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ABSTRAK

Deiksis, khususnya deiksis temporal dan spasial, umum ditemukan dalam berbagai bentuk media, termasuk surat kabar. Fenomena ini mencerminkan bagaimana jurnalis secara strategis menggunakan bahasa untuk merujuk waktu dan tempat tertentu dalam menyampaikan informasi politik. Penelitian ini berfokus pada penggunaan deiksis waktu dan tempat dalam wacana politik yang dimuat di kolom politik surat kabar *The Jakarta Post* di Indonesia. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah: (1) untuk mengidentifikasi jenis-jenis deiksis temporal dan spasial yang ditemukan dalam artikel berita politik, dan (2) untuk menganalisis makna kontekstual dari ekspresi deiksis tersebut berdasarkan perspektif pragmatik. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif dengan metode analisis isi sebagai teknik pengumpulan data. Data diperoleh dari lima artikel politik terpilih yang diterbitkan pada tahun 2024, yang disajikan dalam bentuk kutipan yang mengandung deiksis temporal dan spasial. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan dua jenis utama deiksis: deiksis temporal (60%) dan deiksis spasial (40%). Deiksis temporal paling banyak digunakan untuk merujuk pada peristiwa politik yang telah terjadi dan agenda yang akan datang, sedangkan deiksis spasial merujuk pada lokasi-lokasi penting yang relevan dengan konteks politik. Hasil ini menunjukkan bahwa deiksis memiliki peran penting dalam membangun makna kontekstual dan meningkatkan kejelasan informasi politik dalam wacana media.

Kata Kunci: *Pragmatik, Deiksis, Deiksis Temporal, Deiksis Spasial, Surat Kabar, Wacana Politik*

ABSTRACT

Deixis, particularly temporal and spatial deixis, is commonly found across various forms of media, including newspapers. This phenomenon reflects how journalists strategically use language to refer to specific times and places in delivering political information. This study focuses on the use of time and spatial deixis in political discourse published in Indonesia's political column of *The Jakarta Post* newspaper. The objectives of this research are: (1) to identify the types of temporal and spatial deixis found in political news articles, and (2) to analyze the contextual meanings of those deixis expressions from a pragmatic perspective. This research adopts a qualitative approach with content analysis as the method of data collection. The data were derived from five selected political articles published in 2024, presented in the form of excerpts containing temporal and spatial deixis. The findings reveal two main types of deixis: temporal deixis (60%) and spatial deixis (40%). Temporal deixis is mostly used to refer to past political events and upcoming agendas, while spatial deixis refers to key locations relevant to the political context. These results show that deixis plays a crucial role in constructing contextual meaning and enhancing the clarity of political information in media discourse.

Keywords: *Pragmatics, Deixis, Temporal Deixis, Spatial Deixis, Newspaper, Political Discourse*

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