

Words of Peace in the Speeches of the Egyptian President, Abdulfattah El-Sisi: A Corpus-Based Study

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Abstract—The present study aims primarily at investigating words of peace (lexemes of peace) in the formal speeches of the Egyptian president Abdulfattah El-Sisi in a two-year span of time, from 2018 to 2019. This paper attempts to shed light not only on the contextual use of the antonyms, war and peace, but also it underpins quantitative analysis through the current methods of corpus linguistics. As such, the researchers have deployed a corpus-based approach in collecting, encoding, and processing 30 presidential speeches over the stated period (23,411 words and 25,541 tokens in total). Further, semantic fields and collocational networks are identified and compared statistically. Results have shown a significant propensity of adopting peace, including its relevant collocation network, textually and therefore, ideationally, at the expense of war concept which in most cases surfaces euphemistically through the noun conflict. The president has not justified the action of war with an honorable cause or a valid reason. Such results, so far, have indicated a positive sociopolitical mindset the Egyptian president possesses and moreover, reveal national and international fair dealing on arising issues.

Keywords—Corpus-assisted discourse studies, critical discourse analysis, collocation network, corpus linguistics.

I. PROLEGOMENON

THE world has been witnessing major skirmishes between peace makers, on the one hand, and war agitators, on another. Though, an innate role of discourse analysis, as an interdisciplinary branch of studying language with a perspective of social contexts, is to identify the reality behind. Therefore, an essential scope of this sort of linguistic study lies in looking into leaders' speeches by which nations may rise for a roaring war or for a righteous renaissance. This paper, though, presents a critique of peace and war talks in Egyptian president El-Sisi's speeches through deploying corpus methods. By inspecting 30 speeches made by El-Sisi over two years (2018-2019), the researchers examine the presidential speeches in relation to theonyms of *peace* and *war*. It is expected that this sort of textual investigation reveal the ideational implications which presently shape Egyptian ideologies against current political issues.

II. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

A. Critical Discourse Analysis

This linguistic subset of discourse analysis deals with texts

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that have social and political implications. Power in discourse according to Fairclough is related to how relations of power are enacted, exercised and maintained [1]. The author further supported his approach [2] arguing that "discourse as a political practice establishes, sustains and changes power relations". He contended that there are constant endeavors on the part of the powerful to impose their ideologies [1]. Similarly, Tannen [3] remarked that "every utterance displays power". Moreover, Fairclough has discussed the strategies of power used in discourse in his doctor/patient interviews as an example of the power used in a discourse which commonly occurs in everyday discourse [1]. In doctor/patient interviews, the doctor has the right to give directions, and orders. On the other hand, the patient has only to listen. Such a phenomenon was further interpreted by Negm [4], [5] in his elucidation on resisting power in discourse to even discursively impact literary texts. Although, Fairclough has revisited his approach to power in discourse [6] in which he included an explanation of its representing reality. Therefore, subsequent actions by decision makers are dialectally reasoned by critical discourse linguists. And thus, in our case, this study contributes to better revelation and realization of the political utterance in question.

B. Corpus-Assisted Discourse Studies (CADS)

Adopting computational methods to measure language attributes has been widely acknowledged. It is the fact that corpus linguistics, the branch of linguistics that applies computerized procedures quantitatively to answer a specific research question(s) [7], contributes enormously to discourse studies. Pattington & Marchi summarized the roles of corpus methods in examining discourse in three empirical rewards:

The most obvious advantage of integrating corpus resources into discourse analysis is the potential it offers for analyzing large numbers of tokens of any particular discourse type, which enables the analyst to study typical discourse structures, typical ways of saying things, and typical messages, alongside the local structures, meanings, and messages available to traditional close reading. It also provides a way of locating potentially interesting linguistic features Additionally, it facilitates comparison among discourse types, highlighting the relative frequency and the possible different roles of the linguistic features they display, for instance, differences in collocational patterning or "profile" of the "same" lexical item or set of items [8].

They argued that CADS presents a major qualitative analysis beside the qualitative one represented at the "traditional non-corpus-assisted discourse analysis" [8]. Since corpus studies insightfully supports theoretical frameworks of

co-selection in lexical grammar, Hoey's priming notion and other linguistic features, CADS greatly subsidized many sociopolitical scrutinies, such as the Arab Spring waves in Egypt, Libya, Syria, and Yemen, which required a systemic quantitative approach to cover the discursive debates in spoken and written registers [8].

