

Critical Discourse Analysis of Teun A. Van Dijk's Approach to the News "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without Euphoric Party" in DetikJabar

Fatia Alfiatun Nikmah^{1*}, Farian Dito Irwanda²

^{1,2} Indonesia Language and Literature Education, Trunojoyo Madura University, Indonesia

*Corresponding Author alfiafatia@gmail.com

ARTICLE INFO

Article History:

Submitted : August 29, 2025
Final Revised : December 27, 2025
Accepted : December 29, 2025
Published : December 31, 2025

Keywords:

Critical Discourse Analysis, Teun A. Van Dijk, Online News



This is an open access article under the CC BY. SA

Copyright © 2025 by Author. Published by PT Komunitas Peneliti Alinea

ABSTRACT

This study aims to describe critical discourse analysis using Teun A. Van Dijk's model approach in the news article entitled "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regional Election Without Euphoria" published in DetikJabar. The method used is descriptive qualitative with the main data source being the news text written by Dadang Hermansyah and uploaded on December 2024.. The data collection technique was carried out through document analysis, which included in-depth reading and recording of the news text. The results of the study revealed that three dimensions of Van Dijk's analysis can be identified in the news. First, the text dimension seen from the macro structure (main theme), superstructure (schematics), and microstructure (semantic, syntactic, stylistic, and rhetorical aspects) that build a narrative of victory without euphoria. Second, the social cognitive dimension that represents the process of text production by journalists, including mental schemes, prejudices, and ideologies that influence the angle of the news. Third, the social context dimension demonstrates how post-election political realities in Ciamis, such as a conducive environment and respect for the democratic process, influence how texts are produced and distributed to the public. Through this analysis, the study concludes that the news not only reports events but also actively frames reality with specific discourse strategies that reflect the media's perspective.

1. INTRODUCTION

Currently, information media is experiencing rapid development, ranging from print to electronic. This development makes it easier for people to access a variety of information. This information is presented in the form of discourse aimed at the public, including individuals, groups, and government institutions (Fitriana, 2019). According to Laksana and Sudipa (in Setiawan, Prasetya, & Putra, 2022), social media plays a crucial role in disseminating information more effectively and efficiently. Meanwhile, the way people communicate and interact indirectly has changed due to the existence of media. Currently, channels for obtaining information are diverse, one of which is news, which has become the primary channel for information.

News is a report of an event, consisting of facts or opinions, that is interesting and important for the public to know. News can be written in print or electronic newspapers and can be broadcast on radio and television. News is information that is up-to-date, important, influential for its readers, and worthy of consumption. News can also influence society, both in print and electronic formats. News is a discourse in the form of text or speech delivered in print or electronic formats. As a discourse, news has a structure, context, and communication objectives designed to convey information to the public (Humaira, 2018).

According to Eriyanto (2009:7), discourse is a form of social practice that can be critically analyzed to reveal its relationship to social and cultural dynamics in various social domains through linguistic aspects. Critical discourse analysis can be used in analyzing other disciplines, such as politics, gender, culture, and social class. Critical discourse analysis encompasses action, context, history, power, and ideology. Discourse analysis is the process of using language to describe an object by connecting the ideologies within the discourse (Eriyanto, 2009). Discourse analysis can also be used to identify and determine the use of ideology in the media.

According to Angela et al. (2023), critical discourse analysis is the study of language use and the process that explains a text as part of the social reality being studied. It aims to explain the relationship between language, society, ideology, values, power, and specific perspectives. According to Pramitasari and Khofifah (2022), critical discourse analysis explains (1) the sources of domination and inequality in society through criticism of linguistic aspects, (2) cultural and social developments with the aim of explaining linguistic dimensions related to social and cultural phenomena, as well as the process of change in today's modernity. According to Kaur and Mutty (in Setiawan, Prasetya, & Putra, 2022), discourse can be used as a tool to analyze social aspects, including power, hegemony, and ideology. Meanwhile, Aljuaythin (in Setiawan, Prasetya, & Putra, 2022) explains that critical discourse analysis aims to explore issues related to gender, ideology, and identity, and understand how these issues are reflected in the text.

Meanwhile, Teun A. Van Dijk explains that critical discourse analysis has three dimensions: text, social cognition, and social context (Oktiaputri, 2023). The text dimension analyzes the discourse structures and strategies applied to explain a theme. Furthermore, the social cognition dimension analyzes the text production process, which involves the author's understanding and knowledge. Meanwhile, the social context dimension focuses on the discourse that emerges and develops within society.

According to Setiawan et al. (2022), Teun A. Van Dijk divides a text into three categories:

- a. Macrostructure is the overall meaning of a text that can be understood by identifying the main topics discussed in the text.
- b. Superstructure is the framework that forms a text.
- c. Microstructure is the aspect of discourse meaning that can be understood through the following analysis:
 - 1) Semantics: includes setting, details, purpose, and presuppositions.
 - 2) Syntax: includes sentence structure, coherence, and pronoun use.
 - 3) Stylistics: relates to word choice or lexicon.
 - 4) Rhetoric: includes graphic elements, metaphors, and expressions.

