Online News Articles Alleged Extortion Case Firli Bahuri Kompas.Com Critical Discourse Analysis Study Model Teun A. Van Dijk

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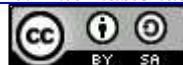
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	This study is a critical discourse analysis of online news articles related to the alleged extortion case committed by Firli Bahuri in the online media Kompas.com. This discourse analysis uses the theory of Teun A. Van Dijk focusing on text analysis with three problem focuses, namely, macrostructure, superstructure, and microstructure. The purpose of this study is to describe the data found in Kompas.com online news articles related to the Firli Bahuri extortion case according to the three problem focuses that have been mentioned. The data sources found in this study were taken from news articles from September to December 2024 editions. The type of research conducted is qualitative. In this study, the approach chosen from the qualitative research method is a descriptive approach, namely a research method by describing the results of the data that has been obtained.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Discourse has a complete composition of language elements starting from phonemes to forming a complete composition. The language formed in discourse is cohesive, which means that a discourse must have a harmonious relationship or connection between its constituent elements so as to create a neat or coherent meaning. Discourse in the news is a text that contains a real report about an event or phenomenon, which is conveyed through the language used by a journalist or reporter. Discourse text in the news is a form of communication that is used to provide information to the public about an important event.

Nowadays, news can not only be found on television or print media such as newspapers. Several years ago, many mass media have digitized by creating online sites that can be used by everyone to read the news. Several companies such as PT Kompas Cyber Media (KCM) are also participating in digitalization by providing access for readers via the internet.

Recently, the news that is still hotly discussed is the alleged blackmail case committed by Firli Bahuri against Syahrul Yasin Limpo (SYL). SYL is one of the suspects in an alleged corruption case at the Ministry of Agriculture. This case became increasingly hotly discussed when news emerged that allegations that SYL was also being blackmailed by the KPK leader, Firli Bahuri, in his corruption case. This alleged extortion was revealed when there was a report from Endar Priantoro and community groups and Firli was later named a suspect in a case of alleged extortion, receiving gratuities, or accepting gifts or promises from civil servants or state administrators. This continues to be in the spotlight of the wider community because at that time Firli was still serving as Chairman of the Corruption

Eradication Commission (KPK). Meanwhile, Syahrul Yasin Limpo (SYL) is the Indonesian Minister of Agriculture who served from 23 October 2019 to 06 October 2023.

Of course, the focus of the news was the two figures involved in it, one of whom at that time was still chairman of the Corruption Eradication Commission. It is known that long before serving as chairman of the Corruption Eradication Commission, Firli served as an aide to the vice president of the Republic of Indonesia, Boediono, in 2012. The Corruption Eradication Committee (KPK), which in the public's opinion is an institution that operates in the anti-corruption sector, which usually goes into the field to eradicate corruption, has actually been involved in corruption cases. Apart from that, for approximately four years he served as chairman of the KPK, before finally being officially dismissed on December 28 2023, Firli was reportedly reported several times for alleged violations of the code of ethics. Then, when undergoing the eligibility test as a candidate for chairman of the Corruption Eradication Committee, Firli received various rejections from both internal and civil society.

This will certainly give rise to various perspectives from the wider community, therefore the case is still being discussed today. So in this research, the news of the alleged blackmail case committed by Firli Bahuri became an interesting object to research in terms of the language used in the news text by examining the entire content of the text and the topics that appeared on the news article page. This research used critical discourse analysis studies with the theory of Teun A. Van Dijk.

In the critical discourse analysis study of Teun A.Van Dijk's text model, this research focuses on three things, namely; macrostructure, superstructure, and microstructure. Critical Discourse Analysis sees language as something that acts in a text in the form of discourse. The main point of critical discourse analysis is analyzing information related to matters relating to power, domination and inequality produced in a discourse text.

