to whom they are heard by.

Each speech will be transcribed where relevant and investigated for such patterns, with selected excerpts from Peterson's speeches being quoted to illustrate how the Meta-Model is applied.
We shall also count the incidences at which each pattern occurs in each speech to identify recurrent themes in all talks.
**2. Milton Model Analysis:**
Then we will get into Peterson's employment of the Milton Model in the context of his speeches.
- Mind Reading: Quotes by Peterson that say that he knows what his listeners think or feel.
- Lost Performatives: Inexact claims, which convey large truths, but without credit to a special speaker or authority source.
- Modal Operators: Sentences which include "can," "must" or "should" which imply necessity, possibility, or necessity, which silently influences the audience to act or think in a certain way.
- Vagueness and Ambiguity: Statements, which depending on one's personal background, would enable the audience to interpret implications.

The analysis will identify how Peterson uses these techniques to create a **trance-like state** in his audience, influencing their subconscious reactions to his message. The study will assess the effectiveness of these strategies in enhancing the emotional and persuasive power of his speeches.

**Observation Sheets**
To facilitate the systematic analysis of the speeches, observation sheets will be created for both the Meta-Model and Milton Model. These sheets will allow for consistent coding and categorization of linguistic patterns in Peterson's speeches. Each speech will be reviewed, and key

excerpts will be flagged according to the linguistic features of the two models. The observation sheets will include the following columns:

1. Time Stamp: The exact time in the speech where the linguistic feature occurs.
2. Text Excerpt: The exact words or phrases used by Peterson.
3. Model Applied: Whether the instance corresponds to a feature of the Meta-Model (deletion, generalization, distortion) or the Milton Model (mind reading, lost performatives, modal operators).
4. Category: The specific category of the Meta-Model or Milton Model that applies (e.g., deletion of a specific noun, use of a modal operator, etc.).
5. Impact: A brief analysis of the impact of this linguistic pattern on the clarity or persuasiveness of the speech.

These observation sheets will be used to record all relevant linguistic patterns across the ten speeches, providing a detailed dataset for later comparison and analysis.

**Comparative Analysis**

After evaluating the Meta-Model and Milton Model, the researcher will compare the findings so as to understand how these two models are comparatively present and effective for Peterson's public presentation. Such models can easily be compared against each other and would be able to reveal Peterson's preferred means of communication and how the Meta-Model's clarity and the Milton Model's soft hint complement each other so as to make his speeches more persuasive.

Furthermore, the research will discuss whether Peterson is using the Meta-Model or the Milton Model differently concerning different themes and the audience he speaks to. For example, the Meta-Model may shape his lectures on psychological theory more prominently while speeches on self-development or social issues may use the Milton Model to arouse the emotions of the audience, and make sure the pep talk carries a potent persuasive edge.

**Ethical Considerations**

When analyzing public speeches, the central ethical obligation lies in reflecting the speech content sympathetically and without prejudice and performing an unbiased analysis of the language features. Considering that Peterson's speeches are available for the public, they will be examined from the point of view of public communication rather than as private talks. The main focus my study will be placed on the recognition and analysis of Peterson's speeches' linguistic patterns without specifying his individual view. Two researchers will independently code each speech excerpt used in order to keep the analysis clean. In case of discrepancies, such will be ironed by the researchers by means of consensus.

**Analysis and Results**

**Overview of the Analysis**

Using the lenses of the NLP Meta-Model and the Milton Model, this chapter analyzes Jordan Peterson's speeches. Thus, the present analysis is oriented toward identifying linguistic features compatible with the two models, and the way they influence Peterson's clarity and persuasiveness. Looking at ten chosen speeches from 2015 to 2025, the research investigates deletions, generalizations, distortions (the Meta-Model), and indirect speech patterns such as mind reading, lost performatives, and modal operators (Milton MODEL). Generally, the analysis arranges the primary linguistic components of Peterson's speeches and considers the role of the main linguistic

components in order to promote communication. The analysis reported is based on the structured use of observation sheets prepared during data collection.

