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The text has a significant role in the formation of discourse; Haman (2004, p. 73) said it is true that the central element in the construction of reality is language (text). He quotes from Giles and Wiemann (1997, p 65) that language (text) can determine context because, through writing a person tries to influence others (demonstrates his power) through choosing words that are effectively able to manipulate context.

Discourse has several aspects, one of which is a critical view. Crystal (1991, p. 90) explains that Critical linguistics is the study of linguistics that discover hidden power relations with the ideological process that exists in both oral and written texts—mere linguistic analysis believed to be unable to reveal critical significance. Darma (2009, p. 51) argues that Critical Discourse analysis as a language study examines language only from the linguistic aspect but also relates it to context. The context here can have interpreted that language used for specific purposes and practices, including the method of power. Critical discourse analysis is considered more suitable for analyzing public discourse.

According to the understanding of Critical Discourse Analysis (henceforth; CDA), the text is not free of value and describes reality as it is. The text producer's personal tendency and the social structure surrounding the text producer come to color the text content. Language is uncommitted but instead contains a specific ideological message which influenced by the creator of the text. CDA understands discourse not merely as a language study, but CDA also relates it to context. The context in question in the

language study and linguistic theory to set out the rationale for feminist text analysis. She examines sexism, political correctness, reader positioning, narrative, agency, discourse, character and role analysis - and sets the examination of literary texts alongside texts such as newspapers, pop songs and advertisements. *Feminist Stylistics* presumes no prior knowledge of either feminist or stylistic theory. Each chapter shows how the issue has been discussed in stylistics, and goes on to provide a feminist theoretical framework or critique. This sustained account of feminist stylistics includes an extensive bibliography and numerous suggestions for further work. *Feminist Stylistics* is an essential text for anyone interested in discussing the language and the gendering of texts.

Sara Mills developed an analysis to see how the actor's position displayed in the text. In the sense of who is the subject of storytelling and who is the object of storytelling. Thus, it will establish how the formation of the text and meaning interpreted in the text as a combination. Sara Mills also looks at how readers and writers explained in the text, how readers recognize and place themselves in the narrative of the text. This kind of position will place the reader in one position and influence the way the text represented. In the end, the way of saying and the position placed and displayed in this text makes one party legitimized and the other party not legitimized. According to Sara Mills, the concept of the position of the reader placed in the news formed by the writer not directly, but vice versa. That happens through greeting in two ways; first, a text raises the discourse gradually by revealing

the authenticity hierarchically and systematically, so that the reader identifies themselves among the parts or what appears in the text according to Eriyanto (2001, p. 115). Second, the cultural code. It belongs to the code or cultural value that applies to the reader's mind when interpreting a text. The author uses this condition when writing.

Therefore, researcher used Critical Discourse from Sara Mill in Muniba Mazari's speech entitled "We Are All Perfectly Perfect," published by the English Speech YouTube channel on July 6, 2018, discussing how she became an actor, subject and object at a time. Which is according to the researcher, is very suitable if examined using the approach of Sara Mills (1995, p. 15).

Muniba Mazari Balonch was born on March 3, 1987, otherwise called *Iron Lady of Pakistan*. She is an activist, anchor artist, public figure, singer, and motivational speaker. She is also Pakistan's primary model and anchor who uses a wheelchair. In 2015, this woman, who is often an activist for women's empowerment and children's rights appointed as a national ambassador for UN Woman. She also briefly entered the list of 30 Under 30 versions of Forbes magazine and 100 Most Inspirational Women BBC 2015.

Besides, the researcher used Muniba Mazari's speech to know how the delivery of speech from Muniba Mazari as a gender representation and it shows how she positioned herself in her own story and can contribute to the broader community that could examine through the discourse and ideology

available. Sara Mills (1995, p. 25) says Feminist Stylistics provides a way for those involved with the representation of gender similarities, in which linguists can develop their own set of tools that can show the functioning of gender at different levels in the text. Because the nature of the feminist analysis is needed to see the boundaries of the text itself, arguing that the text infiltrated by discourse and ideology, and that differences between textual and extra-textual should not always be assumed to exist. Text is attacked by norms, social culture, ideology, history, economic power, gender, racism, and many more. Not that writers do not have any control over what they write, but writers themselves are also subject to interpellation and interaction with discursive forces.

