



Strategies of Conveying Metaphors in Political Discourse: Analysis of the Turkish Translations of George Orwell's "Animal Farm"



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Abstract

Translating metaphor and metaphoric expressions is one of the disputable problems in translation studies due to the conceptual discrepancies which exist between the source culture and the target readership, moreover, if the metaphor plays a crucial role in creating an appeal to the reader as in the political text. In this respect, it is under the discussion of how to deal with a metaphor when translating political discourse, and what are the dominating strategies and traditions of translating metaphoric units in Turkish translations. Caused by the theoretical and practical urgency of the problem, this paper is aimed to analyze strategies of conveying metaphors from English to Turkish based on the novel "Animal Farm" by George Orwell and its Turkish translations by Sedat Demir and Celal Üster. To achieve the aims of the research the efforts were undertaken to compare the original text with its two different translations. For the precise analysis, Old Major's speech was thoroughly scrutinized on the point of the metaphoric expressions in the text and their correspondences in the Turkish translations. The methods applied in the research include the discourse analysis aimed to re-veal metaphors in the source text, comparative analysis to identify language items used in the translations to convey the metaphors, and methods of the structural analysis for contrasting lexical constructions in the source text and its translations, analysis of the translation shifts. The conclusions outline strategies applied for translating metaphoric expressions from English into Turkish with the identifications of the shifts which occur in the texts of translation.

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1 Introduction

Due to the intensive development of the translation studies dealing with the problems of transferring different aspects of discourse from one language to another, it is essential to conduct descriptive research on the translator's behaviors and strategies aimed to bring ST literature to the TL readers' better understanding and appreciation.

Considering the theoretical and practical value of such interventions in the analysis of translation, a big number of the studies have been conducted so far, concerning the problems of culture in translation (Yan & Huang, 2014), analysis of the text at the pre-translation stage (Ayupova, 2014), the personality of the translator (Chesterman, 2009; Dam, 2013); translation strategies (Strakšiene, 2009; Volkova, 2014); translation evaluation (Conde, 2011), etc. The focus of the current study is on the strategies applied to translate metaphoric expressions from English into Turkish on the base of George Orwell's "Animal Farm" (Orwell, 1988).

The novel and the problems of its translation is the topic which was discussed in many studies. Among them are those which focus on social and political issues of the translation (Yazıcı, 2012), assessing the quality of translation on the equivalency of the speeches in English - Azerbaijani Turkish translation (Bahloul & Salmani, 2014), contrastive analysis at the lexical and structural level (Abbasi & Arjenan, 2014).

Because this novel has been already translated into the Turkish language several times starting from its first translation by Halide Edib Adivar in 1954 (Orwell, 1954/1966; Yazıcı, 2012) and including its later versions by Sedat Demir (2001), Celal Üster (Orwell, 2011), the study is aimed to conduct a comparative analysis of the translators' strategies in conveying metaphoric expressions from English into Turkish.

2 Literature Review

2.1 Problems of Translating George Orwell's "Animal Farm": Analysis of the Recent Case Studies

While conducting the literature review we focus on the studies devoted to the problems of translating George Orwell's "Animal Farm", and on those concerning metaphor in the discourse and practices of its translation.

As far as the novel "Animal Farm" by George Orwell is the book that has already firmly established itself among classics of the political prose and has been numerously translated in different languages, therefore, within our concern was to identify translation problems which were discussed by researchers. A possibility to contrast results with the researchers from different languages can allow us to find out unified approaches in translation and also to specify those which are caused by the peculiarities of the language of translation, translation practices, and dominating strategies within different societal groups.

The studies concerning the translation of "Animal Farm" by George Orwell circle around a big number of issues. Thus, following traditions of the system theories in translation, Yazıcı (2012) discusses sociological and political issues of the first translation of the book into Turkish by Halide Edib, stressing the correlation between the personality of the author and the translator. Also, an important remark is made on the metrical elements in the source text and its translation, indicating that in Halide Edip's version, the novel was not divided into chapters because of the traditions of the Turkish literary polysystem not to divide legends and fairy tales into sections. Due to Yazıcı (2012), Edip managed to seize the plain style of Orwell as a translator, by applying the high number of binomials, near-synonyms, and idiomatic expressions in the translation process.