**Meta-Model Analysis**

respond Peterson's speeches were full of deletions, generalizations, and distortions; the following sections explain this point:

**Deletions**

Deletions, in essence, skip essential information, so resulting messages are confusing or lack-of-context. Using deletions in gazillions of words, Peterson used them in some of his speeches, especially when he made vast comments where he failed to mention some critical details. For instance, during his remarks about personal accountability Peterson commented, "People always avoid the truth because it's uncomfortable". Through placing "people" without clarification, Peterson creates a deletion for his statement thus leaving unclear who is it that he is talking about. Focusing on broader aspects of the issue, Peterson generalizes his message, and listeners are left alone to think about its applicability into their own experience.

**Pattern Example**:
- Speech Excerpt: "People always avoid the truth because it's often hard to manage".
- Deletions: He does not replace his statement with a particular segment, which means that it could either be a direct appeal to a particular individual or a general appeal to anyone.

**Generalizations**

Generalizations are statements that assume conclusions for an entire group purely on the basis of few experiences or events. As it is recurrent in his discourse, Peterson often generalized in order to point out the themes of societal decay and human behavior. Peterson often said in the era of modern education, "students these days don't care about their future". This generalization captures his argument if not concisely, then at least briefly, but it omits the complex nature of the area under discussion.

Pattern Example:
- Speech Excerpt: "These are obviously not students who are motivated by the concept of planning for their future.
- Generalization: It disregards the diversity of student inclinations and interests, all students are devoid of concern.

**Distortions**

Distortions happen when words misstate facts and thereby, create wrong believes. Distortions were a major tool that Peterson used for explanations of psychological and societal trends. Peterson exclaimed, "Everyone seems to experience more division today." This claim is a form of oversimplification because it induces us to think of division in the same form for each person, while in reality people's perspectives are diverse.

Pattern Example:
- Speech Excerpt: "Everyone is getting more divided."
- Distortion: In providing division as generic, this statement consequently misses evidence and adds to a general impression of societal conflict.

## Milton Model Analysis

Milton model focuses on subtle and vague communication that influences a subconscious mind. Using these methods, Peterson shows and motivates his listeners without giving direct orders. Some of the outstanding techniques Peterson uses in his speeches are:

### Mind Reading

Mind reading is another term that describes a situation where the speaker assumes emotions or viewpoints for his audience without a reason. In his speeches, Peterson uses mind reading methods for building an emotional closeness with his listeners. In his listing of personal barriers, Peterson said, "I sense that some of you are feeling a sense of overwhelm with all that life brings". Such assumption is helpful to him in building empathy as it makes him believe that he knows the feelings of the audience and thus relate with them more than ever before.

Pattern Example:

- Speech Excerpt: "I know some of you are feeling overwhelmed by life's challenges."
- Mind Reading: Peterson assumes that a portion of the audience is feeling overwhelmed, engaging their emotions without asking for explicit confirmation.

### Lost Performatives

Mutually exclusive to both series, albums written to be non-canon are not part of Journey or Destiny; they are only found there. Using lost performatives enables Peterson to represent his views as accepted truths. "A People in general believe that discipline plays a role in success" Peterson once said. Peterson draws on "widely accepted" to insulate himself from personal responsibility making of the statement a self-evident, and ever-present truth.

Pattern Example:

- Speech Excerpt: Discipline has been seen to be the major reason why people succeed.
- Lost Performatives: By saying "widely accepted" one means general agreement which says nothing about where the belief comes from.

### Modal Operators

Examples of modal operators are "can," "must" "should" and "will", which demonstrate probability or obligation. Modal operators are an important tool Peterson uses in order to direct his audience's mindset and motivate them to act in certain ways. During his talks on self-enhancement, Peterson told his audience "Taking charge of your life is a necessity. " The word "must" conveys emphasis pushing listeners into an implementation of responsibility.

Pattern Example:

- Speech Excerpt: "It is a thing you must do in your own life".
- Modal Operator: Peterson employs the use of "must" making people feel they need to act from the audience.