This study discusses the news entitled "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without Euphoria" published in the DetikJabar media and uploaded on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 18:17 WIB. The author of the news is Dadang Hermansyah. The news explains that the candidate pair for Regent and Deputy Regent of Ciamis number 2 Herdiat Sunarya and Yana D Putra won by obtaining 589,695 votes or 89.31 percent against an empty box. The victory was not celebrated with euphoria, this was done to honor the death of the candidate for deputy regent Yana D. Putra, the victory was celebrated with gratitude, praying together and religious studies. This study uses Teun A. Van Dijk's theory which focuses on 3 dimensions, namely text, social cognition, and social context.

Many previous studies have been conducted that examine critical discourse analysis using Teun A. Van Dijk's approach. The following are some previous studies that examine Teun A. Van Dijk's critical discourse analysis approach. In a study entitled "Critical Discourse Analysis of Teun A. Van Dijk's Model in Online Newspapers with the Title Flashback of Distance Learning Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic" conducted by Mukhlis, M., Al Masjid, A.,

Widyaningrum, H. K., Komariah, K., & Sumarlam, S. in 2020. The study focuses on the dimensions of Teun A. Van Dijk's model text which includes macrostructure, superstructure, and microstructure.

Besides that, the research entitled "Critical Discourse Analysis of Teun A. Van Dijk's Approach to the News "PMK Mengganggu, Ridwan Kamil Asks Regional Governments to Be Alert to Livestock Ahead of Eid al-Adha" in *Sindo News*" was conducted by Afrinar Pramitasari and Ismiatun Khofifah in 2022 at the University of Pekalongan. The focus of this research is the text dimensions, including macrostructure, superstructure, and microstructure in Teun A. Van Dijk's model. Finally, research conducted by Amellia Oktia Putri in 2023 at the Indonesian University of Education. The research is entitled "Critical Discourse Analysis Of Van Dijk's Model Towards Online News" The Commodation Of Care For Protection Is Accused Of Violating Human Rights, What's Up?". The research focuses on three dimensions in Teun A. Van Dijk's model which include the dimensions of text, social cognition, and social context. The similarity between the previous research described above and this research is that both study online news using Teun A. Van Dijk's model or approach. Meanwhile, the difference between the previous research and this research lies in the focus of the research, in this research focuses on three dimensions in Teun A. Van Dijk's model while the previous research only focuses on one dimension in Teun A. Van Dijk's model. The difference also lies in the media used as the object of the research. In this research, the media used as the object of the research is DetikJabar.

Based on the background above, the formulation of the problem taken is how is the critical discourse analysis based on Teun A. Van Dijk's approach to the news "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without a Euphoric Party". The purpose of this study is to describe the form of critical discourse model of Teun A. Van Dijk in the news "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without a Euphoric Party". The researcher is interested in analyzing the news to find out something behind the news and the news topic is currently being hotly discussed so that the researcher is interested in researching it. Therefore, the researcher took the title "Critical Discourse Analysis of Teun A. Van Dijk's Approach to the News "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without a Euphoric Party" in DetikJabar".

2. METHOD

This research is a qualitative descriptive research that describes critical discourse analysis with Teun A. Van Dijk's approach in the news "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without Euphoria" in the December 2024 edition of Detikjabar media. The qualitative descriptive method is a method that describes and analyzes research results in depth, without using numbers or statistical data, (Sugiyono, 2017). This method focuses on describing conditions, events, or interactions as they are based on interpretations of the collected data. This method is used to analyze the content of the news raised based on Teun A. Van Dijk's critical discourse analysis approach which has three dimensions, namely, text, social cognition, and social context.

The data source for this study is a news article titled "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without Euphoria" published by DetikJabar, written by Dadang Hermansyah. The article was uploaded on Thursday, (5/12/2024), at 6:17 PM WIB. The researcher chose this article because it was a hot topic of discussion, making it interesting to study. Data collection was conducted through document analysis, which included reading and note-taking. The data analysis technique used in this study was qualitative data analysis.

According to Miles and Huberman (2017:247-252), qualitative data analysis includes data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion drawing.

The steps taken in this research include: (1) the researcher selects the news to be analyzed, (2) reads the news to be researched, (3) makes notes and classifies the data according to Teun A. Van Dijk's approach, (4) analyzes the data, (5) presents the data from the analysis, (6) draws conclusions.

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results of this study are presented based on critical discourse analysis using Teun A. Van Dijk's approach, which encompasses three main dimensions: textual dimension, social cognition dimension, and social context dimension. The results are presented by presenting data classified into macrostructure, superstructure, and microstructure categories, which are then analyzed according to their respective indicators. The data presented in tabular form is intended to provide a more systematic overview of the research findings, thus making it easier for readers to understand the relationship between news texts, the author's thought construction, and the underlying social context.