III. CORPUS DATA: DESIGN, COMPILATION, AND PROCESSING

Taking into account the standards set by Weisser [9] and Hardie & McEnery [10] about corpus design, compilation and process, as well as the statistical implications suggested by Brezina [11] and Gries [12], the outcome corpus encompasses 30 speeches that render 25,541 tokens and 23,411 words were retrieved from the Egyptian state information service official website (<http://www.sis.gov.eg>) [13] covering the years 2018 and 2019. The speeches are placed in 30 files in XML format with proper metadata and data compilation. The extraction was carefully processed through fine-grained consecutive steps that ensure proper data processing at the web concordancer (the web software to use in data analysis), Sketch Engine [14], which provides more sophisticated inspection, such as semantic networks and word sketch differences.

The following procedures were taken to construct the study corpus to summarize in four phases:

- i. Having the research formally consented from the state information service for adopting the published speeches for the present research purposes,
- ii. Extracting El-Sisi speeches from the SIS website individually in XML files to build manually using Notepad++ open-source software [15],
- iii. Applying the tagging rules where the body includes the speech content with metadata placed in files' headers (see Table I below). The process ended with 30 XML files (UTF-8 encoded) that represent the 30 sampled speeches over two years (2018 & 2019),
- iv. Uploading the files to Sketch Engine's database, using the researchers' personally paid account to auto-tag, using the English Pen Treebank Tagset of Marcus et al. [16], and compile the corpus files properly. The tagging process aims at having the machine recognize the parts of speech (POS) attributed to the words entered in the corpus. See Tables I and II to learn more about the corpus metadata, its structures and general statistics.

TABLE I
CORPUS METADATA

| Metadata | Examples of XML Tags Used |
|-----------------|--|
| Speech Occasion | occasion="Statement to Islamic Summit" |
| Speech Year | year="2019" |
| Speech Month | month="May" |

Throughout the word distribution represented in Table II above, the Egyptian president used 23,411 running words in 30 different speech with an average 780 words approximately per speech. Also, it shows the number of unique words (3,536 in total) with a percentage that marginally above 15% related

to all words used in his speeches. In terms of POS tags, though, president El-Sisi elucidated a variety of grammatical patterns (58) in his formal discourse. We can look at the top 20 parts of speech with corresponding examples from the corpus in the Table III. However, insignificant tags, such as determiners and prepositions are removed from the list.

TABLE II
CORPUS STRUCTURES & ATTRIBUTES CREATED IN EL-SISI SPEECHES

| Counts | | Lexicon Sizes | |
|-----------|--------|--------------------|-------|
| Tokens | 25,541 | Unique Words | 3,536 |
| Words | 23,411 | POS Tags | 58 |
| Sentences | 670 | lemma (Root words) | 2,708 |

TABLE III
TOP 20 TAGS USED WITH CORRESPONDING MEANINGS AND EXAMPLES FROM THE CORPUS

| Tag | Meaning | Top Examples with Freq. | A. Freq. |
|------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| NN | noun, singular or mass | cooperation (77) | 3,453 |
| JJ | Adjective | African (107) | 2,272 |
| NNS | noun, plural | people (83) | 1,937 |
| NP | proper noun, singular | Egypt (133) | 1,479 |
| CC | coordinating conjunction | and (1,287) | 1,363 |
| VV | verb, base form | like (41) | 1,003 |
| PP | personal pronoun | I (166) | 744 |
| PPZ | possessive pronoun | our (232) | 710 |
| RB | Adverb | not (67) | 708 |
| VVG | verb, gerund/participle | enhancing (22) | 600 |
| NP | proper noun, singular | Egypt (133) | 1,479 |
| CC | coordinating conjunction | and (1,287) | 1,363 |
| VVN | verb, past participle | based (15) | 358 |
| VVP | verb, present, non-3rd p. | do (15) | 237 |
| WDT | wh-determiner | that (138) | 235 |
| MD | Modal | will (92) | 220 |
| VVZ | verb, present 3rd p. sing. | requires (10) | 194 |
| VVD | verb, past tense | witnessed (6) | 117 |
| NPZ | possessive noun, singular | Egypt's (38) | 84 |
| JJR | adjective, comparative | more (14) | 49 |
| NNSZ | possessive noun plural | people's (10) | 44 |
| NPS | proper noun, plural | brothers (8) | 39 |
| VVN | verb, past participle | based (15) | 358 |
| VVP | verb, present, non-3rd p. | do (15) | 237 |