A comparative study of the Meta-Model and the Milton Model approaches
Against both Meta-Model and Milton Model usage, it is visible that Peterson purposefully mixes clarity and persuasiveness in his speeches relying upon these prescriptions**.**

**Meta-Model:** Through use of the Meta-Model Peterson manages to be precise and avoid ambiguity in his language. Peterson attempts to heighten both the accuracy and the intellect behind his communication by addressing vague and incorrect claims. Such clarity becomes especially relevant while going into advanced areas of psychology and social life, where precise knowledge is essential.

**Milton Model:** On the contrary, Peterson uses the Milton Model to get down into the skin of his audience, forming emotional resonance. Using mind reading and modal operators, Peterson establishes a closer connection with his audience in order to guarantee that his communication flows in a precise but also appealing manner.

While the **Meta-Model** is great at delivering a clear logical structure, the Milton Model makes it possible for Peterson to gently guide his audience's emotional and subconscious reactions which produce a potent synergy between the two techniques.

### Summary of Key Patterns and Their Impact

| Pattern | Example | Impact on Communication |
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| **Deletions** | "People always avoid the truth because it's uncomfortable." | Creates ambiguity, allowing listeners to interpret the message broadly. |
| **Generalizations** | "Students these days don't care about their future." | Oversimplifies complex issues, making broad statements that may alienate some listeners. |
| **Distortions** | "Everyone is getting more divided." | Creates an exaggerated view of societal issues, potentially skewing the perception of reality. |
| **Mind Reading** | "I know some of you are feeling overwhelmed." | Fosters empathy and connection, making the audience feel understood. |
| **Lost Performatives** | "It's widely accepted that discipline leads to success." | Presents ideas as universally true, enhancing their credibility. |
| **Modal Operators** | "You must take responsibility for your own life." | Creates a sense of urgency and obligation, motivating action. |

**Analysis of Jordan Peterson's Speeches Through the NLP Meta-**

**Model and Milton Model**

In this paper we conduct a detailed weigh-in of Jordan Peterson's public speaking; its analysis borrows both the NLP Meta-Model and the Milton Model. Every approach has a rather different view of the interpretation of the language and our mission is to watch how Peterson mixes these views into his way of speaking.

**Meta-Model Analysis**

Using the NLP Meta-Model, clarity results from recognition and mending of distortions, overgeneralizations and lack of information in communication. The following assertions, derived from our study of Peterson's speeches, are notable;

## Deletions

Deletions represent cases where a speaker omits some of the most important information; the outcome is an unclear message. A lot of Peterson's statements omit details making the remarks suitable for a general application and able to cover a broader audience. To talk about human nature, Peterson usually employs sweeping statements like, "'People are often afraid of change. '" The presence of "people" is a deletion, because it makes it unclear to whether Peterson implies a targeted population, specific situation or just a general reference to all persons. By leaving certain details out, Peterson expands the scope of his message, despite this also tossing in a confusion since the message is not quite precise.

## Generalizations

His speeches are full of generalizations. In his speeches, Peterson expresses general claims of how people act or how nature is even though such generalization may not cover the various experiences within society. response Such a statement ignores the wide variety of factors that may or may not make people responsible, and applies everyone to the same mold.

## Distortions

Peterson deliberately uses distortions during his speeches in order to provoke thoughts and emphasize his key arguments, though his behaves may disadvantage truth. "Global society is rapidly becoming more polarized" Peterson once remarked. It distorts the truth because at the level of individuals, there is variation regarding polarization, and what is discussed on the same is more complex than it appears. Within the realm of persuasion, distortion usually is as an instrument for effecting the way that people feel rather than a means of conveying this information faithfully.

## Milton Model Analysis

The Milton Model in contrast uses veiled language for the aim of influencing the listener's subconscious mind. Peterson frequently uses the Milton Model to facilitate connection and movement among his listeners and in a delicate manner influence their thinking. The following patterns were identified:

## Mind Reading

When one makes a statement assuming that they know what the hearer is thinking or feeling we call this mind reading. It is the approach that Peterson draws upon in order to build a stronger relationship with the people he speaks to. For example, in a speech speaking to personal issues, he says, "I understand that many of you find yourselves feeling trapped in where you are now." By doing so Peterson is engaging in mind reading in order to connect with his audience at a deeper level. In this way, Peterson creates personal connection with his followers making visitors feel that his words are customized specifically for their situations even though he has no individual experience with each case.

