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ABSTRACT

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This research focuses to find out attitudes employed in the texts of opinion column exposing the polygamy banning taken from opinion column on www.jakartapost.com, to find out the influence of the attitudes toward the texts, to find out why the attitudes are employed, to find out the similarities and differences of the texts.

The researcher employed qualitative descriptive method with purposive sampling technique. This research used four texts. The data used in this research were all clauses that consist of attitudes taken from four opinion texts, entitled “Polygamy immature, uneducated practice,” “Polygamy is a choice,” “We are against polygamy” and “Polygamy part of Islamic social order”. In collecting data, four kinds of analysis called domain, taxonomy, componential and finding cultural values were applied. The attitudes of the data were observed and analyzed to find the kinds of attitudes, genre, prosody, ideology and cultural values behind the use of the attitudes in the texts.

There are 52 data containing appraising items in the texts, 10 data in the first text, 7 data in the second text, 15 data in the third text and 20 data in the fourth text. The attitude of the first, the second, and the third opinion texts is dominated by negative appreciations. Meanwhile, the attitude of the fourth text is dominated by positive appreciation. In the first opinion text the researcher finds 10% data belongs to negative affects, 20% data belongs to negative judgements, 30% data belongs to positive appreciations and 40% data belongs to negative appreciations. In the second opinion text the researcher finds 14.3% data belongs to positive judgement, 28.6% data belong to positive appreciations and 57.1% data belongs to negative appreciations. In the third opinion text, the researcher finds 13.3% data are included
into negative affects, 6.7% data is included into negative judgements, 40% data is included into positive appreciations and 57.1 data is included into negative appreciations. While in the fourth opinion text, the researcher finds 5% data belongs to negative affects, 15% data belong to positive judgements, 30% data belongs to negative judgements, 40% data belong to positive appreciations and 15% data belongs to negative appreciations. Moreover, the engagement of four opinion texts is dominated by monogloss. Besides, the graduation of four texts is dominated by focus-sharpen.

The researcher also found some reasons in applying its attitudes. For the first text, the reason is the writer wants to express his approval of polygamy banning. In the second text the writer also wants to show his feeling toward the issue but he expresses it in the different point of view. He tells both the positive and the negative sides of polygamy. In the third text the writer also wants to support the issue of polygamy banning. Meanwhile, in the fourth text the writer wants to show his disagreement toward the issue of polygamy banning.

On the other hand, there are similarities and differences of four texts. The similarities of four texts are the kinds of prosody and the graduation of the texts. The prosody of the textsis more subjective since the writers tend to apply many attitudes almost in the whole text. The subjectivity can also be seen from the applying of monogloss that more than the heterogloss. Meanwhile, the graduation of the text is more focus graduation than force graduation, and it is more sharpen than soften. Besides the similarities, there are differences in the attitude of the texts, genre of the text and the ideology of the writers. In the first, the second and the third texts are dominated by the negative appreciations. However, the fourth text is dominated by positive appreciation. The genre of the first text is analytical exposition, in the second text is discussion, in the third text is analytical exposition and the fourth text is hortatory exposition. Meanwhile, the ideology of the writer in the first text is right protagonist, in the second text is left protagonist, in the third text is right protagonist and in the fourth text is left antagonist.