

Abstract

Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan in August 2020 ignited significant geopolitical tension across the Taiwan Strait. This tension between Taiwan and China serves as a pivotal moment in investigating the dynamics of Cross-strait relations with the United States. In this context, the official statements from the three entities play a critical role in how each nation's discourse constructs or contests its geopolitical stances. Through Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), this thesis explores the intricacies of language reflecting and influencing political ideologies and power dynamics. The qualitative approach aims to dissect the strategy of maintaining international recognition, sovereignty, and territorial integrity. Consequently, nine press releases from Taiwan, China, and the U.S., all issued on the dates of August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2022, were selected for examination. The study reveals Taiwan's quest for international recognition, China's assertive territorial claims, and the U.S.'s strategic ambiguity. It adds to a broader comprehensive of how press release language can be used to convey global power dynamics, especially given Taiwan's precarious international position.