The discourse analysis researcher had done some studies to uncover the feminist perspective using critical discourse analysis. There are previous studies that focused on CDA researches on the topic that uses the Sara Mills model: Khairunnisa (2018) in detik.com media, Meutia (2018) in Cau Ba Kan Movie, Rafiqqa (2019) in The Online News, Nurkaolin & Putri (2019) in Kartini's Movie by Hanung Bramantyo, Abdullah (2019) in Media Coil, and Nuryani & Isnaeni (2019) in Rakyatku news article. It is where most of the previous studies above always take the news that women are always the object of being oppressed. At the same time, the research objects from previous studies above also mostly use mass media. However, some of them put the position of women as objects that are brave and achievement. For example, Rafiqqa (2019), examines how Minister Susi presented in the news

text about the sinking of ships in Indonesian waters, where the results of this study place the author of the news as the subject and the object is Minister Susi. This research also emphasizes the achievements of a woman, Minister Susi. While Nurkaolin & Putri (2019) analyzed using Kartini's movie, which focused on the position of the reader or audience in the movie.

The researcher also served other studies; Wardani, Purnomo & Lahade (2016) This research analyzes how the discourse approaches that involve in the Tupperware She Can! on Radio in portraying women. This research thesis shows that Female Radio Semarang within its Tupperware She Can! on Radio has tried to represent women confidently. In this research, Tupperware She Can! On Radio, women are not only placed as objects but also provided many opportunities to be the subject of conversation. In conclusion, the representation of women formed in the program shows a positive image. In the leading role in the public sector (productive or social), women emerge as a figure that is not inferior to men, but in the domestic sector, women still carry out their obligations to carry out their roles as mothers and wives as well. However, they investigated the Radio as the object of analysis.

After the researcher analyzed the previous studies above, the researcher deduces that there still some incompleteness in their study such as weakness in reporting the result as Khairunnisa (2018) research, and such as an inconsistency in placement the data for the data source as Meutia (2018) research, also an inconsistency in using the type of an instrument as Rafiq (2019) study, some deficiency in reporting the result of the research as

are usually delivered by people who are quite influential in society, such as Muniba Mazari.

Muniba Mazari is an inspirational woman known as an *Iron Lady of Pakistan*. She is a Public Figure of Pakistan and also become an activist, news anchor, artist, model, singer, and motivational speaker. She is also the model and the first Pakistani news anchor to use a wheelchair. She also became Pakistan's primary representative for UN Women Pakistan, one of the 30 under 30 Forbes 2016 media and marketing categories, and not only that, but she also made it to the list of BBC Women's top 100s in 2015. She was named the brand ambassador of The Body shop and Chungtai Lab, and become a model for Tony & Guy. Besides, she also has her brand

Chaer (2007, p. 267), discourse is a complete unit of language, so in the discourse, it means that there are concepts, ideas, thoughts, or intact ideas, which can be understood by readers and listeners. The same thing was stated by Harimurti (2011, p. 7) that the discourse is a complete language unit in the grammatical hierarchy is the highest or largest unit. This discourse realized in the form of an entire composition such as novels, books, encyclopedia series, paragraphs, sentences, or words that carry a complete mandate.

According to Syamsuddin (2011, p. 8), segmental elements in discourse are formed by the smallest to the most substantial aspects, namely phonemes, morphemes, words, phrases, clauses, and sentences whereas the non-segmental element in a discourse is primarily related to the situation of language use, the time of language use, the description of language use, intonation and pressure and the sense of language that we are often familiar with the term context. Everything is in a series of words (verbal) and a series of speech acts (nonverbal).

2.1.1.2 Discourse Approach

Discourse analysis (discourse analysis) as a discipline with clear and explicit methodology, only really developed in the early 1980s. The focus of discourse analysis continues to grow on matters or issues that hotly discussed, such as gender differences, political discourse, women's emancipation, and several other social problems. Discourse is in the highest position, the largest and most extensive. In line with the opinion of Stubbs Mulyana (2008, p. 69), namely discourse analysis refers to efforts to examine the language settings above clauses and sentences, and therefore also examines broader linguistic units. Like

exchanging conversation or written language. Consequently, discourse analysis also pays attention to language when it used in social contexts, especially interactions between speakers.

Discourse analysis is born from the awareness that the problems involved in language use are not limited to the use of sentences or sentence parts, speech functions, but also include a more complex and inherent message structure called discourse. LittleJohn (2012, p. 48) discourse analysis is the study of the structure of messages in communication. More precisely, discourse analysis is a study of various (pragmatic) language functions. We use language in continuity or string of discourse. Without context, without discourse relations between sentences and supra sentences, it is difficult for us to communicate precisely with each other (Tarigan, 1993; Sobur, 2012). Although nonverbal forms can be considered discourse, most discourse analysis only concentrates on conversations that arise naturally.