1.1 Textual Dimension

1.1.1 Macro Structure

Table 1. Macro Structure table

Macro Structure	Items
Theme	"Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis District Head Election Was Without Euphoria"
Subtheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vote acquisition "Ciamis - Candidate pair for Regent and Deputy Regent of Ciamis, number 2, Herdiat Sunarya and Yana D Putra, won with 589,695 votes, or 89.31 percent, against an empty ballot." "These results are based on the plenary vote recapitulation meeting at the Ciamis General Elections Commission (KPU) on Thursday (5/12/2024)." 2. Attitude after victory "Despite the phenomenal victory, the Ciamis Maju Coalition Joint Secretariat ensures there will be no euphoric celebrations or victory parties." "The Ciamis Maju Coalition Joint Secretariat urges volunteers and coalition parties to celebrate with gratitude and prayer. This is in light of the grief gripping the residents of Tatar Galuh, Ciamis, over the passing of Yana D Putra, the candidate for Deputy Regent of Ciamis and the Deputy Regent for the 2019-2024 period." 3. Key statement "We celebrate with gratitude. We also appeal to our fellow volunteers. We are grieving the loss of Ciamis Deputy Regent candidate Yana D Putra, one of Ciamis' finest sons. We are celebrating this victory not with euphoria and celebrations, but with gratitude, prayer, and religious study," said Andang Irpan Sahara, a representative of the Ciamis Maju Coalition's Joint Secretariat, who also witnessed the vote recapitulation on Thursday (5/12/2024).

"Andang admitted that he was very grateful that the Herdiat-Yana pair managed to win 89.31 percent, or 589,695 votes."

"According to Andang, this vote count was the best that Allah SWT had given us after our maximum efforts throughout the 2024 simultaneous regional elections."

"This is the best result God has given us for a more advanced and sustainable Ciamis. As predicted, it should have reached 90 percent, with only a slight difference," he explained.

4. The importance of survey data

"According to Andang, this vote count is considered the highest and most phenomenal. This is based on the results of a survey by LSI Denny JA. Ciamis currently has the highest percentage, and this is phenomenal," he concluded.

5. Local context

"Previously, the Ciamis Regency General Elections Commission (KPU) completed a plenary meeting to recapitulate the votes for the 2024 simultaneous regional elections at the Islamic Center Building on Thursday (5/12/2024).

"As a result, for the Ciamis Regent Election, candidate pair number 2, Herdiat-Yana, secured a landslide victory."

"The Herdiat-Yana pair received 589,695 votes.

Meanwhile, candidate number 1, or the empty box, only received 70,605 votes."

The macrostructure is an element that includes the main theme or topic of a text. The theme functions as the main idea that forms the basis of the entire text (Prihartono & Suharyo, 2022). Based on the analysis of the macrostructure of the data above, in the news entitled "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without a Euphoric Party". The main theme in this news is the victory of the Herdiat-Yana pair in the Ciamis Regent Election with a significant vote of 89.31 percent, without a euphoric celebration, in honor of the death of the deputy regent candidate, Yana D. Putra. This discourse is reinforced by the following subthemes. The first subtheme is the vote acquisition as evidenced by the sentence "The candidate pair for Regent and Deputy Regent of Ciamis number 2 Herdiat Sunarya and Yana D Putra won by obtaining 589,695 votes or 89.31 percent against the empty box". This sentence shows the vote acquisition of the Ciamis regent and deputy regent candidate pair.

The second subtheme concerns the post-victory attitude, as evidenced by the sentence "The Ciamis Maju Coalition Joint Secretariat urges volunteers and coalition parties to celebrate with gratitude and prayer together." This sentence indicates there was no euphoric celebration after the victory, but rather a gesture of gratitude and prayer, reflecting the grief surrounding the passing of Ciamis Deputy Regent candidate Yana D Putra. The third subtheme concerns the key statement, as evidenced by Andang Irpan Sahara, a representative of the Ciamis Maju Coalition Joint Secretariat, who emphasized that this victory was the best result after maximum effort and a gift from God Almighty. He also stated that this victory met predictions, with the initial target approaching 90%.

The fourth subtheme concerns the importance of survey data obtained from the LSI Denny JA survey, which showed the highest vote share in Ciamis, indicating a phenomenal victory. The fifth subtheme concerns the local context, as evidenced by the vote recapitulation

process conducted by the Ciamis General Elections Commission (KPU) at the Islamic Center Building.

Based on the sub-themes written by the news writer, it can be seen that the sub-themes are in accordance with the main theme of the news. The writer has compiled sub-themes that are interconnected and coherent, aiming to provide information to news readers about the victory of the Herdiat-Yana pair in the Ciamis Pilbup with a significant vote of 89.31 percent, without euphoric celebrations, in order to honor the death of the deputy regent candidate, Yana D. Putra. Through the use of sub-themes that are in line with the main theme, it is clear that the news writer's efforts to convey a certain ideology to the general public.

Furthermore, the subtheme emphasizing the absence of euphoric celebration reflects an institutional ideology that prioritizes moral values, political ethics, and religiosity. Phrases such as "gratitude and prayer together" frame political power as dignified and empathetic rather than triumphalist. Through this framing, the discourse constructs a morally grounded image of political authority, making the exercise of power appear culturally appropriate and emotionally resonant with the local community.

Power relations are also evident in the dominance of elite voices within the discourse. Statements from coalition representatives are positioned as authoritative interpretations of the victory, while alternative perspectives or critical public voices are notably absent. This imbalance illustrates symbolic power, whereby political elites control the production of meaning and define the "official" narrative of political reality. Additionally, the inclusion of survey data and references to the KPU as the official election authority provides dual institutional legitimacy scientific and administrative which further consolidates the dominant power structure.