The provided list showcases clear nominalization in top ranks: singular nouns (3,453) followed by adjectives (2,272), plural nouns (1,937), and singular plural nouns (1,475). Only the four nominal types on the top list constitute 15,173 words (i.e. 64.8% roughly). Moreover, the most frequent lexes indicate either a neutral or a community-friendly discourse: for example: cooperation (77), enhancing (22), and brothers (8). Such positively-connoted words refer to a mindset which opposes the concept of 'war' whereby a verbal primary culture is naturally attributed with [17]. Moreover, the researchers follow corpus revisited approach in analyzing and discussing the results; it combines the traditional frequency-based and the current statistically based one, cf. [11]. Subsequently and particularly, peace collocations are displayed with their relevant co-occurrences, and candidate collocates in vicinity applying the common statistical measures of collocability strength, such as LogDice association measure. Although, we show traditional association measure in the tabular data

analysis, we add up Delta P due to the directionality characteristic which takes into account the asymmetric relationships, unlike common AMs, according to Gries and Brezina's contentions [11], [12]. Brezina argued that "in practical terms, a directional measure such as Delta P outputs two probabilities, one for each direction of the collocational relationship", whereas other measures (e.g. IM, t-score and LogDice in our case), "output only one value so cannot be used to explore directionality" [11, p.71]. Thus, the researchers utilized a software concordancer with directionality display feature, LancsBox 4.0 [18] by which figures are merged in the given results. It is noteworthy to state that collocation parameters in this study were set in a window of <5> with a frequency as minimal as 1 to generate enough lexical collocations to further review. Furthermore, collocation networks are to visualize in the results section according to what Brezina, et al. [11] suggest, as well as, their relevant discrepancy graphs when compared. As such, in addition to the tabular manifestation of data sets, the researchers embrace the collocation graphs as rendered through two prominent concordancers: Sketch Engine web concordancer [14], and LancsBox 4.0 [18]. On Sketch Engine collocation visualization model, collocation differs in color and distance-to-node according to its strength and collocability attributes following two main criteria herewith: a. how close it is from the center, and b. how big the collocate's circular shape is in reference to other collocates in the vicinity. However, color codes resemble the grammatical relation to the node. On the other hand, LancsBox 4.0 views collocation graphs in terms of distance and position (right or left) to the node word. Both presented graph generators would provide a multidimensional depiction of using peace vs. war, textually and ideationally across the Egyptian presidential speeches.

IV. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

In our scrutiny of the antonyms, peace and war, corpus results reflect what we intentionally state non-idiomatically as war and peace, for 'peace' conceptuality predominates the Egyptian presidential speeches in the 2018-2019 sampled corpus. In contrast, concepts of 'war' and 'conflicts' appear minimally in the reported speeches; even though, such negative thoughts are usually accompanied with modifiers which denote pacification rather than agitation. In this section, we display the diversified 'peace' and 'war' with regard to their lexical distribution, collocations, and similar vocabulary in the El-Sisi speeches.

A. Peace in El-Sisi Speech Corpus

The singular noun *peace* occurred 60 times across the corpus with a dispersion of 0.881487 in 23 texts (76.7%). In the following excerpt, taken from a speech delivered on the occasion of the opening session of the 32nd African Union Summit on February 2019, El-Sisi reiterated the word five times:

Bridging the gap between establishing peace and stability; in addition to yielding the people's development fruits, is on top of the interests of the international peace

and security forums. Also, the political leaderships give it great attention and instigate the best diplomatic, security and strategic minds. In this framework, it gives me pleasure to announce the launching of the first edition of Aswan Forum for peace and sustainable development in 2019 to be regional and continental platform gathering the political, intellectual, opinion, peace makers and development partners' leaders in "Aswan City" the gem of The Nile to discuss together the joint horizons between peace and sustainable development in order to make a remarkable difference in peoples' life and spread hope in their spirits.

However, that speech, in particular, includes nine occurrences of *peace*. Throughout his repetition of the word *peace*, El-Sisi stressed on the need of establishing sorts of international cooperation by which the world purposefully achieves a state of tranquility and welfare. Phraseologically, El-Sisi used the lexical item in two different ways: a) as an object, in *establishing peace*..., and b) as a modifier of a plural noun, in "peace makers".