In the first strand, discourse analysis looks at real speech and nonverbal forms such as listening and seeing, then in their analysis; they study the meaning of the forms observed in context. The second strand, discourse, is seen as an action to do everything expressed in words. In discourse, not only grammar rules are used, but also use larger units in completing pragmatic goals in social situations. Moreover, finally, the third strand, discourse analysis is a search for principles that do not pay attention to the hidden psychological characteristics/traits or functions of the brain, but to the problems of daily conversation that are managed and solved.

164). In conclusion, CDA aims to make these opaque aspects of discourse more visible to the receivers of discourse (Fairclough & Wodak, 1997).

Meanwhile, according to Eriyanto (2001, p. 7) analysis of critical discourse is discourse not only understood as a study of language. The language analyzed here is different from the study of language in the traditional linguistic sense. The language analyzed is not merely describing the aspect of language, but is connected with the context. The context here is the language used for specific purposes and practices, one of which is for power.

Language, in a critical view, understood as "a representation." role in shaping a particular subject, specific themes of discourse, and strategies in it. " Hikam(1996, p. 85). Therefore, discourse analysis used to uncover the power that exists in each language process: the limits of what is allowed to be a discourse. This perspective must use the topics discussed. With this view, discourse sees language as always involved in power relations, especially in the formation of subjects, and various acts of representation found in society. Because it uses a critical perspective, this category of discourse analysis referred to as Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA)

So can conclude that the analysis of critical discourse is studies of language. The language contained in the text, such as newspapers, documents, speeches, which intended to tell the events in the text, critical discourse analysis can also influence a person's thoughts on a text and give birth to a new ideology

2.1.3.1 Sara Mills Discourse Analysis (Critical Discourse Analysis Women Perspective)

Many discourse analysis models are introduced and developed by experts who present discourse analysis models developed by (Fairclough, Critical Discourse Analysis the Critical Study of Language; Dijk; Kress and Leeuwen; Foucault et al.; Mills, Feminist Stylistics). Critical discourse analysis (CDA) provides theories and methods that can use to conduct empirical studies of the relationships between discourse and social and cultural development in different social domains (Jorgensen and Phillips). (Mills, Language, and Sexism) focused her attention on the discourse about feminism displayed in the media, showing how the media can work in showing women. Thus what is presented by Mills is known as a feminist perspective.

In her analysis model, Sara Mills looks more at how actor positions displayed in the text. The positions in terms of who is the subject and object of storytelling will determine how the structure and meaning applied to the text overall based on Eriyanto(2001, p. 200). Sara Mills sees a discourse on how actors displayed in the text. In the sense of who is the subject of the narrative will determine how the structure of the text and meaning treated in the text as a whole according to Darma (2014, p. 23). Sara Mills also paid attention to how readers and writers (in the context of this study, namely listeners and the media) displayed in the text.

makes it to place and position the listener in a particular subject in the entire fabric of the text. The placement of the listener's position generally relates to how the utterance/mention made in the speech. According to Sara Mills (1995, p. 11), there are two ways to do it indirectly (indirect address). First, mediation is the placement of truth positions on certain parties/characters so that the listener will align themselves with the characters presented in the text. Second, through cultural codes or cultural values in the form of mutually agreed values, which the reader uses when interpreting a text.

2.1.3.4 Framework Discourse Analysis Sara Mill's Model

Sara Mills's model is somewhat different from the other critical linguistic models, focusing on the structure of language and how it affects audiences' meaning. At the same time, Sara Mills looks more at how actor positions displayed in the text. The focus of attention from the perspective of feminist discourse Sara Mills is the portrayal of women who are biased when displayed in a text. In that sense, it is the position of whom the exact subject and object will determine how the structure of the text & meaning in the text as a whole. Sara Mills also places representation as an essential part of her analysis Eriyanto (2001, p. 36). There are two things to consider in the Sara Mills model; it can be seen from the following analysis model.

2.4 YouTube

2.4.1 Definition of YouTube

The era of internet video is indeed entering the golden era. Quoted from the Quick Sprout infographic, YouTube is the second most used search engine site in the world. That is, when people search for information, they usually will also use YouTube Helianthusonfri (2016, p. 26)

YouTube is a popular video-sharing website where users can load, watch, and share video clips for free. Generally, videos on YouTube are music clips (video clips), films, TV, and videos for its users Setiawan(2013, p. 97).