1.1.2 Super Structure

Table 2. Super Structure table

Super Structure	News Quote
Theme	"Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis District Head Election Was Without Euphoria"
Opening (lead)	"Ciamis - The candidate pair for Regent and Deputy Regent of Ciamis number 2, Herdiat Sunarya and Yana D Putra, won by obtaining 589,695 votes or 89.31 percent against an empty box."
Main content (body)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paragraph 1 "Ciamis - Candidate pair for Regent and Deputy Regent of Ciamis, number 2, Herdiat Sunarya and Yana D Putra, won with 589,695 votes, or 89.31 percent, against an empty ballot." "These results are based on the plenary vote recapitulation meeting at the Ciamis General Elections Commission (KPU) on Thursday (5/12/2024)." 2. Paragraph 2 "Despite the phenomenal victory, the Ciamis Maju Coalition Joint Secretariat ensures there will be no euphoric celebrations or victory parties. The Ciamis Maju Coalition Joint Secretariat urges volunteers and coalition parties to celebrate with gratitude and prayer." 3. Paragraph 3 "This was done in light of the grief that has enveloped the residents of Tatar Galuh Ciamis over the death of the candidate for Deputy Regent of Ciamis who was also Deputy Regent of Ciamis for the 2019-2024 period, Yana D Putra."

-
4. Paragraph 4
"We celebrate with gratitude. We also appeal to our fellow volunteers. We are grieving the loss of Ciamis Deputy Regent candidate Yana D Putra, one of Ciamis' finest sons. To celebrate this victory, we will not celebrate with euphoria and celebrations, but with gratitude, prayer, and religious study," said Andang Irpan Sahara, a representative of the Ciamis Maju Coalition's Joint Secretariat, and a witness during the vote recapitulation on Thursday (5/12/2024).
 5. Paragraph 5
Andang admitted he was very grateful that the Herdiat-Yana pair secured 89.31 percent, or 589,695 votes. According to Andang, this vote count was the best that God has given them after their maximum efforts throughout the 2024 simultaneous regional elections.
 6. Paragraph 6
"Ini hasil terbaik yang diberikan Allah SWT untuk Ciamis yang lebih maju dan berkelanjutan. Sesuai prediksi, harusnya memang 90 persen, hanya beda sedikit, jelasnya."
 7. Paragraph 7
"According to Andang, this vote count is considered the highest and most phenomenal. This is based on the results of a survey by LSI Denny JA. Ciamis currently has the highest percentage, and this is phenomenal," he concluded.
- Closing (tail)
1. Paragraph 8
Previously, the Ciamis Regency General Elections Commission (KPU) had completed its plenary meeting to recapitulate the votes for the 2024 simultaneous regional elections at the Islamic Center Building on Thursday (5/12/2024). The results showed that candidate pair number 2, Herdiat-Yana, secured a landslide victory in the Ciamis regent election.
 2. Paragraph 9
"The Herdiat-Yana pair received 589,695 votes. Meanwhile, candidate number 1, or the empty box, only received 70,605 votes."
-

The superstructure is an element that analyzes the title, introduction, content, and conclusion of a text (Prihartono & Suharyo, 2022). Based on the superstructure analysis of the data above, the title of the news item is "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without Euphoric Celebrations." This title indicates the essence of the news item, namely the victory of the Herdiat-Yana pair in the Ciamis Regent Election, which was not celebrated with euphoria. This title is effective because it highlights two important elements: the election results and public attitudes without major celebrations.

The lead in the news article is evident in the sentence "Ciamis - Ciamis Regent and Deputy Regent candidate pair number 2, Herdiat Sunarya and Yana D Putra, won with 589,695 votes, or 89.31 percent, against the empty box." The opening paragraph conveys the main information: the vote results and the Herdiat-Yana ticket's landslide victory. This lead emphasizes the key facts that capture the reader's attention.

The main body of the news article begins with the first paragraph, which explains the Herdiat-Yana vote tally (589,695 votes, or 89.31%) compared to the empty box (70,605 votes). The second and third paragraphs explain that there was no victory celebration, but instead, there was a thanksgiving and a communal prayer in honor of the passing of Ciamis Regent candidate Yana D. Putra. Furthermore, the fourth, fifth, and sixth paragraphs of Andang Irpan Sahara's statement, a representative of the Ciamis Maju Coalition's Joint Secretariat, conveyed his gratitude and the reasons behind his decision not to celebrate his victory euphorically.

Furthermore, Andang expressed his gratitude for the Herdiat-Yana pair's 89.31 percent, or 589,695 votes, and that this vote acquisition was the best from Allah SWT. Finally, the seventh paragraph explains Andang's statement that this victory was phenomenal based on the results of the LSI Denny JA survey, with the highest percentage of votes.

The article concludes with information about the vote recapitulation process by the Ciamis Regency General Elections Commission (KPU) and the reaffirmation of the final result, a landslide victory for the Herdiat-Yana ticket. This conclusion summarizes the key information contained in the eighth and ninth paragraphs. The analysis of the news's content superstructure is related to the title of the article published by DetikJabar.

Based on the superstructural arrangement of the news text, it can be interpreted that the schematic organization reflects an institutional ideology aimed at legitimizing political power. The title "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without Euphoric Celebrations" foregrounds not only the electoral outcome but also a moral stance, positioning the winning pair as disciplined and ethically grounded political actors. This framing ideologically constructs power as restrained and socially responsible rather than celebratory or triumphant. Furthermore, the lead paragraph's immediate emphasis on numerical dominance "589,695 votes, or 89.31 percent, against the empty box" functions as a discursive strategy to naturalize authority by presenting political power as the direct and overwhelming expression of popular will.

