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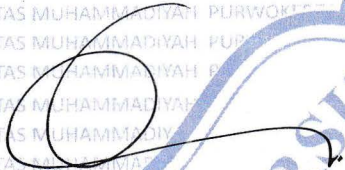
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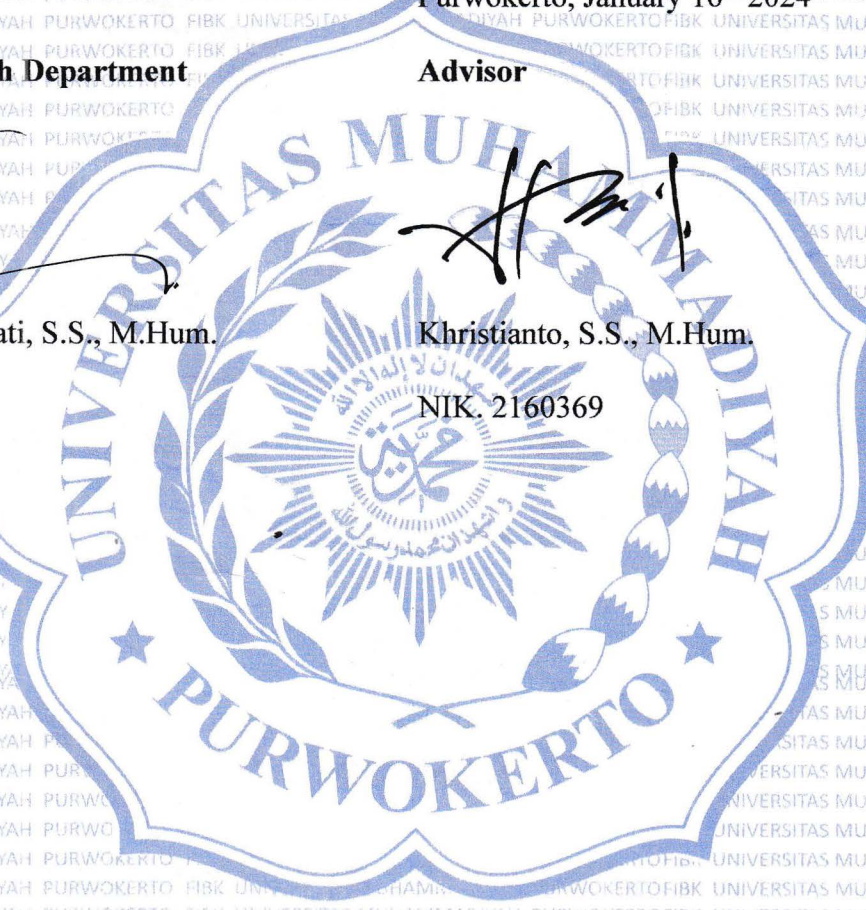
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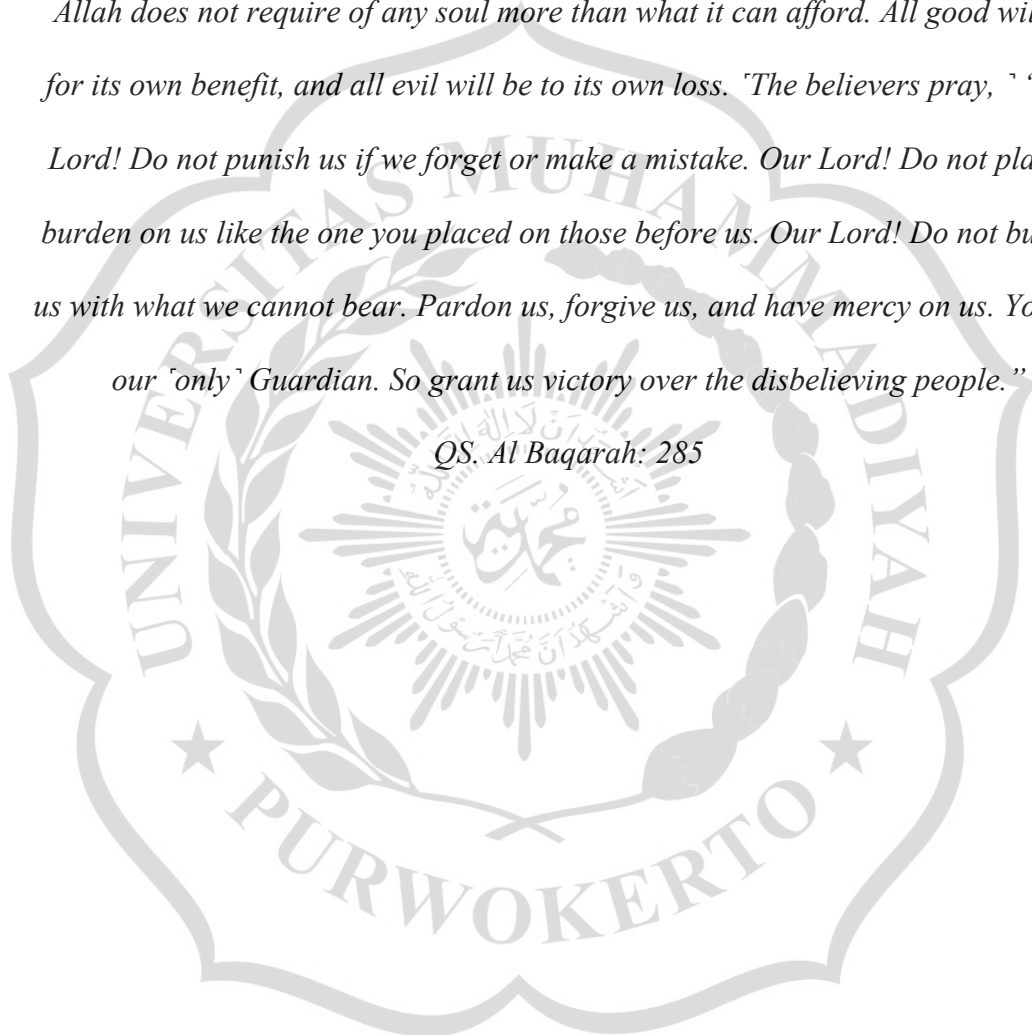
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This study employs a mixed-method approach by integrating quantitative word analysis with descriptive qualitative appraisal analysis. Focusing on editorials from Philippine News Agencies and the South China Morning Post, the research investigates language choices made by news editors using Appraisal Theory to trace the discourse in editorial content related to geopolitical tensions in the South China Sea. The results of the appraisal analysis are then utilized to decipher the editorial discourse through the meanings constructed by language choices, referencing media framing and politics. The aim of this research is to unveil the discourse of the writers through the construction of meaning embedded implicitly in editorial columns. The study seeks to underscore the interplay between language, media presentation, and public perspectives.

