ANALYZING VOICING IN LGBT NEWS FROM A BAKHTINIAN PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

The topic of LGBT is not considered a comfortable topic to be discussed among Indonesian society, because of the majority’s opposition to the LGBT community. Yet, early this year, the topic enthralled the entire nation and became a trending topic over the media. Whereas the opposing parties of LGBT are all over the news, the phenomenon of raising supportive voice towards the LGBT issue through the opinion articles is intriguing and thus needs to be explored further. By using Wortham’s (2001) analytic tools, this study attempted to non-exhaustively illustrate voicing and ventriloquation based on Bakhtinian perspective. Moreover, this study addressed the ideology representation beyond the authors’ voices in line with the Bakhtinian concept of ideological becoming. This study focused only on the opinion articles where the LGBT issues are favorably represented through the authors’ voices. The way that the author favorably represented the LGBT issues was visible through the analytic presupposition of the voicing clues according to Wortham’s (2001) five voicing devices and the descriptive interpretation. Beyond the identification of the language use, voicing in opinion articles indicated the authors’ internally persuasive discourse which reflects their way of perceiving the world—in this case especially regarding the LGBT issues.

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