Power relations are also evident in the selection and placement of voices within the body of the text (Jannah & Fidaus, 2025). Statements from Andang Irpan Sahara, a representative of the Ciamis Maju Coalition Joint Secretariat, dominate the interpretive space of the news, granting political elites discursive authority to define the meaning of the victory. His characterization of the result as "the best from Allah SWT" and as a "phenomenal victory" based on the LSI Denny JA survey illustrates how political, religious, and scientific discourses intersect to reinforce institutional legitimacy. The conclusion, which refers to the vote recapitulation process conducted by the Ciamis Regency General Elections Commission (KPU), further consolidates this legitimacy by invoking state administrative authority. Consequently, the superstructure of the news does not merely organize information sequentially but operates as a discursive mechanism that stabilizes and normalizes power relations by presenting the Herdiat-Yana victory as electorally decisive, morally justified, and institutionally sanctioned.

1.1.3 Microstructure

Table 3. Micro Structure table

Micro Stucture	News Quote
A. Semantic	
1. Background	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Time Background (paragraph 1) "The results were based on the plenary meeting of the vote recapitulation at the Ciamis KPU level, Thursday (5/12/2024)." 2. Background scene (paragraph 1) "Ciamis - The candidate pair for Regent and Deputy Regent of Ciamis number 2, Herdiat Sunarya and Yana D Putra, won by obtaining 589,695 votes or 89.31 percent against an empty box." (paragraph 8)

	<p>"Previously, the Ciamis Regency General Elections Commission (KPU) had completed a plenary meeting to recapitulate the votes for the 2024 simultaneous regional elections at the Islamic Center Building."</p>
	<p>3. Atmospheric background "This was done considering the grief that enveloped the residents of Tatar Galuh Ciamis over the death of the candidate for Deputy Regent of Ciamis who was also Deputy Regent of Ciamis for the 2019-2024 period, Yana D Putra."</p>
Details	<p>1. Vote Acquisition (paragraph 9) "The Herdiat-Yana pair received 589,695 votes. Meanwhile, candidate number 1, or the empty box, only received 70,605 votes."</p> <p>2. Emotiobal Social-Conditons (paragraph 3) "This was done in light of the grief that has gripped the residents of Tatar Galuh Ciamis over the death of the candidate for Deputy Regent of Ciamis who was also Deputy Regent of Ciamis for the 2019-2024 period, Yana D Putra."</p>
Meaning	<p>1. Paragraph 9 "The Herdiat-Yana pair received 589,695 votes. Meanwhile, candidate number 1, or the empty box, only received 70,605 votes."</p> <p>2. Paragraph 4 "We celebrate with gratitude. We also appeal to our fellow volunteers. We are grieving the loss of Ciamis Deputy Regent candidate Yana D Putra, one of Ciamis' finest sons. To celebrate this victory, let's not celebrate with euphoria and celebrations, but with gratitude, prayer, and religious study," said Andang Irpan Sahara, a representative of the Ciamis Maju Coalition's Joint Secretariat, and a witness during the vote recapitulation on Thursday (5/12/2024).</p>
Presupposuton	<p>1. Paragraph 6 "This is the best result that Allah SWT has given for a more advanced and sustainable Ciamis."</p> <p>2. Paragraph 7 "According to Andang, this vote count is considered the highest and most phenomenal. This is based on the results of a survey by LSI Denny JA. Ciamis currently has the highest percentage, and this is phenomenal," he concluded.</p>
B. Syntax Coherence	<p>1. Paragraph 2 "Despite the phenomenal victory, the Ciamis Maju Coalition Joint Secretariat ensures there will be no euphoric celebrations or victory parties. The Ciamis Maju Coalition Joint Secretariat urges volunteers and coalition parties to celebrate with gratitude and prayer."</p> <p>2. Paragraph 3 "This was done in light of the grief that has gripped the residents of Tatar Galuh Ciamis over the death of the candidate for Deputy Regent of Ciamis who was also Deputy Regent of Ciamis for the 2019-2024 period, Yana D Putra."</p>
Pronouns	<p>1. Paragraph 4 "We celebrate with gratitude. We also appeal to our fellow volunteers. We are grieving the loss of Ciamis Deputy Regent</p>

	candidate Yana D Putra, one of Ciamis' finest sons. To celebrate this victory, let's not celebrate with euphoria and celebrations, but with gratitude, prayer, and religious study," said Andang Irpan Sahara, a representative of the Ciamis Maju Coalition's Joint Secretariat, and a witness during the vote recapitulation on Thursday (12/5/2024).
C. Stylistics	
Lexicon	"Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis District Head Election Was Without Euphoria"
D. Rethorical	
Grafis	Paragraph 9 "The Herdiat-Yana pair received 589,695 votes. Meanwhile, candidate number 1, or the empty box, only received 70,605 votes."
Metaphor	1. Paragraph 7 "According to Andang, this vote acquisition could be said to be the highest and most phenomenal." 2. Paragraph 9 "We celebrate with gratitude. We also extend our heartfelt condolences to our fellow volunteers. We are grieving the loss of Ciamis Deputy Regent candidate Yana D Putra, one of Ciamis' finest sons."