Teun A. Van Dijk's critical discourse analysis on Macro Structure focuses on the themes or topics presented in a news article. This is interesting to study because a theme that is usually displayed in a news story refers to the title displayed. A theme will be a reference for the sequence of content that will be presented in the news article. Then Van Dijk also focused on superstructure, namely how news texts are interconnected starting from the introduction, content, conclusion and conclusion and how these parts form a scheme to support the topic or theme presented in the news. And finally, Van Dijk also focuses on Micro Structure, which examines several things such as semantics, syntax, stylistics and rhetoric. In this way, in this research the researcher will reveal several things contained in news articles about the alleged extortion case of Firli Bahuri in the online media Kompas.com in accordance with the focus of Teun A. Van Dijk's theoretical study which includes these three elements. The data sources chosen in the research on the alleged extortion case of Firli Bahuri were 21 news articles with a time period of September to December 2024.

Teun A. Van Dijk replaced the term Critical Discourse Analysis with the term Critical Discourse Studies, because according to him this study not only involves critical analysis, but also involves theory and its critical applications. Critical discourse studies are a form of thinking and taking a stance in discourse studies involving various scientific disciplines such as discourse analysis, psychology, history, social sciences and linguistics (Haryatmoko, 2022: 77).

Critical discourse analysis research was previously carried out by Nur Indah Solikhati and Hari Bakti Mardikantoro who are students from Semarang State University with the research title Textual Analysis in the Construction of Corruption News Discourse on METRO TV and NET in the Perspective of Norman Fairclough's Critical Discourse Analysis. This research aims to dissect discursive practices in the construction of corruption

news produced by television media. The theory used in analyzing the data in this research is the theory of Critical Discourse Analysis from Norman Fairclough. The object of this research is reporting on corruption cases involving government officials and businessmen on Metro TV and NET.

Then secondly, critical discourse analysis research was also researched by Ananda Syarifah Nur, a student from Malikussaleh University, North Aceh. The research he conducted was entitled Critical Discourse Analysis of the Van Dijk Model in the Mata Najwa Program "Conditional Justice for All Indonesian People". This research uses Teun A. Van Dijk's theory in examining all the data obtained. The object of this research is the Mata Najwa program which is broadcast on one of the private television stations, namely, Trans 7. This research aims to describe the macro structure, superstructure and micro structure contained in the Mata Najwa television program. The results of this research are a description of the macro structure. superstructure and microstructure in the Mata Najwa television program on Trans 7.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

The type of research used in this research is a qualitative research method with a descriptive approach. According to Crasswell, qualitative research is a research and understanding process based on a methodology that investigates social phenomena and matters related to human problems (Murdiyanto, 2020: 19).

Bogdan and Taylor in (Abdussamad, 2021: 30) argue that qualitative research is a research procedure that produces descriptive data in either written or spoken words from people or observable behavior. Thus, qualitative research describes a meaning or data obtained by researchers which is then analyzed scientifically and based on facts or natural conditions that actually occur.

Based on the two opinions above, it can be said that the qualitative research method is a method whose research process is based on a phenomenon that occurs in social circles which produces descriptive data that can be observed in terms of language, both written and spoken words, which emphasizes the meaning in it. The data in this research are news articles. The analysis carried out includes analysis of discourse texts contained in the news using the focus of Teun A. Van Dijk's Critical Discourse Analysis study. From the study of Teun A Van Dijk's model, the discourse text was examined from the elements of Macro Structure, Superstructure and Micro Structure.

The data collection technique in this research is divided into two processes, namely reading techniques and note-taking techniques. In the reading technique, the researcher read the entire contents of the online news article on the alleged extortion case of Firli Bahuri in the media kompas.com. then the note-taking technique. The researcher records the results of data findings found in online news articles about the alleged extortion case of Firli Bahuri in the kompas.com media which includes the results of data analysis from the text structure of the news selected as the object.

3. RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The research results and discussion results found in this research are in the form of news article data including Teun A. Van Dijk's text structure, namely, macro structure, superstructure and micro structure which are described as follows.

3.1. Research result

The text structure in Teun A. Van Dijk's critical discourse analysis consists of three structures. First is macro structure, second is superstructure, third is micro structure. In this text structure analysis, the microstructure is divided into several parts, namely,

semantics, syntax, stylistics and rhetorical. The following are some of the data findings in the Kompas.com news article related to the alleged extortion case of Firli Bahuri.