In the context of the theories, discussing translation from the perspectives of the political power and ideology Khorsand & Salmani (2014) scrutinizes English - Azerbaijani Turkish translation of Squealer's speech from Orwell's Animal Farm based on House's revised translation quality assessment (TQA) model. The conclusions of the study reflect on enormous ideological distortions and manipulation which were carried out in the translation. Therefore, Khorsand & Salmani state that the translation is covert, and the social effect received by the source and target texts' readerships would be radically different from each other (Khorsand & Salmani, 2014). The findings are based on the identified discrepancies between lexical means of ST and TT, syntactic structures, mismatches between denotative meanings of ST and TT elements.

The research by Askari & Akbari (2014) studies the problems of rendering English proper names of the novel in the Persian translations. The strategies of foreignization and domestications were traced in the translation of proper names. It states that the function is a determining factor in translation, therefore, the strategies the translators apply to meet the requirements of the function can differ considerably. According to the findings of Askari & Akbari, one of the most common strategies renderers use when translating proper names is transference. The transferred items are

accompanied by the English versions in parenthesis as a kind of compensation strategy. But, as Askari & Akbari notes, adding or deleting the intended parenthesis makes no difference for the reader since a foreign word for the reader remains to be foreign (Askari & Akbari, 2014).

Another study evaluating the translation from propaganda is the research conducted by Khorsand & Salmani (2014) and aimed to assess the quality of two English-Persian translations of the anthems in Orwell's *Animal Farm* (1945) based on House's (1997/2009) revised discursal model (Khorsand & Salmani, 2014). The study discusses techniques and strategies that are applied to propaganda as follows: (a) Selected facts in support and confirmation of an idea or statement; (b) Lying and purposefully deceiving through an intentionally untruthful statement; (c) Repetition, that is, to retell the same words repeatedly to be imprinted on the people's mind forever. (d) Identifying the (true or false) enemy, that is, to diverting the public opinion and attention into an imaginary enemy away from the speaker (e) Rhetorical questions (intend-ing not to encourage a specific answer, but rather to elicit the listener to regard a message or perspective) (f) Contention (a strong opinion that someone expresses, that is, bold statements) (Khorsand & Salmani, 2014). Salman provides a thorough analysis of the anthems as instruments of propaganda in the book. While contrasting the translations, the researcher identifies distortions at the level of words and sentence structures as the result of omissions/transformations which can be interpreted as ideological and become a reason for misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the message of the source text (Khorsand & Salmani, 2014).

Together with the studies, contrasting translations with the original text at the microlevel and considering their ideological and functional attributes, a bulk of research analyzing translations at the microlevel has been conducted, that is the lexical adjustment in the Persian translations (Azizmohammadi & Saadatmanesh, 2013), rendering speech acts (Rad & Razmjou, 2013), and many others.

One of the studies which go alongside with this research is the investigation conducted by Elaheh Fadaee (2011) on the strategies of conveying figurative linguistic means of George Orwell's "*Animal Farm*" in the Persian translation. The study analyses translation strategies for dealing with a metaphor-based on the approach suggested by Newmark (1988b). The researcher attempts to trace prevailing techniques in the Persian translations for conveying metaphors, pointing to the considerable statistical differences in the usage of metaphoric expressions in different translations (Fadaee, 2011). To proceed with the investigation of the problem we will focus on the exact subject of our study, namely, metaphor, its definition, and classification to apply the theoretical assumptions to analyze the Turkish translations.

2.2 *Metaphor in the Discourse: Problems of Definition and Classification*

As it is known, the essence of metaphor is understanding and experiencing one kind of thing or experience in terms of another (Lakoff & Johnson, 1980). Torgny (1997) stated that the first known theory on metaphors was presented by Aristotle, who saw metaphor as a rhetorical phenomenon by using one concept, or word, to indicate another.