Based on the analysis of the microstructure of the data above as follows. Starting from the semantic elements, in the semantic elements based on Teun A. van Dijk's approach, the analysis is regarding the local meaning of the text. Starting from the background section. In the news entitled "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without a Euphoric Party" there are three settings including time setting, place setting, and atmosphere setting. The time setting in the news is seen in "Thursday (5/12/2024)" appearing several times indicating that this event was on a specific day. The use of this date directs the reader to understand the specific time of the plenary meeting and the announcement of the election results. The place setting in the news starts from the city setting "Ciamis" that the name of the area was used as the location for the news, in addition there is the Islamic Center Building which is the location of the plenary meeting for the recapitulation of the election votes. Finally, the atmosphere setting is expressed through sentences such as "a sense of grief that enveloped the residents of Tatar Galuh Ciamis over the death of the candidate for Deputy Regent of Ciamis Yana D Putra." The use of the word "enveloping" conveys an emotional and universal feeling, as if this grief were felt by the entire community. This context creates the mood of the news, a mixture of great triumph and profound loss, creating an emotional dimension for the reader.

Next, the detail section, details in semantic elements refer to information that clarifies and strengthens the main idea. Details are used to highlight important aspects that the news writer will convey to the reader. In the news, the highlighted details are the vote acquisition in the sentence "589,695 votes or 89.31 percent" for the Herdiat-Yana pair, and "70,605 votes" for the empty box. These numbers are used to show the large number of votes Herdiat-Yana obtained for the empty box, reinforcing that this victory was phenomenal. Next, the emotional-social sentence is "A sense of grief enveloped the residents of Tatar Galuh Ciamis over the death of the candidate for Deputy Regent of Ciamis Yana D Putra". This sentence links victory with feelings of grief, creating a balanced atmosphere between pride and respect. This detail is also used to explain the reason behind the decision not to hold a euphoric celebration.

The purpose of the news is seen in the sentence "589,695 votes or 89.31 percent against the empty box which only received 70,605 votes". The purpose of this sentence is to show Herdiat-Yana's victory in fact and objectively against the empty box as proven by the vote results in the news. Next, the sentence "In order to be grateful for this victory, not with euphoria and parties but with gratitude, joint prayers, and religious studies". The purpose of this sentence emphasizes the public not to celebrate the victory with euphoria considering the situation of grief that enveloped the community over the death of Yana. D, the son of the candidate for deputy regent of Ciamis, so there was no victory celebration and the victory celebration was replaced with gratitude, joint prayers, and religious studies.

The Presumption section of the news in the sentence "This is the best result given by Allah SWT" contains the presumption that this victory was not only the result of human effort, but also by God's will, so that it obtained the best and desired results. Furthermore, the sentences "the percentage is currently the highest" and "phenomenal" contain the presumption that this result is not an ordinary result in the Pilkada, but something special. With the empty box vote acquisition of only 70,605 compared to 589,695 obtained by Herdiat-Yana, the presumption is that the empty box is not the main choice of the people of Ciamis.

The syntactic element section, in this syntax, what is analyzed is the relationship between words and words, as well as sentences and sentences (Siagian et al., 2022). Starting from the coherence section. Coherence is the integration of meaning in the text so that information supports each other and forms a complete whole (Firdaus et al., 2025). Coherence includes the logical relationship between sentences and paragraphs. Seen in the second and third paragraphs, the second paragraph explains the decision not to celebrate the victory with euphoria, then the third paragraph explains the reason for not celebrating the victory, namely because of grief over the death of the deputy regent candidate. From the explanation of the second and third paragraphs, the logical relationship between the paragraphs is clearly visible. Pronoun section. The pronouns in the news are visible in the fourth paragraph. The pronoun "we" (we) is used for all parties involved, particularly in the context of the Joint Secretariat of the Ciamis Maju Coalition. Furthermore, the pronoun "we" (our) refers to the Joint Secretariat of the Ciamis Maju Coalition as the subject conveying the decision.

Next is the stylistic element (lexicon), according to Siagian et al., (2022) what is analyzed from stylistics is the choice of words used by the author to convey the purpose, message, and ideology. In the news, an example of lexicon used is the word "victory". The word "victory" was first used to emphasize the results of the Ciamis Pilbup where the Herdiat-Yana pair defeated the empty box with a very high vote count, namely 89.31 percent. This indicates that the victory of this candidate pair was very significant and phenomenal. "Victory" here carries a very positive and encouraging connotation, which illustrates that the Herdiat-Yana pair achieved extraordinary results in the Pilkada. "Victory" is not just an ordinary achievement, but a blessing obtained after maximum effort in the campaign and stages of the Pilkada.

The rhetorical element section, in the rhetorical analysis, concerns graphics and metaphors. Starting with the graphic section. The news uses specific numbers, such as "589,695 votes" and "89.31 percent," which provide information about the success of the candidate pair Herdiat-Yana in the regional elections. These numbers function as graphics because they provide information to readers about the results of the victory. The use of another number,

namely "70,605 votes" for the empty box, emphasizes the contrast that can strengthen that Herdiat-Yana's victory was very landslide. This comparison also provides an overview for readers about the results of the victory achieved by Herdiat-Yana.

