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Rhetorical Analysis & Peer Profile

While talking and interviewing Farooq Salam, I learned some things about him, such as that his religion is Islam, which has taught him morals to be the person he is today. His parents are from Pakistan. he has an older brother and two older sisters. He was born in the U.S. English is his first language, and he speaks Urdu. When he speaks with his family, who only speaks Urdu, they tell him that he's whitewashed because he's not as fluent in Urdu as in English, which makes him realize that he had to sacrifice being more fluent in Urdu to be more fluent in English. After all, that was the language he needed to speak more, which made him feel bad because he thought his cultural language was necessary.

He starts his narrative about how he and his family went to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, for the pilgrimage to Mecca, called Umrah in Islam. He recounts his experience of being a foreigner for the first time.

Salam also talks about how he felt uneasy and insecure in a foreign place, even with his family. He also explains how a taxi driver who only spoke Arabic in Saudi Arabia showed remarkable kindness by buying coffee for his family, who spoke different languages. This act of kindness was unexpected, as many tourists would not encounter such kindness in New York City. Despite multiple taxi drivers speaking other languages, none showed the same kindness. He also discusses how "People often view immigrants, foreigners, or those speaking differently as less intelligent or inferior."

He talks about how he felt being a foreigner in his narrative. This was an intense experience for him because it was the first time, but then he learned new things; he learned about people from a different culture, and it made him humble because it made him realize how small he is in front of other people. This point shows a connection between how immigrants and foreigners feel when coming to a new country without having anyone or knowing the language, and it also connects to me because, at some point, I was a foreigner, too. Also, he talked about how the taxi driver was kind to him and his family even though they couldn't communicate because they didn't speak the language.

"His act of kindness was nothing short of bewildering; even now, my family still thinks back to that day." When someone does a kind act for another, it impacts someone's life because this is something that we don't often see in society, but at some point in our life, someone does a kind act that impacts our life/day and helps us see things from a different perspective. The author states, "The driver is an excellent example that all human beings are capable of showing kindness to others and that differences in language, culture, and race aren't an excuse for us to discriminate or treat people like they are below us." This is an excellent point because people in society often discriminate, judge, and disrespect others just because of their race, culture, and the way they speak so they can feel better than others instead of being kind and having empathy.

Rhetorical methods are words or phrases used to persuade, generate a response from the reader or listener, and convey meaning. While reading this narrative, I noticed that the author was descriptive. He describes how he was feeling, seeing, and the events he went through, for example, "My gaze scanned across several different groups of people laughing and speaking in languages I couldn't understand, then I saw signs that were written in Arabic. and had small

English translations instead of the other way around.” While reading this, it made me imagine being there, seeing the signs and the people laughing and speaking. This method gives the writing more depth and allows the readers to imagine what the writing is describing.

While reading this narrative, I noticed pathos using emotions in the writing. Authors use pathos to elicit specific emotions from the readers. “I felt uneasy and not secure being in this foreign place, even if it was with my family. It’s a difficult feeling to explain, but it’s when you appreciate a place, but it just doesn’t feel right, not because there’s something wrong with it, but that it’s just not “home.” He stated how he felt being in a foreign country, making the readers see how he felt and even relate to his feelings. This method helps the author connect with the audience, giving the writing a personal and relatable sense.

I think the author’s purpose in using this strategy is to tell his audience how he felt being a foreigner, so they will get a perspective of how others think about being in a different country without knowing the language so they can relate, also, how a kind act of someone can change their perspective and make others feel comfortable and accepted. Also, his purpose is to show kindness, put ourselves in other people’s shoes, and look beyond language, race, and culture. To show us that it has a positive outcome rather than judging, discriminating against, and looking down on those of different languages, races, and cultures.

Society, especially those who discriminate, judge, or treat badly those from different languages, races, or cultures, needs to read this profile because, here, I cover what the authors say about that topic. Also, those who are foreigners, because here I cover how the author felt being a foreigner, so they might relate.