According to Lakoff (1987), two kinds of metaphors can be identified: basic metaphors and image metaphors, where the basic metaphors form basic concepts from which some image metaphors are generated (Torgny, 1997). The power of metaphor is in activating previous experiences and associations (Black 1979, Torgny, 1997).

Despite a great number of studies the problem of defining metaphor, differentiating it from other figures of speech, identifying it in the discourse remains to be disputable, moreover when it concerns the translation and analysis of how metaphoric expressions are conveyed with the means of the TL. The lack of research in this area was stressed in numerous studies, among them Newmark (1988), Taverniers (2002), Al-Hasnawi (2007), Shaman (2008), Fadaee (2011). The outlined problem also became a focus of the research by Elaheh Fadaee (2011), who studies the strategies of conveying figurative linguistic means of George Orwell's "*Animal Farm*" in the Persian translation.

To conduct this study we are following Newmark's classification of metaphors (Newmark, 1988b):

- 1) Dead Metaphors - "metaphors which often relate to universal terms of time and space, general ecological features and main human activities" (p.106). They include idioms, metonyms, synecdoche; words accepted as technical terms also become dead metaphors.
- 2) Cliché - metaphors "used as a substitute for clear thought, often emotively, but without corresponding to the facts of the matter" (1988b, p.107). They "usually consist of two types of collocations: figurative adjective and literal noun e.g. 'filthy lucre'; or figurative verb and figurative noun e.g. 'explore all avenues'" (1988, p.87).
- 3) Stock Metaphors - "an established metaphor, which in an informal context is an efficient and concise method

of covering a physical and/or mental situation both referentially and pragmatically”.

- 4) Adapted Metaphors - stock metaphors adapted by the writer or speaker into a new context.
- 5) Recent Metaphors - “a metaphorical neologism, often 'anonymously' coined, which has spread rapidly in the SL”, often categorized as a slang.
- 6) Original Metaphors - “created or quoted by the SL writer” (Newmark, 1988b). These metaphors can be complex and having double meanings.

3 Materials and Methods

The methods applied in the study include:

- 1) The discourse analysis aimed to reveal metaphors in the source text and translated texts,
- 2) Comparative analysis to identify language items used in the translations to convey the metaphors,
- 3) Methods of the structural analysis for contrasting lexical constructions in the source text and its translations;
- 4) Analysis of the translation shifts in TT.

For the precise analysis, Old Major’s speech (Chapter 1) was thoroughly scrutinized on the metaphoric expressions in the text and their correspondences in the Turkish translations. The decision to focus on Old Major’s speech for the contrastive analysis is motivated by the considerations that a) Old Major is a leading character in the story, and b) the speech of Old Major represents all features of the propaganda texts which were mentioned above. Thus, as it was noted by Khorsand & Salmani (2014b) Old Major is an award-winning boar, who holds a meeting consisting of the animals of the Manor Farm in the big barn. Following Khorsand & Salmani in their reference to SparkNotes (2007), Major “represents both Marx and Lenin, serves as the source of the ideals that the animals continue to uphold even after their pig leaders have betrayed them” (SparkNotes, 2007).

4 Results: Analysis of Metaphors and Strategies of their Translation

The study is primarily concerned with the main ways and techniques applied by the Turkish translators to render metaphorical expressions of Old Major’s speech from English to Turkish. In this way, it is intended to highlight the metaphor translation procedures applied by two translators Celal Üster and Sedat Demir with the special focus on the translation shifts and textual deformation tendencies occurred (for the translation notifications and contrasting Celal Üster’s translation is marked as TT1, and Sedat Demir’s translation as TT2).

