ABSTRACT


This study focuses on the analysis of the way media or columnist portrays Islam-Christianity relationship and prevents Pope Benedict XVI from his mistake after the failed out speech in Regensburgh. The aim of this study is to reveal whether media or columnist preserve the practice of racism in texts which are produced. The corpus of this study is taken from the official website of Time Magazine. The samples of the analysis are three articles which occurred on Sept 17, 19 and Nov 19, 2006. All of the articles are analyzed critically by using framework that analyzes the superstructure of the text report.

The analysis on the articles under study reveals that in reporting the effect of Pope Benedict’s speech toward Islam, the writer or the columnist of Time Magazine certainly takes side. In the articles, it can be seen that the columnist tries to cover Pope Benedict’s mistakes that he made toward Islam by providing information about Benedict’s life and career history. The way the columnist presents him positively, while at the same time views Islam negatively, shows how the columnist preserve the practice of racism. The results of the study is that there are some strategies used by Time Magazine columnist in reporting the issues, such as justification, obscuring the fact, mitigation, and judgmental behavior in giving negative-other presentation. These strategies are used by the columnist in order to enlighten their point of view toward a particular event.

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