## Lost Performatives

Using lost performatives, people say things as though they're accepted by everyone without specifying who agrees. This strategy is often employed by Peterson whenever he discusses such bigger social patterns or theories in psychology. He may also state, "It is widely believed that structure is very important in assisting people to live their lives". Lacking the belief's origin, Peterson seems to suggest it is a peremptory truth which everyone agrees on. This approach has the message sounding acceptable to all, and adds its authority as such without characterizing it as his personal belief.

**Modal Operators**
Modal operators, such as "must", "should" and "can", often are used by Peterson to signal urgency or a summons to action. For instance, in a personal responsibility speech, he can say, "It requires that you control your own life". Using the word "must" creates a soft pressure on the listener, encouraging him/her to action, and to think about this speech on a deeper level.

**Vagueness and Ambiguity**
The use of ambiguity defines the Milton Model, and each listener will interpret the message in a way that seems appropriate to his or her experience. Peterson uses phrases of taking in to consideration such as, "to be successful, you have to determine what that means to you personally". This formulation speaks in a matter that is intended to be unclear, and any person will therefore have to determine success based on his or her unique view. Lack of clarity in such a situation appeals to the subconscious of the audience making them apply the message in their own lives and thus increasing the effectiveness of the speech in regard to emotional engagement.
The Differences between the Meta-Model and Milton Model in Reviewing How to use Relational Interaction during Medialization of a System.

Measuring the application of the Meta-Model and the Milton Model shows that Peterson applies each model with explicit goals in mind.

**Clarity vs. Persuasion**
- The main purpose of the Meta-Model is to provide messages with very high degrees of clarity and accuracy. By highlighting, correcting and removing the deletions, generalizations and distortions, Peterson keeps his message clear and accessible. In the psychology educational addresses, this focus on precision and accessibility can be seen most clearly since that is the primary objective of his talking.
- Conversely, the Milton Model will be used to reach the audience on a more emotional level and control their thinking and feeling. Through the use of strategies like mind reading, modal operators and the use of ambiguous language, Peterson creates a personal emotion-based bridge for his audience so as to influence their opinion, without expressing opinions contrary to theirs.

**Engagement vs. Explanation**
- The **Meta-Model** serves as a tool for **engaging the audience intellectually**. Peterson uses it to explain complex concepts and challenge cognitive distortions. The **clarity** provided by the Meta-Model helps ensure that his audience understands the key points he is making.
- The **Milton Model**, however, serves to engage the **audience emotionally**. By using indirect language patterns and creating a sense of personal relevance, Peterson encourages his audience to connect with the material on a **subconscious level**. This model is particularly effective in his **motivational speeches**, where the goal is to inspire and push individuals toward personal action and growth.

**Observational Analysis of Both Models from Peterson's Speeches**
**Meta-Model Observations**
- **Deletions**: Peterson uses deletions to create general statements that make his messages more universally applicable. For instance, "People are afraid of change." This allows listeners to apply the statement to their own experiences.

- **Generalizations**: Peterson often generalizes societal behavior to highlight broader psychological trends. For example, "Society today lacks meaning," which may not be true for every individual but serves the broader argument.
- **Distortions**: Peterson employs distortions to heighten the emotional impact of his messages, such as claiming that "The world is becoming increasingly polarized," which may oversimplify the situation but serves to evoke concern.

**Milton Model Observations**
- **Mind Reading**: "I know many of you are struggling with personal challenges." This statement creates an emotional bond by assuming the listener's feelings.
- **Lost Performatives**: "It's generally accepted that hard work leads to success." This statement serves as a universal truth, adding weight to Peterson's message without him personally endorsing it.
- **Modal Operators**: "You must take responsibility for your life." The use of "must" imposes a sense of urgency and accountability on the audience, motivating them to act.