Table 1. Macro Structure Data (Thematic)

Macro Structure	[1] *Corruption Eradication Commission Chairman Hopes Firli Bahuri's Case Will Be Supervised If Polda Metro is Slow.* [2] *Police will again examine Firli Bahuri regarding blackmail and meetings with SYL.* [3] *Metro Police Chief Says Firli Bahuri Case Has Entered "Finishing" Stage.* [4] *MAKI The value of public trust in the National Police will decrease if the Firli Bahuri case continues to drag on.*

Table 2. Superstructure Data (Schematic)

Superstructure	Advance Schema	[5] *Former Chairman of the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) Firli Bahuri was again absent from investigators' summons as a suspect in the alleged extortion case against former Minister of Agriculture Syahrul Yasin Limpo (SYL), Thursday (28/11/2024).*
	Content Scheme	[6] *Trisakti University criminal law expert Abdul Fickar Hadjar believes that investigators should have forcibly picked up Firli after twice failing to appear on summons.*
	Cover Scheme	[7] *"If the investigation drags on, it is possible that there will be a wave of public criticism and doubts towards Polda Metro Jaya," he concluded.*

Table 3. Microstructure Data

Semantics	Background	[8] *For your information, Firli was named a suspect on November 22 2023 regarding alleged extortion of former Minister of Agriculture Syahrul Yasin Limpo (SYL). However, Firli has not yet been detained and his case files have not been submitted to the Prosecutor's Office.*
	Details	[9] *In the alleged extortion case, where Firli has suspect status, the Special Criminal Investigation Directorate (Ditreskrimsus) Polda Metro Jaya has examined 123 witnesses.*
	Meaning	[10] *"Respondent I's failure to detain Firli Bahuri has given the impression that the investigation is not serious and is easily manipulated by parties who do not want transparency in handling the case," he said.*

	Praangaapan	[11] *Boyamin said that initially the police were considered great by the community because they succeeded in cleaning up "naughty" elements within the institution. Moreover, based on monitoring on social media, many people support the police's efforts in handling the Firli case.*
Syntax	Sentence Form	[12] *"We know that Firli is the first KPK chairman to be a corruption suspect. This will clearly affect the commitment to eradicate corruption in the next government because there is still pending homework to deal with corruption," he said.*
	Coherence	[13] *The lawsuit, registered with case number 116/Pid.Pra/2024/PN JKT.SEL, was filed because the two law enforcement agencies were deemed to have stopped investigating the former Chairman of the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), Firli Bahuri.* [14] *As confirmed by Kompas.com, LP3HI Deputy Chair Kurniawan Adi Nugroho said that this lawsuit was filed because the Metro Jaya Police and the Prosecutor's Office were deemed not serious about handling the alleged corruption case that ensnared Firli Bahuri.*
	Pronouns	[15] *"We promise to be thorough, to complete the investigation into the a quo case," Ade emphasized.*
Stylistic		[16] *"So its nature is only assessed as quality control of investigation activities carried out by Polda Metro Jaya colleagues," he added.*
Rhetorical	Metaphor	[17] *"Once again, we convey that the investigation into the two a quo cases, the two police reports in question, will proceed professionally, transparently and accountably," said Ade.*

3.2. Discussion

a. Macro Structure

Macro structure is an external structure that forms the discourse and global meaning of a text (thematic). Macro structure focuses on the overall meaning that can be observed from the theme or topic displayed in the discourse text. Topics are an important part of the news. Van Dijk's opinion regarding the depiction of themes or topics in news stories (Eriyanto, 2017: 230) explains that the text is not simply interpreted as a particular view or a particular topic but as a general view that is complete and interrelated. This means that the parts in the news present facts that support each other so that they form a unified general understanding.

