

PREFACE

This thesis entitled “Ideology Representation in Free Nutritious Meal Program Polemics News: A Critical Discourse Analysis” is submitted to fulfill one of the requirements to obtain a Bachelor of Education degree from the English Language Education Department, Faculty of Educational Sciences and Teacher’s Training, Siliwangi University. This research critically examines how the Lexical choices of news headlines represent the ideological position of online news outlets.

This thesis is structured into several chapters. The first chapter presents the background of the research, defines the research problem, research gaps, research significance and objectives. The second chapter is a literature review that discusses the polemics of Free Nutritious Meal Program, role of lexical choice in news, ideology, and the theory of Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA). The third chapter presents the research methodology, which includes data sources, data collection, and analytical framework using Fairclough’s three-dimensional CDA model. The fourth chapter presents the research findings and discussions. Finally, the last chapter provides conclusions based on the data findings and suggestions for future researchers.

Constructive feedback and suggestions from readers are highly appreciated to improve this work. The author hopes that this thesis provides valuable insights into the role of language in influencing public perception toward certain polemics through word choices in headlines. Furthermore, this research will inspire or help future research in discourse analysis.

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