YouTube was known by the slogan: Broadcast Yourself, which is a video sharing site that provides various audio-visual information. In 2011, YouTube was ranked first for video sharing sites Mellyaningsih (2016, p. 47). YouTube is currently the most dominant online video provider site in the United States, even the world, with a 43% market share Faiqah, Nadjib & Amir (2016, p. 53). The existence of this site that can attract the attention of the wider community makes Google Inc. dare to buy YouTube worth the US \$ 1.65 billion in 2006. While the development of YouTube in Indonesia, Putri Silalahi, said that the number of viewers and online video creators on YouTube grew extraordinary in Indonesia Mellyaningsih(2016, p. 65).

YouTube is a popular video-sharing website where users can load, watch, and share video clips for free. Generally, video videos on YouTube are video clips, movies, TV, and videos made by users. One of these services from Google facilitates users to upload videos and can be accessed by other users from around the world for free (Faiqah, Nadjib & Amir, 2016).

An estimated 20 hours of video duration is uploaded to YouTube every minute, with 6 billion views per day. YouTube has now become a variety of needs of its users. Nadjib & Amir (2016, p. 48). Some features available on YouTube include: Suyanto & Wahyudi (2015, p 77).

- 1) Search This feature used to write any video that wants to see or download, such as animation, music, movies, etc.
- 2) Video Uploader or video upload is a place to upload the desired video, such as self-made videos or other videos.

3.2 Data Collection

This sub-chapter is about the data collection that used in this study. It is classified into several items, those are data source, instrument, and data collection technique.

3.2.1 Data Source

The data collection technique of this research is the textual transcript from Muniba Mazari's speech. Focusing on one of Muniba Mazari's speeches entitled "We All Perfect Imperfect," which was published on July 7, 2018, with a video duration of 39:31 minutes by one YouTube account called English Speeches by the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBnAMUkNM2k>. The script and video data are taken from the official English Speeches website at www.englishspeecheschannel.com on March 20, 2020.

3.2.2 Instrument

According to Creswell (2010), the characteristics of a qualitative approach are divided into eight categories, namely natural settings, researcher as the main Instrument, many data sources, inductive data analysis, participant meanings, emerging designs, theoretical and interpretive lenses. Faced with that, the vital Instrument of this research is the researcher herself, but the researcher also needs supporting instruments to conduct the analysis. Secondary instruments are notes, computers, and transcriptions and videos of Muniba Mazari's speech.

Muniba Mazari has a friend from the transgender community, named Bijli. The statement above states that Muniba Mazari is very concerned with gender equality. When Bijli said she was like Muniba Mazari, Muniba agreed. Even though Muniba knew that they were different, but their sexual orientation was the same. Bijli is a man who wants to be a complete woman like Muniba Mazari. Muniba Mazari also said that it was the imperfection that caused them to meet, like her statement below:

Data 25: *"So how beautiful these imperfections are, that because of these imperfections you can connect with people."*

Muniba Mazari realizes that she has a significant enough influence on a broad audience, therefore spreading positive things that she can give to the broader community, as in the following quotation:

Data 26: *"And I smile all day because I know that if I will smile I can make people smile, that keeps me going."*

Muniba Mazari realized that if she gave a smile to others, it would make them smile too. That is what Muniba Mazari emphasized in her speech, to be positive even in the slightest matter.

In this section, the researcher concludes that several people who inspired Muniba Mazari to become like her now. This section shows that the strength of a woman can come from anywhere; for Muniba Mazari, the words from the people she met made her pass through life without burden. Most of the people who inspired her were people that accidentally met, and some of them were children and even transgender. Muniba Mazari did

can be seen through the position of the narrator, who also acts as the figure told in the speech. With the material and the concept of storytelling that more emphasizes the positive side of women, then the audience is unconsciously guided to position themselves on the 'narrator of the story' in the video.

Next, the second method of addressing is through the cultural code approach. The cultural code here refers to the values of information that is trusted and recognized together, which is considered as a shared truth by the community. The cultural code used by the audience will assist the audience in placing themselves in a position that is in accordance with the value orientation agreed upon and considered correct by the audience. In this way, Muniba Mazari builds reality or truth in her speech by taking a phenomenon about her life story, then she represents herself in accordance with the reality she discovered. In other words, through her speech, Muniba Mazari constructs the truth that the phenomena displayed in her speech showed that everyone does not necessarily experience what she experienced, but all humans have fear and sadness only with different things.

Anis Matta explained, in general, there are two factors that influence a person's character, namely, internal and external factors. Internal factors are all elements of personality that continuously influence human behaviour, which includes biological instincts, psychological needs, and thinking needs. The external factors are factors originating

is aimed at female audiences with the aim of motivating and encouraging, while aimed at male audiences not only for motivational speeches but also for self-evaluation and is a form of social criticism.