On the semantic level, the Egyptian president has used 16 lexical items that denote textually a relatively strong ideational connection with peace. Table IV below reveals these converging items for *peace* in which the similarity score is calculated based on the percentage of collocates the synonym has in common with the search word [15].

TABLE IV
CONVERGENT ITEMS WITH 'PEACE' AS USED IN EL-SISI SPEECHES

| Lemma | Score | Freq |
|--------------|-------|------|
| Progress | 0.208 | 22 |
| Prosperity | 0.203 | 17 |
| Interest | 0.189 | 41 |
| Stability | 0.17 | 46 |
| Community | 0.109 | 12 |
| Aspiration | 0.093 | 18 |
| Hope | 0.09 | 19 |
| Arena | 0.085 | 10 |
| Institution | 0.082 | 24 |
| Party | 0.08 | 15 |
| Issue | 0.077 | 27 |
| Level | 0.075 | 33 |
| Security | 0.068 | 60 |
| Organization | 0.059 | 21 |
| Development | 0.058 | 77 |
| Challenge | 0.052 | 54 |

16 synonymous items are identified for the noun 'peace', Table IV shows, where progress, prosperity, interest, stability, and community are the top-5 candidates sharing collocates of 'peace' across the data compilation. For instance, progress obviously shares the similar positive conceptuality as viewed in the following concordances.

Notwithstanding, investigating lexical collocations uncover the true semantic field created by the speaker. The table and the graph below illustrate collocates of 'peace'. Below is the top list of lexical collocations with the noun 'peace' displayed with grammatical relations and LogDice scores (association

measure) and Delta P scores (directionality measure).

| Left context | KWIC | Right context |
|--|-----------------|--|
| eland, where construction, development and | progress | flourish day after day. </s><s> Today, we |
| broad, including enhancing its status, steadily | progress | and steadfastness against adversities. < |
| usly harm our country, aiming to obstruct our | progress | and impede our steps. </s><s> I have re |
| occupation and war, from joining the march of | progress | and development. </s><s> Leaving conti |
| can peoples yearning to achieve stability and | progress | on one hand and provide impetus to deve |
| ing the development process to protect every | progress | we achieve on the track of peace against |
| African Union, and the consequent significant | progress | in the reform of the African Union, thus m |
| s exerted for the Egyptian people's takeoff for | progress | and prosperity. </s><s> The Egyptian so |
| us to go ahead with providing protection and | progress | to our citizens. </s><s> On the other han |
| omic cooperation. </s><s> We reviewed the | progress | of the joint projects like the power linkage |
| enuine desire for joint cooperation to achieve | progress | and prosperity for the two brotherly coun |
| urces, thus contributing to realizing a tangible | progress | in the economies of the African states as |

Fig. 1 Screenshot of Concordance Lines for the word *progress*

Table V and Figs. 2 and 3 illustrate collocations observed in the corpus for our search item, *peace*, categorized according to the lexico-grammatical relations. Despite the noun modifier fair (12.9 LogDice Score, and a Delta P scores of 0.033205, 0.399872) which belongs to the modifiers by *peace* group, *peace* and/or... classification comprises collocates with the highest collective frequency (total frequency: 34 of eight unique collocates). This category includes significantly collocable lexemes, such as, security, development, stability. To visualize the collocational network, see the figures below, as retrieved from Sketch Engine (based on LogDice scores) and LancsBox 4.0 (based on Delta P scores).

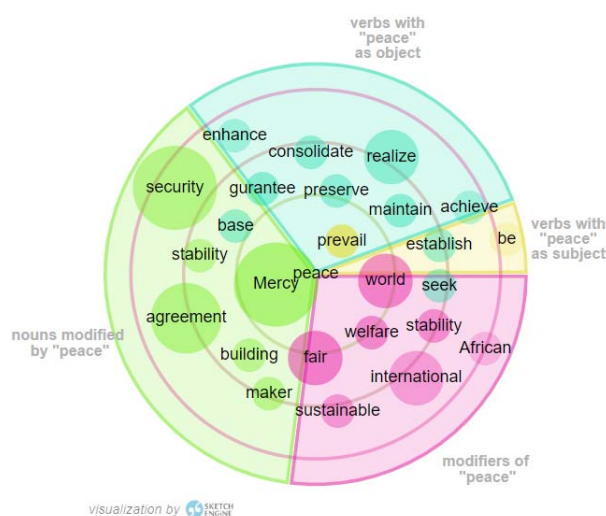


Fig. 2 Sketch Engine's Collocation Graph of *peace*

B. War in El-Sisi Speech Corpus

Only 10 occurrences of the word *war* in the corpus with a minimal lexical collocability; the lexeme collocates with the adjective *civil* (3 frequency) in a LogDice score of 12.19 and Delta P 0.3329 and a Bi Stat. of 0.1814. See the concordance lines in Fig. 4.

