## ABSTRACT

Rizal Fauzi, 2024. APPLICATION OF THE TWO STAY TWO STRAY (TSTS) COOPERATIVE LEARNING MODEL ASSISTED BY POSTER MEDIA IN IMPROVING STUDENTS' CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS (QUASI-EXPERIMENTAL STUDY IN ECONOMICS SUBJECT FOR CLASS X AT SMAN 1 JATIWARAS IN THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR) Department of Economic Education, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Siliwangi University, Tasikmalaya. Under the guidance of Sri Hardianti Sartika, S.Pd., M.Pd. and Edi Fitriana Afriza, S.Pd., M.M.

The problem in this study is based on the results of observations in class X of SMAN 1 Jatiwaras which showed low critical thinking skills of students. This study aims to examine the effectiveness of implementing the Two Stay Two Stray (TSTS) cooperative learning model with the help of poster media in improving students' critical thinking skills in Economics subjects. The method used is a quasiexperiment with a non-equivalent control group design, using a test instrument in the form of essay questions. The study population included 400 students of class X of SMAN 1 Jatiwaras in the 2024/2025 academic year. The sampling technique was carried out using non-probability sampling of the purposive sampling type, with class X-4 as the experimental class and X-1 as the control class. The results showed that the average critical thinking score of students in the experimental class was higher than that of the control class. The Paired Sample T-test produced a significance value of 0.000 (p < 0.05), which indicates a significant difference in students' critical thinking skills before and after the application of the model in the experimental class. In addition, the Independent Sample T-test also showed a significance value of 0.000 (p < 0.05), which indicated a significant difference between the experimental class and the control class after the application of the model. Thus, the Two Stay Two Stray cooperative learning model supported by poster media has proven effective in improving students' critical thinking skills in Economics subjects.

*Keywords* :*Critical thinking, Media poster-assisted ,Two Stay Two Stray(TSTS) cooperative learning model.*