From data [1] to data [4] the topics or themes that emerge relate to the sustainability of the Firli Bahuri case. The news articles uploaded by the official Kompas.com

account show the facts that form a unity that supports each other and can be observed from the topics displayed in each news article.

b. Superstructure

Superstructure (schematic) in the context of Teun A. van Dijk's critical discourse analysis model refers to the systematic structure of a discourse or text. According to Van Dijk, the superstructure also has a coherent whole in each part. Superstructure (schematic) emphasizes the arrangement of text starting from the part that you want to use as an introduction, then continuing with other parts that are used as a strategy to hide important pieces of information in the news text.

Data [5] is a preliminary scheme because the news begins with the news that Firli did not comply with the investigator's summons for the umpteenth time. Then the preliminary scheme is supported by the content scheme in the data [6] which gives rise to it. Abdul Fickar Hadjar's response as a legal expert at Trisakti University was to forcibly pick up Firli after he failed to comply with investigators' summons twice. . Data [7] becomes a closing scheme for the news. The statement conveyed by Kompolnas Commissioner Yusuf Wasyim was the closing part because his statement regarding the Firli case which had not yet come to light would give rise to various speculations and public doubts about Polda Metro Jaya which had not provided certainty in the alleged extortion case of Firli Bahuri.

c. Microstructure

Semantics

1. Setting

Data in [8] is part of the background to why reporting on the Firli case is still continuing. From a news article excerpt *"For your information, Firli was named a suspect on November 22 2023 in connection with alleged extortion of the former Minister of Agriculture Syahrul Yasin Limpo (SYL). However, Firli has not yet been detained and his case files have not been submitted to the Prosecutor's Office."* It can be concluded that the reason why Firli's reporting continues is because Firli has not been detained, who has been named a suspect since November 22 2023.

2. Details

Detail is a strategy used by journalists to express their attitudes. Data found in sentences *"In the alleged extortion case, where Firli has suspect status, the Special Criminal Investigation Directorate (Ditreskrimsus) of Polda Metro Jaya has examined 123 witnesses."* As if expressing a bit of disappointment because as many as 123 witnesses had been examined but the case still did not find any clarity.

3. Meaning

The purpose of viewing beneficial information from the communicator is then explained clearly. So that detrimental information will be conveyed in a disguised and hidden manner. What the speaker wants to convey based on the data [10] is that investigators should immediately take action on the Firli case which has been pending for too long and that the person concerned as a suspect should not be detained.

4. Presuppositions

The findings of presupposition data were found in Boyamin's statement. Data in [11] is included in presupposition data because Boyamin's statement is preceded by words *"Initially the police were considered great by the community"* This is an allegation whose validity cannot be questioned or disputed because it is a presumption.

Syntax

1. Sentence form

   In data [12] the sentences found in this news are passive sentences. The speaker uses the personal pronoun as the subject then the verb "delayed" which comes from the word "tunda" followed by the affix "ter" which indicates a passive verb, making the form of the sentence conveyed a passive sentence.

2. Coherence

   Data [13] and [14] are coherence data from which the findings reveal the causes and effects of the events in the news article.

3. Pronouns

   The pronouns found in this news article are personal pronouns where the speaker mentions words *"We"* as a subject. Said *"We"*used by the speaker means the speaker and the entire Diskrimsus team.

Stylistic

Data findings [16] found the word *"quality control"*In this case, the word is intended by the speaker to ensure that the investigation is carried out as it should. So *"quality control"* is another form of the word "to ensure" because in the legal context the word is used *"quality control".*

Rhetorical

Data excerpt [17] From this sentence there is a metaphor for the word "transparent". Transparent can also be interpreted as open, but in this case transparent is better used by the speaker because the word is better used for matters relating to investigations carried out by parties who have authority.

4. CONCLUSION

From the research conducted by the researcher, it can be concluded that in the news articles studied, macro text structures, superstructures and microstructures were found. The macro structure found includes thematic elements that can be seen from the headlines displayed. Then in the superstructure, schematic elements are found which include the preliminary scheme, main scheme and closing scheme. And the latter is found in the microstructure of semantic, syntactic, stylistic and rhetorical elements. With this, it can be said that this research is in accordance with the critical discourse analysis of text structure from Teun A. Van Dijk.

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