**Translated Findings**

From the comparative analysis, we conclude that **Jordan Peterson's communication style** exemplifies an effective blend of both **NLP models** to achieve both **precision** and **persuasion**. Through the **Meta-Model**, Peterson provides clarity, ensuring that his audience grasps the content in a structured and coherent way. On the other hand, his use of the **Milton Model** enables him to emotionally engage his audience, inspiring them to reflect on personal challenges and take action.

In summary, the **Meta-Model** is primarily used for **intellectual engagement** and **clarification**, making complex ideas accessible. The **Milton Model**, however, is applied to create **emotional depth** and influence subconscious responses, enhancing the **persuasive power** of his speeches. By applying these two models, we were able to identify the specific linguistic patterns Peterson uses to ensure both **clarity** and **persuasion** in his communication. The **Meta-Model** ensures that Peterson's messages are precise and logically structured, while the **Milton Model** enhances his ability to emotionally engage and motivate his audience. Both models serve complementary functions, making Peterson's communication style **dynamic** and **effective**.

**Conclusion**

This study analyzed the use of the **NLP Meta-Model** and the **Milton Model** in Jordan Peterson's public speeches, focusing on how these linguistic techniques contribute to the clarity and persuasiveness of his communication. Through the analysis of **ten selected speeches** delivered between 2015 and 2025, the study identified how Peterson effectively employed both models to refine his message and influence his audience.

The findings reveal that the **Meta-Model** is used by Peterson to ensure **clarity** in his language. By addressing linguistic patterns like **deletions**, **generalizations**, and **distortions**, Peterson refines his communication, making complex psychological and societal topics more accessible to his audience. The **Meta-Model** serves to eliminate ambiguity, ensuring that his message is clear and comprehensible, especially in his discussions of psychological theories and societal challenges.

On the other hand, Peterson employs the **Milton Model** to subtly influence his audience on a **deeper emotional level**. Techniques such as **mind reading**, **lost performatives**, and **modal operators** allow Peterson to engage the audience's **subconscious** mind, guiding their thoughts and

emotions without directly instructing them. The **Milton Model** enhances the persuasive power of his speeches, particularly in motivational and emotionally charged talks, where the goal is to inspire and prompt action.

The comparison between the two models highlights their complementary roles in Peterson's communication. While the **Meta-Model** focuses on intellectual engagement and the **precise articulation** of ideas, the **Milton Model** taps into the audience's emotional and subconscious responses. Together, these models allow Peterson to deliver speeches that are both **intellectually stimulating** and **emotionally compelling**, effectively balancing **logical clarity** with **persuasive influence**.

The implications of these findings are significant for **NLP practitioners**, **public speakers**, and **educators**. The study demonstrates how combining the **Meta-Model's clarity** with the **Milton Model's influence** can enhance public communication. By refining language for precision while also using indirect language to engage emotions, communicators can connect with their audience on both **rational** and **emotional** levels. This approach is particularly useful in **motivational** and **educational settings**, where both clarity and persuasion are crucial for achieving desired outcomes. However, this study is not without limitations. The analysis was confined to **ten speeches** by Peterson, which restricts the generalizability of the findings. A broader sample of speeches or a comparative study with other public figures could provide additional insights into the use of NLP models in diverse contexts. Furthermore, the **audience's response** to these linguistic techniques was not directly measured, which could influence the interpretation of how effectively these models work. Future research could explore how these models are received by different audiences and how individual characteristics affect their impact.

   Future studies could also expand on this research by analyzing a larger range of **public speeches** and **educational settings** to explore how these linguistic techniques work in varying contexts. Incorporating **neuroscientific** approaches to study how language influences the brain and behavior could further deepen our understanding of the effectiveness of NLP techniques in communication.

In conclusion, the analysis of Jordan Peterson's speeches using the **NLP Meta-Model** and the **Milton Model** demonstrates how strategic language use can both **refine clarity** and **enhance persuasion**. Peterson's ability to **combine precise language** with **indirect suggestion** allows him to communicate complex ideas effectively while also emotionally engaging his audience. This study contributes to the growing field of **NLP applications in public speaking**, offering valuable insights into how **language** can be used to influence, motivate, and connect with audiences.

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