Next, the metaphor section. Examples of metaphors in the news are the words "phenomenal" and "best son." The use of the word "phenomenal" implies that the victory was not only extraordinary, but also considered something inexplicable. The word "phenomenal" describes a victory so large and impressive that it seems beyond expectations. By using this metaphor, it explains how extraordinary the vote acquisition of the Herdiat-Yana ticket was. The word "phenomenal" indicates that this victory was a rare event, or perhaps considered a miracle or a rare success. Furthermore, the word "best son" is a metaphor that describes Yana D Putra as an extraordinary figure or a figure who holds great value in society. The word "son" refers to a boy, but in this news, the metaphor describes Yana as a leader idolized and respected by the community. By referring to Yana as the "best son," the news portrays the deceased as a figure who played not only a political role, but also as a figure respected for his significant social role in society. This makes Yana's departure more than just a personal loss, but a huge loss for the region, especially Ciamis.

3.2 Social Cognition Dimension

Van Dijk's discourse analysis approach also considers the social cognitive aspect, namely the process behind text creation. The resulting text reflects the journalist's thinking in composing the news. This is in line with Eriyanto's (2001) opinion, that text formation involves not only the process of composing it, but also how events are interpreted, concluded, and given meaning. The social cognitive analysis in the news entitled "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without a Euphoric Party" on DetikJabar media written by Dadang Hermansyah. The news was uploaded on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 6:17 PM WIB. The social cognitive analysis shows that the journalist's views and understanding of the socio-political situation in the Ciamis region greatly influenced the way this news was composed. First: the journalist understood this event not only as a political victory, but also as a moment that needed to be respected with simplicity and empathy. Second: the journalist's understanding was influenced by the cultural and religious values of the Ciamis community which uphold respect and religiosity. Third: news construction is neutral, empathetic, and fact-focused, reflecting journalists' social responsibility to convey information that aligns with social norms. This approach demonstrates that news stories contain more than just facts, but also reflect how journalists interpret and interpret events based on the surrounding social and cultural context.

The journalist's emphasis on empathy and religiosity evident in textual choices such as references to thanksgiving and communal prayer and the repeated mention of the victory as "a gift from Allah SWT" demonstrates how social cognition is shaped by the dominant cultural-religious values of the Ciamis community. These values are internalized by the journalist and reproduced in the news text, thereby reinforcing a shared ideological framework between media institutions, political elites, and the local audience. Through this process, power is exercised symbolically, as political authority is legitimized not only through electoral data but also through moral and religious narratives that resonate socially.

Moreover, the journalist's claim to neutrality and factuality, reflected in the consistent use of numerical data "589,695 votes or 89.31 percent" and institutional references such as the KPU and the LSI Denny JA survey, illustrates how cognitive processes contribute to the naturalization of power relations. By presenting institutional sources as objective and authoritative, the journalist's cognitive orientation privileges official interpretations over alternative or critical perspectives. Consequently, the news discourse reflects an unequal power relationship in which institutional actors political coalitions, survey institutions, and state election bodies dominate the construction of meaning, while the public is positioned primarily as recipients of legitimized information. Thus, within the social cognition dimension, the discourse reveals how journalists' interpretations function as a bridge between institutional ideology and public acceptance of political power.

3.3 Social Context Dimnsion

The final analytical stage in Van Dijk's critical discourse analysis model is the social context analysis of the news article titled "Herdiat-Yana's Victory in the Ciamis Regent Election Without Euphoric Celebrations" published by DetikJabar. This social context analysis focuses on the social situation, including the background, conditions, and values that existed at the time of the event (Natadirja et al., 2020:14). Using Teun A. Van Dijk's social context approach, this article demonstrates a close relationship between the news text and the socio-political conditions of the Ciamis community. First, the choice to celebrate the victory modestly (with gratitude, communal prayer, and religious study) reflects empathy for the grieving Ciamis community. Second, this decision was influenced by strong local cultural and religious values, as well as the stable political situation in the Ciamis area. Third, the media played a role as a balanced information provider, reflecting social and cultural norms without creating controversy. This approach demonstrates that the news text does not stand alone but is heavily influenced by the social situation and values held by the community where the event occurred.

Within the social context dimension, the discourse of the news article reflects institutional ideology through its alignment with prevailing social values and power structures in the Ciamis community. The decision to highlight a modest form of celebration expressed through phrases such as "thanksgiving, communal prayer, and religious study" demonstrates how political power is symbolically exercised in ways that resonate with local cultural and religious norms. This framing constructs institutional authority as empathetic and morally sensitive, thereby strengthening its social legitimacy within a community experiencing collective grief.

Furthermore, the stable socio-political conditions of Ciamis, as implicitly represented in the text, enable the normalization of a dominant political outcome without generating conflict or dissent. The portrayal of the victory as calm and uncontested reflects an ideological stance that values harmony and order, which aligns with institutional interests in maintaining political stability. By avoiding narratives of political rivalry or contestation, the discourse minimizes alternative power dynamics and reinforces the dominance of the winning political coalition as a socially accepted reality.

