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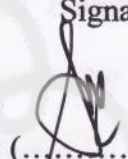

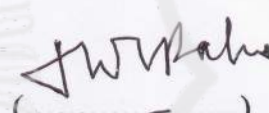
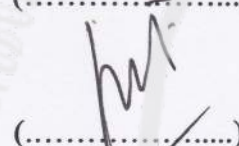
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**If you face difficulty and suffering, accept them as something that is important for you. You need it to grow. Otherwise, you fail as a person.**

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**ABSTRACT**

This research examined interpersonal meaning in two editorial texts which concerned telephone tapping issue to Indonesian leader. The texts were published by international media from Indonesia and Australia, namely *The Jakarta Globe* and *The Australian*. The analysis was also carried out to discover the similarities and differences of interpersonal meaning between the texts covering status affect and contact. This research related the interpersonal meaning to media study which focused on media influence theory.

The interpersonal meaning is interpreted through the lexicogrammar, including MOOD system, mood structure, theme, transitivity system, lexis system, clause system, and nominal group. Analysis of modality, text structure, and genre are also added.

This research produces several findings. The first finding is the realization and similarities and differences of interpersonal meaning in both texts consisting status, affect and contact. *The Jakarta Globe* tends to be equal in exploring status to the readers and employs unequal status to the participants inside the text. However, status between writer and readers of *The Australian* tends to be unequal. But *The Australian* applies equal status to participants inside the text. In term of affect, *The Jakarta Globe* exploits positive affect to the readers and negative affect to the participants inside the text. In contrast, *The Australian* has negative affect to the readers and positive affect to the participants inside the text. In term of contact, both texts employs good readability and familiar language to the readers.

The second is the relation between interpersonal meaning on the texts and media influence theory. By using particular status, affect, and contact, editorial text can create attitude change and cognitive change toward the readers and societies. But interpersonal meaning in a text does not always build an influence to the readers.

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