Before entering the analysis it is important to consider specifics of the writing style of the author for discussing correspondence of the translations to the author’s style and character’s features. It is worth noting that Orwell uses many different writing tools but one, in particular, is plain language. Orwell’s straightforward language use is obvious in his satirical novel *Animal Farm* (1945). The author uses a simple style of writing and thus, avoids sophisticated language. Advocating plain language in his 1946 essay, Orwell offers elementary rules for writers: “Never use a long word where a short one will do. In the wrong situation, they’ll have the opposite effect, making you sound pretentious and arrogant. They’re also less likely to be understood and more awkward to read.” Old Major’s addressee where the well-respected boar of the farm gives a tempting political speech to the community is a good example of the plain language of Orwell. Yet, in the plain speech of Old Major, there are the metaphoric expressions which are analyzed as follows.

In the context scrutinized, the first ST metaphor to start to analyze with is the unit ‘to-wards Man and all his ways’. The first part of the unit is rendered similar in both of the translations. As the cognitive mechanism of the metaphor ‘Man’ does not require linguistic or cultural adaptation, it was translated on a word-for-word basis. However, the dead metaphor ‘all his ways’ was found to be interpreted differently by both translators. Namely, in the TT1, the first translator broadens the semantic meaning of ‘all his ways’ and accordingly produces a TL equivalent that metrically occupies a larger place than that of SL. The TT1 whose rendering of the ST metaphor ‘all his ways’ runs like ‘onun başının altından çıkan tüm uğursuzluklara karşı (Back Tr. all the in the inauspiciousness that is His’ doing)’ commits two textual deformation tendencies which are expansion and ennoblement. In this way, TT1 becomes longer than ST and the oral rhetoric of the ST is destructed by TT1. This additional fancy prose implemented by the first translator turns Old Major to sound more clever and arrogant than he really is. Implementing complexity and violating simplicity, TT1 in this way can betray the spirit of the foreign and the

author's writing style.

In TT2 the same ST metaphor 'all his ways' is rendered as 'yaptıklarına (Back Tr. against what He has done)', using simple grammatical and lexical means. The one-word ST lexical unit 'ways' is transferred by one-word TT lexical unit 'yaptıklarına (Back Tr. what He has done)', revealing no textual deformations. Consequently, considering the author's preference for the transparency and simplicity of the TT form, TT2 reveals the closeness of the TT2 to the ST in the oratory style, and, therefore, fidelity to the spirit of the foreign (Table 1).

Table 1
Comparative analysis of metaphor translations in TT1 and TT2

ST Metaphor	ST Metaphor Type	TT1	Back-translation	Translation Procedure	TT2	Back-translation	Translation Procedure
'towards Man and all his ways''.	Dead metaphor	İnsan'a ve onun başının altından çıkan tüm uğursuzluklara karşı	against Man and in all the inauspiciousness that is His' doing	Converting of metaphor to sense Replacing the image in the SL with a standard TL image which does not clash with the TL culture	insanlara ve yaptıklarına karşı	against Man and what he has done	Converting of metaphor to sense

TT1 Translation Shift	TT2 Translation Shift
Class shift, unit shift, lexical modulation	Lexical modulation, level shift

Another example under the analysis is the lexis 'laborious' in the sentence '...our lives miserable, laborious, and short'. The dictionary defines the word 'laborious' as 'involving or characterized by hard or toilsome effort' (Merriam-Webster, Digital Dictionary). In TT1 translation it is presented as 'sabahtan akşama kadar uğraşip didinmek (Back Tr. toiling and moiling from morning till night)' (Table 2). One ST word was rendered into the extended metaphoric expression. The TT1 counterpart of the word 'laborious' was replaced culturally dependent expression 'sabahtan akşama kadar uğraşip didinmek', deforming the metrics of the text. The translator replaces the SL word with a more elegant TL metaphoric counterpart and thus, enhances the simple way of writing. Therefore, the perceptual image transferred through the SL is rendered in the TT1, though significantly exaggerating the impact upon the recipients. From this point of view, the TT1 demonstrates 'ennoblement' as the 'textual deformation' in terms of Berman's theory about the deformation tendencies in translation (Munday, 2008).

