Obama Inauguration Speech Analysis

Right from the beginning, it is evident that Obama possesses a wide and extensive vocabulary. Each of the word is uttered with the utmost clarity. The pronunciation is also as clear as it gets. The claims he makes throughout his speech are delivered with force and conviction. He uses vivid language to illustrate his ideas and any audience would be impressed with the elegance and fluidity he does it with. However, any audience member without a fairly rich vocabulary may find it difficult to keep up with his speech.

He changes the pitch and tempo in his voice according to the subject matter. Plenty of motivated movement which emphasizes the ideas he talks about. His gestures and eye contact complement his speech and showcases his extraordinary oratory skills. He makes sure to move from side to side slightly and does not appear static or robotic.

Along with using several sensory language, he employs of lot of figurative language into his speech.

He uses imagery and metaphors in the sentences:

*“rising tides of prosperity and the still waters of peace”*

*“the oath is taken amidst gathering clouds and raging storms”*

Antithesis in the sentences:

*“Our challenges may be new.  The instruments with which we meet them may be new.  But those values upon which our success depends -- honesty and hard work, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism -- these things are old.”*

This further establishes him as a more credible speaker as any audience is bound to be impressed by his astounding proficiency of the English language. He remains extremely confident in his delivery throughout and remembers to take logical pause. There are little to no vocalized pauses which makes for a pleasant sounding speech.

His speech is very well-organized. There is a logical flow and chronology in the things he says with each of the thoughts being expressed powerfully. The transition from one thought to another occurs seamlessly.

He talks about serious issues plaguing the world and America, and breaks it down incredibly well. He makes sure to use personal pronouns and address all of his audience properly. This ensures the whole of his audience feels included.

Overall, it’s a good speech by a great orator. There is a wide variation in his tone and does not sound monotonous. His wide vocabulary range enables him to illustrate ideas with a lot of detail.