TABLE V
COLLOCATIONS OF *PEACE* WITH LOGDICE AND DELTA P SCORES

| Grammatical Attributes | Collocates | Freq. | LogDice Score | Delta P | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | | | | Stat. | Bi Stat. |
| modifiers of 'peace' | Fair | 2 | 12.19 | 0.033205 | 0.399872 |
| | World | 2 | 11.83 | 0.048928 | 0.106072 |
| | Welfare | 1 | 11.54 | 0.16538 | 0.249872 |
| | Stability | 1 | 11.09 | 0.165123 | 0.215849 |
| | Sustainable | 1 | 10.35 | 0.049357 | 0.166025 |
| | International | 2 | 10 | 0.030889 | 0.031454 |
| | African | 1 | 8.22 | 0.026987 | 0.006963 |
| | total | 10 | | | |
| | Mercy | 4 | 12.6 | 0.299828 | 0.818011 |
| | Agreement | 3 | 11.67 | 0.049614 | 0.249615 |
| nouns modified by 'peace' | Security | 4 | 11.54 | 0.26448 | 0.236619 |
| | Makers | 1 | 11 | 0.016667 | 1 |
| | Building | 1 | 10.91 | 0.016238 | 0.090481 |
| | Stability | 1 | 10.6 | 0.165123 | 0.215849 |
| | total | 14 | | | |
| | Guarantee | 1 | 11.41 | 0.016667 | 1 |
| | Maintain | 1 | 11.19 | 0.016624 | 0.499957 |
| | Realize | 2 | 11.04 | 0.016281 | 0.099615 |
| | Seek | 1 | 10.82 | 0.016538 | 0.249872 |
| | Preserve | 1 | 10.82 | 0.016367 | 0.124701 |
| verbs with 'peace' as object | Consolidate | 1 | 10.82 | 0.016452 | 0.166453 |
| | Base | 1 | 10.75 | 0.016066 | 0.066068 |
| | Establish | 1 | 10.68 | 0.016495 | 0.199829 |
| | Enhance | 1 | 9.57 | 0.015809 | 0.046763 |
| | Achieve | 1 | 9.35 | 0.03179 | 0.051089 |
| | total | 11 | | | |
| verbs with 'peace' as subject | Prevail | 1 | 13.41 | 0.016667 | 1 |
| | Be | 1 | 7.67 | 0.280418 | 0.197081 |
| | total | 2 | | | |
| | Security | 13 | 12.38 | 0.26448 | 0.236619 |
| | Development | 6 | 11.56 | 0.130632 | 0.109973 |
| | Stability | 6 | 11.31 | 0.165123 | 0.215849 |
| | Mercy | 4 | 11.19 | 0.299828 | 0.818011 |
| | Welfare | 1 | 9.83 | 0.016538 | 0.249872 |
| | Victory | 1 | 9.83 | 0.016495 | 0.199829 |
| | Forum | 1 | 9.79 | 0.016281 | 0.099615 |
| 'peace' and/or ... | Prosperity | 1 | 9.38 | 0.03269 | 0.117005 |
| | Grand Total | 34 | | | |