The role of the media as a balanced and non-provocative information provider also reflects institutional power relations. Through neutral-toned reporting and reliance on authoritative institutions – such as references to the General Elections Commission (KPU) and

survey data the media positions itself as a mediator that supports institutional continuity rather than a challenger of power. As a result, the social context discourse reveals how media texts function within broader power relations by reproducing institutional ideology that prioritizes social cohesion, cultural conformity, and political legitimacy. Consequently, the news text does not merely describe a political event but actively participates in stabilizing power relations by aligning political authority with dominant social values and contextual norms.

4. CONCLUSION

The text dimension, which includes macrostructure, superstructure, and microstructure, demonstrates how meaning is constructed through semantics, syntax, stylistics, and rhetoric. The social cognition dimension asserts that journalists' views are strongly influenced by the cultural and religious values of the community, so that the news is presented neutrally, factually, and empathetically. The social context dimension demonstrates the text's close relationship with the socio-political conditions of Ciamis, where victory is celebrated simply as a form of respect and empathy, while also reflecting local values and the media's role in maintaining information balance..

REFERENCES

- Angela, N., Rasyid, Y., & Anwar, M. (2023). Perempuan Korupsi Analisis Wacana Kritis Model Teun A. Van Dijk Berita Satu: Hari ini Angelina Sondakh Keluar dari Penjara (Analisis Wacana Kritis). *Jurnal Dakwah dan Komunikasi*, 8(1), 129-138.
- Eriyanto. (2001). Analisis Wacana: Pengantar Analisis Teks Media. Yogyakarta. LKIS
- Eriyanto. (2009). Analisis Wacana: Pengantar Analisis Teks Media. Jogjakarta: Lkis
- Firdaus, T., Bakari, L. Y., Octarianto, D. S., Khoirunnisa, R., Malini, D. R., & Mukarromah, M. Applying Grice's Maxims and Speech Act Theory to Analyze Pragmatics in Chatgpt and Gemini AI Dialogues. *Uluslararası Dil ve Çeviri Çalışmaları Dergisi*, 5(1), 34-53. <https://doi.org/10.63673/Lotus.1631745>
- Fitriana, R. A. (2019). Analisis wacana kritis berita online kasus penipuan travel umrah (model Teun A. Van Dijk). *Basindo*, 3(1), 44-54.
- Humaira, H. W. (2018). Analisis wacana kritis (AWK) model Teun A. Van Dijk Pada pemberitaan surat kabar Republika. *Literasi: Jurnal Bahasa dan Sastra Indonesia serta Pembelajarannya*, 2(1), 32-40.
- Jannah, R., & Firdaus, T. (2025). Power and Subordination in the Novel "Bunga Roos dari Tjikembang": An Interdisciplinary Approach of Intersectionality, Neuropsychology, and Social Ecology. *Current Perspectives in Social Sciences*, 29(2), 287-299. <https://doi.org/10.53487/atasobed.1614675>
- Miles, B. M., & Huberman, M. (1992). Analisis data kualitatif buku sumber tentang metode-metode baru. Yogyakarta: UIP
- Mukhlis, M., Al Masjid, A., Widyaningrum, H. K., Komariah, K., & Sumarlam, S. (2020). Analisis wacana kritis model Teun A. van Dijk pada surat kabar online dengan tajuk kilas balik pembelajaran jarak jauh akibat pandemi covid-19. *Geram: Gerakan Aktif Menulis*, 8(2), 73-85.

- Natadirja, B. M., Mayasari., & Hariyanto, F. (2020). Representasi Peristiwa Pidato JokoWidodo Pada Media kompas.com “Politikus Sontoloyo”: Analisis Wacana Kritis TeunA. Van Dijk.Jurnal Politikom Indonesiana,5(1), 225-241.
- Oktiaputri, A. (2023). Analisis Wacana Kritis Model Van Dijk Terhadap Berita Online “Egaduh Pedulilindungi Dituding Melanggar Hak Asasi Manusia, Ada Apa? “. Semantik, 12(1), 1-20.
- Pramitasari, A., & Khofifah, I. (2022). Analisis wacana kritis pendekatan teun a van dijk pada pemberitaan “pmk mengancam, ridwan kamil minta pemda waspadai hewan ternak jelang idul adha” dalam sindo news. Jurnal Penelitian Inovatif, 2(2), 307-316
- Prihartono, R., & Suharyo, S. (2022). Analisis Wacana Kritis Model Teun A. van Dijk dalam “# DebatKeren Papua–Budiman Sudjatmiko VS Dandhy Laksono”. Wicara: Jurnal Sastra, Bahasa, dan Budaya, 1(2), 90-96.
- Setiawan, F., Prasetya, A. D. A., & Putra, R. S. (2022). Analisis wacana kritis model Teun Van Dijk pada pemberitaan kasus pencabulan santri oleh anak Kiai Jombang dalam media online. KEMBARA: Jurnal Keilmuan Bahasa, Sastra, dan Pengajarannya, 8(2), 224-237
- Siagian, M. S., Surip, M., & Dalimunthe, S. F. (2022). Analisis Wacana Kritis Teun A. Van Dijk pada Program Acara Newscast Isu Penundaan Pemilu 2024. MUKADIMAH: Jurnal Pendidikan, Sejarah, dan Ilmu-ilmu Sosial, 6(2), 369-374.
- Sugiyono. (2017). Metode Penelitian Kuantitatif, Kualitatif dan R&D. Bandung: Alfabeta