Second, the position of the audience is also determined by how the text is interpreted by the audience, in the sense of how female and male audiences place themselves in the text. According to Sara Mills, it is not certain that female viewers will place themselves as female characters in the text, as well as male viewers. They could put themselves in the opposite position.

In the *We All Perfectly Imperfect* speech video, both male and female viewers generally position themselves on the 'narrator's story.' This is evident from the answers given by six of the respondents, as discussed earlier.

From the above respondents' statements, it shows that Muniba Mazari as the narrator of the story, has succeeded in guiding the audience to position themselves as a 'female figure' and Muniba Mazari as the narrator. Thus, it can conclude that the position of the audience in the *We All Are Perfectly Imperfect* speech video is on the side of the female figure that is delivered or told by Muniba Mazari as the narrator in her own story. Muniba Mazari, as a narrator, has an essential role in the process of delivering the message that packaged through speeches delivered and watched by viewers from all over the world. The message delivered to the audience while watching the video of the speech. Muniba

Mazari's position as a narrator with a high level of popularity and influence in Pakistan will make her speech videos watched by many people. It shows evidence from the number of viewers in the uploaded video speech reaching hundreds of thousands or even millions of viewers. So it becomes essential to consider, that what message is packaged by Muniba Mazari in the speech will most likely be received by the wider community precisely the same point of view and way of thinking of Muniba Mazari in conveying her life story. The audience, as a viewer, will likely accept the message outright without being accompanied by an act of critical thinking. Unconsciously, the audience will justify all the values contained in the message in the speech and apply it in everyday life.

4.2. Discussion

From the research findings above, the researcher answers the first research question, namely the subject-object position. The results show that Muniba Mazari has an essential role in the delivery of her speech. In the subject-object position, there is a speaker position that places Muniba Mazari as the narrator's subject and object of her story/speech. It can see how she repeatedly mentions the word "I" in her speech in which "I" mentions herself as the narrator's subject. Furthermore, Muniba also put herself on second person position, because instead of using "I" she also using "You" to put herself in second position in her speech. So, in subject-object position Muniba Mazari positioned herself into many role. In addition to being the subject of Muniba Mazari's speech storyteller,

placing herself as an object in finding above the object of the story is divided into two, the first being Oppressed women position, in which Muniba Mazari's speech was repeatedly placed in oppressed situations by men around her. Like her own biological father and her husband. The second of the story's objects would be the power of woman position, different from before. Muniba Mazari told herself as a woman who was oppressed by the men around her in this position Muniba Mazari had a power that he had not previously realized. The strength possessed by a woman is not only physical but also from the openness of mind and words spoke verbally. Muniba Mazari shows that she can change his position to the strongest position and eventually become one of the influential people in Turkey. She has the nickname "*Iron Lady of Pakistan*" because she is strong like iron.

In the second question, to the positioning of the audience, researchers asked respondents to listen to Muniba Mazari's speech, aiming to find out the perspectives of some respondents. The results of 7 respondents who were willing to listen to Muniba Mazari's speech 4 of them placed their position as female figures in Muniba Mazari's speech. This position can obtain agreed upon because, indeed, in his speech, Muniba Mazari always described women as positive figures.

As in the video of Muniba Mazari's speech entitled *We all are Perfectly Imperfect*. The point of view and way of thinking of Muniba Mazari, which tends to show more of the positive side of women, will

were displayed based on the perspective of Muniba Mazari as the motivator speaker who also acted as the narrator of the story.

Muniba Mazari's position as Motivation speaker has a significant role in the delivery of her speech entitled *We All Perfectly Imperfect*. The ideology of feminism she adopted made Muniba Mazari tend to present women from the positive sides. That is evident from how Muniba Mazari presented women in her speech.

Through the story presented by Muniba Mazari in her speech entitled *We All Perfectly Imperfect*, the first outline is that women represented as creatures that are quickly suppressed by people around such as parents or husbands. Furthermore, they become creatures that are not easy to rise from adversity due to pressure from the people around them. The second representation of women is that after the process of deterioration due to the pressure they experienced made women have the strength to rise; this placed women in a favorable position.

It determines how the audience's position in the speech video is also one of the factors that influence the formation of a positive representation of women. Placement of the audience's position is related to how the mention or greeting to the audience is made indirectly through a mediation process and cultural code in the video. By following the story that tells about some of the strengths and positive aspects of women displayed in the speech, the audience is guided to position themselves as if they have thoughts similar to the figure of the video narrator.

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