Keywords: south china sea tensions, language choices, appraisal analysis, mixed-method approach, media framing, geopolitical discourse

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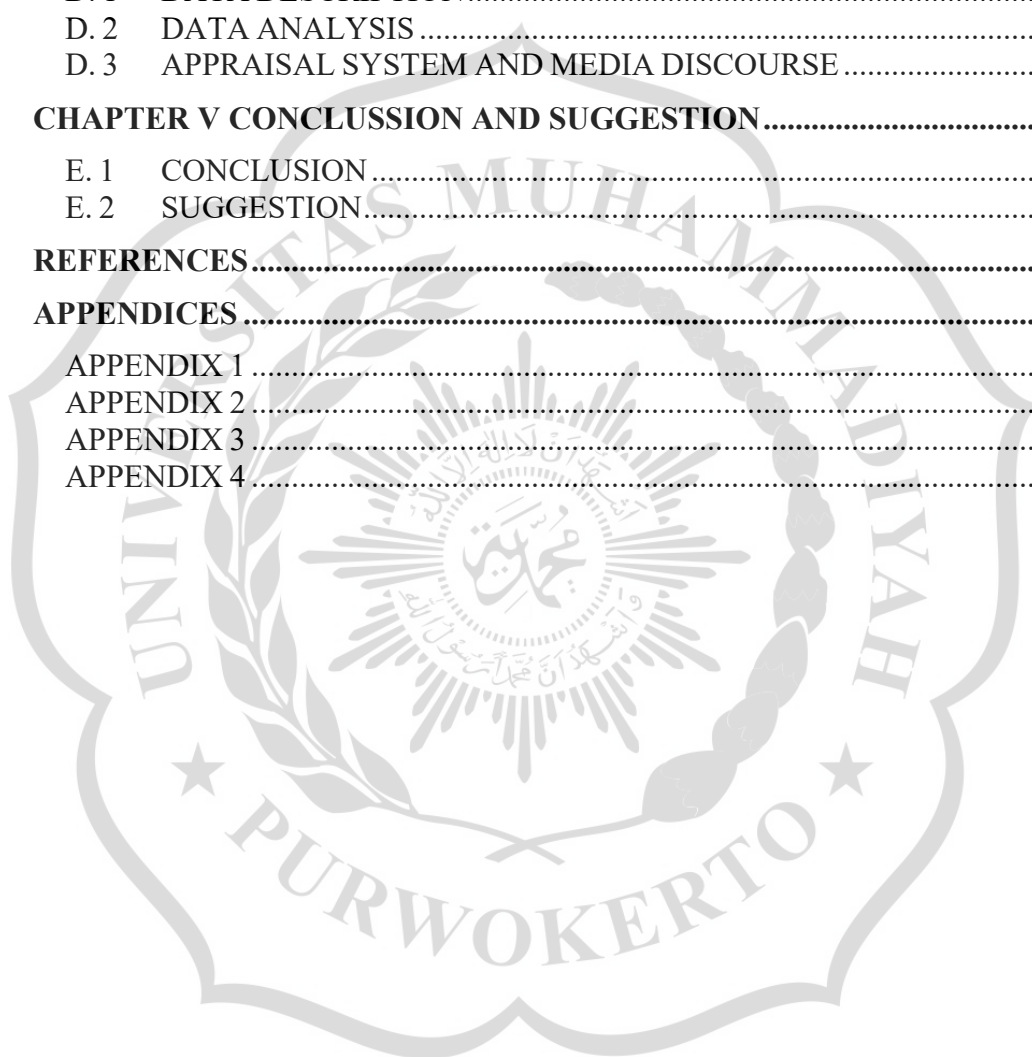
Studi ini menggunakan pendekatan metode campuran, mengintegrasikan analisis kata kuantitatif dengan analisis penilaian kualitatif deskriptif. Berfokus pada editorial dari Philippines News Agencies dan South China Morning Post, penelitian ini menyelidiki pemilihan bahasa yang digunakan oleh penyunting berita dengan teori Appraisal guna menelusuri wacana editorial terhadap ketegangan geopolitik Laut Cina Selatan. Hasil analisis appraisal kemudian digunakan untuk menuluri wacana penyunting melalui makna dari konstruksi pemilihan bahasa yang merujuk pada framing media dan politik. Hasil pada penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengungkap wacana penulis melalui konstruksi makna dari sebuah kata yang di sisipkan secara tersirat pada kolom editorial. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menggarisbawahi interaksi antara bahasa, penyajian media, dan pandangan publik.

Kata Kunci: *ketegangan laut china selatan, pilihan bahasa, analisis penilaian, pendekatan metode campuran, penyajian media, wacana geopolitik*

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