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ABSTRACT

This study attempted to compare the use of lexical cohesion in the news articles about JokoWidodo's role in handling flood disaster in Kompas.com and Solopos.com. This study aimed to reveal the types of lexical cohesion devices and the similarities and difference of lexical cohesion that are used in both online media. The theory of Lexical Cohesion proposed by Halliday and Hasan (1976) which covers two types including reiteration and collocation and some categories of lexical cohesion by Tanskanen (2006) were applied to analyze two news articles from each online media. The study found a number of results. First, the writer found that most types of lexical cohesion devices occur in both Kompas.com and Solopos.com such as simple repetition, repetition by substitution, synonym or near-synonym, generalisation, specification, antonym and collocation. However, complex repetition and co-hyponym and co-meronym are not found in all news articles of both online media. Second, the similarities could revealed from the most frequently used of reiteration because it reflects the characteristics on the use of language in the media. In this case, the media have the way to utilize reiteration by using the sentences that are simple, to the point, efficiently and avoid overlapping context. Besides the similarities, the differences could be revealed from different total number of occurrences related to the use of lexical cohesion in each online media. The difference could also be seen from how the media used an indirect and a direct statement. A national online media tend to use an indirect statement of informant's opinion as the supporting information, while a local one tend to use a direct statement.

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