The translation of the word 'laborious' in the TT2, however, was interpreted using another metaphoric expression 'hiç durmadan çalışmak (Back Tr. working without any stops)'. The TT2 also demonstrates ennoblement and metrical distortion through its emotional impact upon the recipient's approaches to the original text.

As for the ST metaphors 'miserable and short', their meanings were preserved in both the TT1 (Tr. kölelik, Back Tr. poverty; Tr. kısa, Back Tr. short) and the TT2 (Tr. se-falet, Back Tr. wretchedness; Tr. kısa, Back Tr. short). The TT translators conveyed the above-mentioned ST metaphors maintaining the balance in terms of style and length of the expressions (Table 2).

Table 2
Comparative Analysis of Metaphor Translations in TT1 and TT2

ST Metaphor	ST Metaphor Type	TT1	Back-translation	Translation Procedure	TT2	Back-translation	Translation Procedure
‘[...]our lives miserable, laborious, and short’	Stock metaphor	‘Şu kısa ömrümüz yoksulluk içinde, sabahtan akşama kadar uğraşıp didinmekle geçip gidiyor.’	Our short lives go by in poverty, toiling, and moiling from morning till night.	Replacing the image in the SL with a TL metaphor	Kısa hayatımız sefalet içinde ve hiç durmadan çalışmakla geçer.	Our short lives go by in wretchedness and working continually.	Converting of metaphor to sense

TT1 Translation Shift	TT2 Translation Shift
Unit shift (2), class shift, non-obligatory structural shift	Unit shift (2), class shift, non-obligatory structural shift

Another expression to bring to the discussion is the SL metaphor ‘to work to the last atom of our strength’ in the sentence ‘[...]those of who are capable of it are forced to work to the last atom of our strength’ (Table 3). In TT1 it was translated as ‘canı çıkana kadar çalışmak’ which means ‘someone is forced to work so hard that his/her soul detaches from his/her body at the end of overwork’. In this case, the TT1 translator again uses the strategy which ennoble the text. In the second translation, however, the TT2 translator reproduces the original image in TL and interprets it as ‘en ufak zerresine [Back Tr. to the merest (1) piece (2)]’. The TT metaphor, used in TT2, tends to preserve simplicity of the form and meaning, though undergoing lexical modulations ‘the last(1) atom (2)’.

From the grammatical structures both translators keep passiveness in the TT.

ST: ‘[...] those of who are capable of it are forced to work [...]

TT1: ‘ayakta kalanlarımızı canı çıkana kadar çalıştırır’ (Back Tr. ‘(They) work us to work’) The sentence was reconstructed with a ‘null subject’.

TT2: ‘Gücü yetenlerimiz en ufak zerresine kadar çalışmaya zorlanırlar.’ (Back Tr. ‘Those are forced[...]).

It also cannot stay unnoticed that the part ‘those of who are capable’ is translated differently by the Turkish translators, using metaphoric expressions that represent non-obligatory structural shifts. The application of metaphors as the replacement of the plain text of the origin consequently elevates the style of the TT and therefore, its emotional impact upon the audience (Table 3).

Table 3
Comparative Analysis of Metaphor Translations in TT1 and TT2

ST Metaphor	ST Metaphor Type	TT1	Back-translation	Translation Procedure	TT2	Back-translation	Translation Procedure
‘[...]those of who are capable of it are forced to work to the last atom of our strength’	Stock metaphor , Original metaphor	‘ayakta kalanlarımızı canı çıkana kadar çalıştırır’	(They) have those of who are survivors of it work till they get all tuckered out	Replacing the image in the SL with a standard TL image which does not clash with the TL culture	‘Gücü yetenlerimiz en ufak zerresine kadar çalışmaya zorlanırlar.’	those of who are strong enough are forced to work to the merest piece	Reproducing the same image in TL

TT1 Translation Shift	TT2 Translation Shift
Unit shift	Structural shift, lexical modulation

