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на тему: “Модальные экспликаторы авторской позиции в англоязычном публицистическом дискурсе”

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The present graduation paper discusses the use of modal verbs in newspaper discourse and consists of an introduction, a theoretical part including two chapters which are an overview of linguistic literature devoted to the definition of media discourse, the theory of modality and modal verbs, a practical part, a conclusion and a list of references. The graduation thesis is relevant due to the great role media discourse plays in the contemporary world and the importance of subjecting it to comprehensive research, investigating, in particular, into the ways authors transmit their opinion. The aim of the graduation paper is to describe modal verbs as a grammatical means of expressing the author’s stance in analytical articles. The articles were selected from The Independent, The Guardian and BBC and The New York Times. The research involving quantitative and functional methods is concerned with the analysis of the use of 11 modal verbs in terms of meanings they display in different news texts. The analysis of practical data let us conclude that modal verbs are of special significance in their role of expressing the author’s opinion. The research suggests that the authors tend to be reserved in making predictions about a possible course of events, but they are active in expressing advisability and obligation through the modal verbs *should* and *ought to*. They express their opinion mostly about the future political changes and transformations through the meanings of supposition and possibility implying uncertainty. The development of the research on the topic, in our opinion, may involve studying the grammatical characteristics of news discourse identifying its specificity.

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