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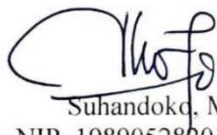
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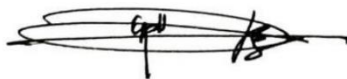
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This study aims to reveal the form of power imbalance found during the United States ' congressional hearing on TikTok controversies. This study investigates the utterances of the United States congressman through the statements and arguments by words, phrases, clauses, and sentences that indicate the form of power imbalance. In addition, the researcher tries to find out how United States ideology influenced their congressman's language to show the power toward Shou Chew who is the CEO man of the TikTok platform who was present as a spokesperson for the TikTok platform.

The researcher used a descriptive-qualitative approach. To collect the data, the researcher used the transcript of dialogue in the debate video, especially the United States congressman's utterances to reveal the forms of power imbalance that occurred. First, the researcher copied the transcript from the main source on YouTube. Then, the researcher highlighted the data representing the power imbalance and classified it into the form of power imbalance by the table. Then, the researcher identified and described how the data was found which represented the research problems.

This study reveals the form of power imbalance done by the United States congressman toward Shou Chew through monopolizing utterances such as sarcasm argument, not giving a chance to speak, pressuring the opponent, rejecting the opponent's arguments, threatening the opponent's argument, and labeling the opponent "wrong". Besides that, the researcher found out that the ideology of the United States influenced their congressman's language to demonstrate their power to seek out the information they wanted.

Keywords: Power Imbalance, Debate Congressional, Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA)

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengungkap bentuk ketimpangan kekuasaan yang ditemukan pada kongres Amerika Serikat pada sidang kontroversi TikTok. Penelitian ini menyelidiki ucapan-ucapan anggota kongres Amerika Serikat melalui pernyataan dan argumentasi melalui kata, frasa, klausa, dan kalimat yang menunjukkan adanya ketimpangan kekuasaan. Bentuk ketidakseimbangan kekuasaan. Selain itu, peneliti mencoba untuk mengetahui bagaimana ideologi Amerika Serikat mempengaruhi bahasa anggota kongresnya untuk menunjukkan kekuasaan terhadap Shou Chew yang merupakan CEO platform TikTok yang hadir sebagai juru bicara platform TikTok.

Peneliti menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif-kualitatif. Untuk mengumpulkan data, peneliti menggunakan transkrip dialog dalam video debat khususnya ucapan-ucapan anggota kongres Amerika Serikat untuk mengungkap bentuk-bentuk ketimpangan kekuasaan yang terjadi. Pertama, peneliti menyalin transkrip dari sumber utama di YouTube. Kemudian peneliti menyoroti data yang mewakili ketimpangan kekuasaan dan mengklasifikasikannya ke dalam bentuk ketidakseimbangan kekuasaan berdasarkan tabel. Kemudian peneliti mengidentifikasi dan mendeskripsikan bagaimana data ditemukan yang mewakili masalah penelitian.

Penelitian ini mengungkap bentuk ketimpangan kekuasaan yang dilakukan anggota kongres Amerika Serikat terhadap Shou Chew melalui ucapan-ucapan yang memonopoli seperti argumen sarkasme, tidak memberikan kesempatan berbicara, menekan lawan, menolak argumen lawan, mengancam. argumen lawan, dan memberi label “salah” pada lawan. Selain itu, peneliti menemukan bahwa ideologi Amerika Serikat mempengaruhi bahasa anggota kongres mereka untuk menunjukkan kekuatan mereka dalam mencari informasi yang mereka inginkan.

Kata Kunci: Ketidakseimbangan Kekuasaan, Debat Kongres, Analisis Wacana Kritis (AWK)

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