Another sentence to analyze is ‘*Remove Man from the scene, and the root cause of hunger and overwork is abolished forever.*’ This sentence is a prominent example of propaganda speech using an abundance of images and metaphorical expressions (Table 4). The first one to mention is the appeal ‘*Remove Man*’, used in the imperative form, openly calling for actions. This SL metaphor was rendered in TT1 as ‘*İnsan’ı ortadan kaldırın* (Back Tr. *Take Man away from there*)’ and in TT2 as ‘*insanı[...].indirelim* (Back Tr. *Let’s put down Man*)’. Although the linguistic transfer of the action verb ‘*remove*’ in one-word from English to Turkish is possible, the TT1 translator conveys the metaphor ‘*Remove*’ using a multi-word phrase ‘*ortadan kaldırmak* (Back Tr. *take away from there*)’ whereas the TT2 translator translates the metaphor with one-word verb (Tr. ‘*indirelim*’, Back Tr. *put down*) though modifying the lexical meaning and aspect. There is a noticeable difference in meaning between ‘to remove’ and ‘to put down’, which exemplifies the qualitative lexical modification. Simultaneously, the imperativeness of the original appeal is softened in TT2.

The second metaphorical image in the ST is ‘*from the scene*’. The perceptual image of the ST metaphor was mapped onto ‘*the scene*’ which denotes *the Earth* on which human civilizations live. As can be seen from Table 4, the TT1 translator reproduces the original image through the metaphor (Tr. ‘*yeryüzünden*, Back Tr. *from the Earth*), clarifying the implicit signified concept of *the World*. The TT2 translator, however, converts this ST metaphor into the sense (Tr. ‘*bulunduğu yerden*’, Back Tr. *from the place He is present in*), expanding the ST information whose meaning may be unclear in the TT context when translated.

The next metaphorical image in the analyzed sentence is ‘*the root cause*’. While the TT1 translator reproduces the same image in TL, preserving the meaning of both ‘root’ and ‘cause’, the TT2 translator omits the ST metaphor ‘*the root*’ and transferring only the meaning of ‘*cause*’. Deleting the metaphor ‘*the root*’, the TT2 translator inserts an ‘embedded clause’ (i.e. Tr. ‘*indirelim ki*’, Back Tr. *we take Him down so that*).

Another metaphor in the ST sentence is present with the item ‘*overwork*’. The TT1 translator transfers its meaning with the metaphorical simile ‘working like slaves’, obviously deforming the text metrically and meaningfully. In TT2 the metaphor ‘*overwork*’ was translated as ‘*bitiviye çalışma(nın)* (Back Tr. *ceaseless working*), reproducing structural shift and qualitative lexical modification.

Table 4
Comparative Analysis of Metaphor Translations in TT1 and TT2

ST Metaphor	ST Metaphor Type	TT1	Back-translation	Translation Procedure	TT2	Back-translation	Translation Procedure
‘ Remove Man from the scene, and the root cause of hunger and overwork is abolished for ever. ’	Dead metaphor Stock metaphor	‘İnsan’ı ortadan kaldırın, açlığın ve köle gibi çalışmanın temelindeki neden de sonsuza dek silinecektir yeryüzünden.’	Take Man away, the underlying reason of hunger and working like slave will be abolished from the earth for ever.	Translating metaphor by simile, retaining the image	[...] insanı bulunduğu yerden indirelim; indirelim ki açlığın ve biteviye çalışmanın sebebi sonsuza kadar yok olsun.’	Let’s put down Man from the place He is present in; we take Him down so that the reason of hunger and ceaseless working will be removed for ever.	Using the same metaphor combined with sense, in order to enforce the image Deletion, if the metaphor is redundant

TT1 Translation Shift	TT2 Translation Shift
Non- obligatory unit shift(2), Class shift, Structural shift, lexical modification, replacement of images	Non-obligatory unit shift(2), structural shift, lexical modification

More examples of the metaphors from the analysed text and their Turkish translations can be found in Table 5.