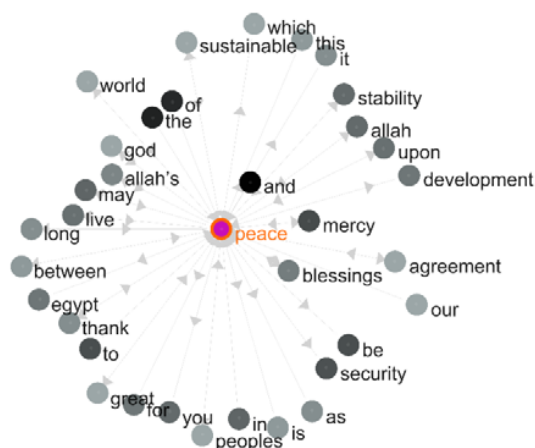


Fig. 3 LancsBox's Collocation Graph of *peace*

| Left context | KWIC | Right context |
|---|------|--|
| s are spreading, in Syria where 8-year long civil | war | and regional violations are committed, in Ye |
| oring Sinai back to the motherland first through | war | and then negotiations is an astounding natio |
| eeded despite the difficulty of the non-systemic | war | which does not terror the personnel of the A |
| Egypt, resorted to the psychological and rumors | wars | , aiming to produce untrue mental image tha |
| teness of the Egyptian people, all psychological | wars | would not shake their solid resolve, lies wou |
| s are spreading, in Syria where 8-year long civil | war | and regional violations are committed, in Ye |
| s, who have known nothing but occupation and | war | , from joining the march of progress and dev |
| ent, we witness nowadays armed conflicts, civil | wars | , ethnic clashes and terrorist attacks, not to |
| ute to them as they bear and still the scourge of | war | with patience and to overcome the scarcity o |
| edom and enjoy a decent stable life away from | wars | and sectarianism and from foreign interferen |

Fig. 4 Concordances of *War*

In all contexts that included those segmental speech lines about war, the Egyptian president discussed the implications of *war*, surged in places such as Syria, Yemen, and Sinai, in which it was described as *non-systemic* and a *scourge* as it leads to issues of *poverty* and undermines *progress* and *development*. In other words, he has not justified the action of ‘war’ with an honorable cause or a valid reason. Rather, textually ‘war’ was depicted in a negative sense through his usage of nominal forms (adjectives and nouns). Despite of that, we cannot look through the collocational networks it designates corpus-wise due to the insignificant prevalence in El-Sisi speeches. Alternatively, we investigated the node’s semantic network to identify adjacent lexemes with statistical significance.

It has been observed that Abdulfatah El-Sisi has used the lexeme conflict (23 times) in singular and plural forms to express the concept of war. Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English defines the term *conflict* as: “a state of disagreement or argument between people, groups, countries, etc.”, whereas *war* refers to the harmful physical encounters using deadly tools as, “a situation in which there is fighting between countries or opposing groups within a country, with a large number of soldiers and weapons” [19].

To say it differently, his discourse favors the fortification of verbal confrontations at the expense of explicitly discussing war dilemmas (appeared in 10 segments separately across 6/30 speeches) when addressing this sort of issues more than twice the time; as said in one of his speeches at the European Union, in 2019:

Here, I cannot but warn of the repercussions of the continuation of this conflict on all our countries.

An indicative tendency of choosing conflict instead of war represents a hedged discourse that aims at euphemistically mitigating the possible severe impact of the utterance. Thus, having explored the collocational network attributed to the noun conflict, the researchers identified 33 unique collocates in 43 co-occurrences. See Table VI and Fig. 5.

Table VI and Fig. 5 illustrate the collocational network of the noun conflict within the Egyptian presidential speech corpus with proper statistics. They remark 8 different grammatical categories where collocates belong to. Since the adjective armed (scored 13.12) shows the highest collocability score among other rendered items (a clear inference of the

concept of ‘war’), phraseologically El-Sisi has been shown to team with the deployment of the noun conflict in “n.+of conflict”, such as spread of conflict and continuation of conflict. However, his talk about conflict/conflicts as an indirect reference to the reality of war accounts for merely a discussion of a status quo with an attempt to inclusively find a solution to the escalations of war and put it to an end (end: the second top-rated verb form with a score of 12.58). See the following excerpt as an example in his speech about the Palestinian dilemma in which conflict is used three times.