Table 5
Comparative Analysis of Metaphor Translations in TT1 and TT2

ST Metaphor	ST Metaphor Type	TT1	Back-translation	Translation Procedure	TT2	Back-translation	Translation Procedure
'the cruel knife'	<i>Cliché Metaphor</i>	gaddar bıçaktan	the grim knife	Reproducing the same image in the TL	zalim bıçaktan	the brutal knife	Reproducing the same image in the TL

TT1 Translation Shift: Lexical modulation	TT2 Translation Shift: Lexical modulation
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'[...]/we are given so much food as will keep the breath in our bodies'	<i>Stoc k metaphor</i>	'...yaşamımıza yetecek kadar yiyecek verirler[...]'	They give as much food as to be enough to live our lives	Converting metaphor to sense	'...canlı kalabileceğimiz kadar yemek verilir.'	We are given as much food as to be able to survive	Converting metaphor to sense
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TT1 Translation Shift: Class shift, replacement of the symbol	TT2 Translation Shift: Class shift, replacement of the symbol
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'...that is the plain truth...'	<i>Cliché metaphor</i>	İşte, tüm çıplaklığıyla gerçek budur.	Here, this is the truth with all its nakedness.	TT metaphor enhanced with specification	Meselemiz bu kadar açıktır	Our matter is this much clear	Explaining the meaning, metaphor omitted
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TT1 Translation Shift: Optional structural shift, lexical modulation, specification	TT2 Translation Shift: Optional structural shift, sense explanation
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'The life of an animal is misery and slavery.'	<i>Original metaphor</i>	Hayatımız sefillikten, kölelikten başka nedir ki!	Aren't our lives anything else but misery and slavery!	Emotional impact raised with the emphatic grammatical structure	Hayvanların hayatı, sefalet ve köleliktir.	The life of animals are misery and slavery.	Reproducing the same image in the TL
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TT1 Translation Shift: Non-obligatory intra-system shift, multiple structural shifts	TT2 Translation Shift: Obligatory intra-system shifts
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[...] <i>every one of you will scream your lives at the block within a year</i>	<i>Adapted metaphor</i>	[...]bir yıla kalmaz, bıçağın altında ciyaklaya ciyaklaya can verirsiniz	[...] a year or so, you will die squeling and squeling neath the knife	Replacing the image in the SL with a TL image	[...], her biriniz bir yıla kalmaz kesilecek, kesilirken çığlıklar atarak can vereceksiniz.	[...] every single of you, a year or so, will be slaughtered, while being slaughtering you will die screaming.	Translating of metaphor by the equivalent metaphor
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TT1 Translation Shift: Optional structural shift, class shift, unit shifts, replacement of the symbol, specification, item omission	TT2 Translation Shift: Obligatory structural shift, class shift, unit shift, replacement of the symbol, specification
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<i>Why, work night and day, body and soul, for the overthrow of the human race!</i>	<i>Original metaphor</i>	Gece gündüz, var gücümüzle insan soyunu alt etmeye çalışmalı!	Night and day, (we) should work to overwhelm mankind with all our strength!	Converting of metaphor to sense	İnsan ırkını yok etmek için ruhumuzla, bedenimizle, gece gündüz çalışmalıyız!	We must work night,day, soul, body to destroy the human race!	Reproducing the same image in the TL
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TT1 Translation Shift: Non-obligatory structural shift, transferring the sense	TT2 Translation Shift: Non-obligatory structural shifts, calque
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<i>‘Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies’.</i>	<i>Original Metaphor</i>	Her bir damlası düşmanlarım ızın midesine indi.	Every drop (of it) has gone down the stomach of our enemies.	Reproducing the same image in TL Partial calque, replacement of the symbols	Sütün her damlası düşmanları mızın boğazından aşağı indi.	Every drop of the milk has gone down the throats of our enemies.	Specification, partial calque of the metaphor
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TT1 Translation Shift: Structural shifts, partial calque of the metaphor	TT2 Translation Shift: Structural shifts, partial calque of the metaphor, specification
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5 Discussions and Conclusions

The study was purposed to analyze the strategies of conveying metaphors from English to Turkish in the political discourse, based on the novel “Animal Farm” by George Orwell and its Turkish translations by Sedat Demir and Celal Üster. It scrutinized recent advancements in the theory and practice of translation, focussing on the tendencies in the translation of political texts, metaphors, and namely problems of translating “Animal Farm” by George Orwell.

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The research discussed the problems of translating “Animal Farm” by George Orwell in different languages, studies referring to the metaphor as an instrument of emotive influence on the reader in political discourse.

The study concerned the ways and techniques applied by the Turkish translators to render metaphorical expressions of Old Major’s speech from English to Turkish. It was intended to describe the metaphor translation procedures applied by two translators Celal Üster and Sedat Demir with the special focus on the translation shifts and textual deformation that occurred. For the translation notifications and contrasting Celal Üster’s translation is marked as TT1 and Sedat Demir’s translation as TT2.

In the contrastive analysis of the metaphors in the original text and its two translations, the study was based on Newmark’s definition and classification of metaphors. Comparing ST with its translations the attempt was to identify the metaphor, trace how it is conveyed in the TTs, which strategies were applied, and what kind of shifts and deformation occurred in translations.

As the primary objective of this study was to define main tendencies in the Turkish translators’ choices about the strategies of conveying metaphors on the example of Old Major’s Speech from English into Turkish, in the paper we represented only some expressions to illustrate the revealed regularities.

Analysis of the recent studies and scrutinizing strategies of translating metaphoric units from English into Turkish allowed to define correspondence of the translations to the original texts. To proceed with the conclusions it was important to consider the writing style of the author, which is characterized by the simplicity of the language and forms of the emotional appeal. The impact of the political text (Old Major’s Speech as a sample) is mostly realized with the figures, classified as dead and stock metaphors, direct appeals to actions, simplified forms of the sentences. The correspondence of the style of the Turkish translations to the original was considered based on the principles of a) metrical features of the texts, b) presence of the figurative language means, c) equivalence of the force of the emotional impact of the language units upon the audience. Following the mentioned principles allowed to discriminate deformation tendencies that occurred in translations.

Analysis of the data, obtained in the process of contrasting ST and its TT, provided evidence to state that TT1 is characterized by a significant portion of the metrical deformations, ennoblements of the text, which distort the original style, turning it to a more elevated speech. The mentioned features were caused by the multiple cases of using in translation metaphoric units that overcome in their force the emotional impact of the original text, which is characterized by the simplicity of forms and neutrality of the metaphoric units utilized.

Unlike TT1, the translator in TT2 tends to prefer calque in translating the metaphoric units in cases when they cannot be replaced by the TL equivalents or prefers using the translation strategy for transparency of the sentence structure and the lexical units.

Both translators use the strategy of the symbol replacement in transferring the sense of the metaphorical expressions, though TT1 reveals a stronger tendency to use the symbols which are more appealing to the discourse style of the targeted culture. In this sense TT1 significantly overcomes the original text in its emotionality that can be a feature of the Turkish culture communication when it comes to the political discourse and appeals to actions.

Aside from using equivalent metaphoric symbols the translators also apply strategies of grammatical transformations turning the neutrality of the original sentence structure into the emphatic, emotional sentence construction. In this way, the metaphor, existing in the original text, dissolves in the TT, but the message energy becomes compensated by the emphatic sentence structures.

Alongside the remarks laid out as a result of the presented contrastive analysis, the limitations of this study can affect the overall conclusions. Among the limitations are as follows a) the study concerns only the analysis of Old Major’s Speech, b) the special focus is on the metaphoric units, though they represent the most prominent features of the political discourse, still it should be remembered that not only metaphors are the tools to provide an emotional impact upon the audience, but also other language means such as sentence structures, repetitions, sound composition, etc. c) the translation strategies and distortions revealed during the analysis can be caused by the special considerations of the translators, those which did not come into the light of this research, therefore, the conclusions, done about the correspondence of the translations to the original text can be also a topic of discussions.

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