TABLE VI
COLLOCATES OF *CONFLICT* AS A NOUN

| Grammatical Attributes | Collocates | Freq. | LogDice Score |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------|---------------|
| modifiers of <i>conflict</i> | Armed | 3 | 13.12 |
| | long-awaited | 1 | 11.99 |
| | Old | 1 | 11.99 |
| | Other | 1 | 11 |
| | Political | 1 | 9.75 |
| | Total | 7 | |
| nouns modified by <i>conflict</i> | Brutality | 1 | 12.41 |
| | Phase | 1 | 12.19 |
| | Period | 1 | 11.83 |
| | Conflict | 1 | 11 |
| | Party | 1 | 10.82 |
| | Total | 5 | |
| verbs with <i>conflict</i> as object | End | 3 | 12.58 |
| | Leave | 1 | 11.41 |
| | Contain | 1 | 11.41 |
| | Witness | 1 | 10.3 |
| | Total | 6 | |
| verbs with <i>conflict</i> as subject | Affect | 1 | 13 |
| | Be | 1 | 7.67 |
| | Total | 2 | |
| <i>conflict</i> and/or ... | Brutality | 1 | 12.41 |
| | Legacy | 1 | 12.41 |
| | Hotbed | 1 | 12.19 |
| | Problem | 1 | 11.67 |
| | Total | 4 | |
| ... of <i>conflict</i> | Spread | 1 | 12.19 |
| | Existence | 1 | 12.19 |
| | Irony | 1 | 12.19 |
| | Continuation | 1 | 12.19 |
| | Hotbed | 1 | 12.19 |
| | Root | 1 | 11.67 |
| ... to <i>conflict</i> | Total | 10 | |
| | End | 2 | 13 |
| | Solution | 2 | 12.29 |
| | Total | 4 | |
| <i>conflict</i> in ... | Solution | 2 | 12.29 |
| | Accordance | 1 | 11.99 |
| | Region | 1 | 11.83 |
| | Libya | 1 | 11.54 |
| | Continent | 1 | 11.09 |
| | total | 6 | |
| Grand Total | | 44 | |

This Question is the oldest political conflict, a heavy legacy on our consciences, which we have been carrying since early the 20th century. There must be real

collaborative efforts of the international community to put an end to this long-awaited conflict in accordance with the relevant and agreed upon international references, and in enforcement of the principle of the two-state solution as well as the right of the Palestinians to establish their independent state on the borders of 4 June 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital, and alleviate their daily suffering as this will form the nucleus of the actual start to reach successful solutions to the other conflicts.

Throughout our exposition of the quantitative and qualitative results, El-Sisi formal speeches evidently contain a discourse of tranquil peace rather than agitated war fight. He tried to avoid stating *war* explicitly, which can be only spotted 10 times (cf. 44 occurrences of peace, i.e. more than four times). Instead, he utilized the euphemism of conflict rather than war to refer to the atrocities of war which had been imposed in the Middle East. Even though, collocation network of peace comprises highly positive lexical items that support conceptually peace making. On the other hand, collocations of the noun conflict encompass either a description of the status quo or items with denotations of ending it. To a greater extent, the Egyptian president has succeeded to reflect discursively the country's denial of the notion of war which is replaced with peace and welfare.

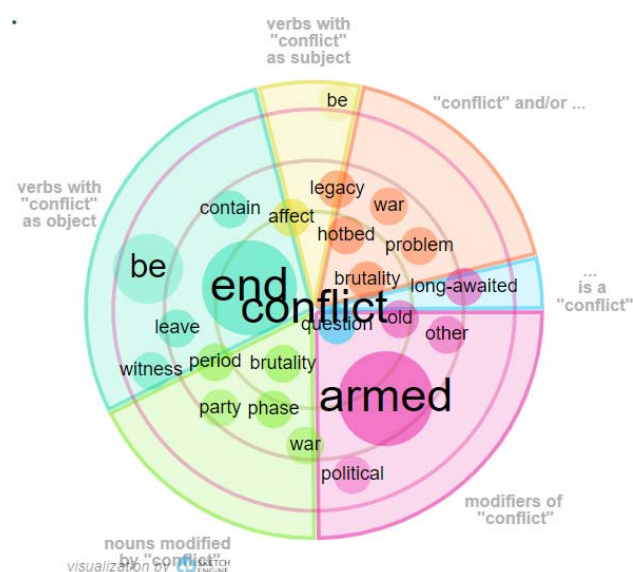


Fig. 5 Collocational Graph for Conflict

V. CONCLUDING REMARKS

This paper presents a CADS of the Egyptian president, Abdulfatah El-Sisi, in terms of peace and war concepts. Results provide sociopolitical implications by which we understand the current Egyptian stand nationally and internationally against the divergent notions that determine human lives and destinies. In short, president El-Sisi has proved himself to be a peace hero who denounces terror and war. Beside his focus on peace, he also asserted the necessity

of international cooperation (the mostly occurred lexical item in the corpus with 77 frequency). Nevertheless, the researchers recommend further quantitative studies of the current Egyptian political discourse that deals with other newly discussed topics, such as equity and economic challenges the country is witnessing these years. Studies may also include contrastive analysis of Egyptian discourse, written or oral, with international discourse around similar issues, illegal migration for instance.

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