### Critical Thinking Skills of Students in Response Political News on Social Media Instagram

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#### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to determine the critical thinking skills of students in response to political news on social media instagram. This research is motivated by the lack of interest and also not caring of students to political news on social media instagram. In addition, the tendency of students do not have the ability to understand the political news on social media instagram. This study uses a qualitative method with case study design. Based on the research, the obtained data as well as the finding that students' critical thinking skills in response to political news on instagram social media can be in the form and grow up through the study of the discussion, as well as with political education and political literacy.

Keywords: Critical Thinking, Political News, Social Media Instagram.

#### INTRODUCTION

The development of Internet technology allows people to do a lot of things ranging from communication, for entertainment or even seek information though. The Internet is a new medium that is considered revolutionary in the world because of the new media is a marriage between print, audio, and video that offers two-way communication (Heryanto, 2018). Each year in Indonesia Internet users has increased. According to the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (Communications) said up to June 2019, there were 171 million internet users in Indonesia. Internet users every year grew 10.2 percent or 27 million people. Approximately 64.8 percent of the number of active internet users who access entertainment content such as videos and movies. Second place, 17.1 percent of users who access the content of the game, then 14 percent of users accessing the dominant commercial sites such as clothing, books, and accessories. Information issued by both people and groups through social media when it was sent and read by a lot of people can affect the emotions, feelings, thoughts and even actions of a person or group. (Pakpahan, (2017). Through social media one can use various news from entertainment to politics though. News is the source of the community to find the latest information. According to Effendy, (2000), News is the fastest report on facts or opinions that contain something interesting or important, or both for the large number of people. Political news one news highlighted by the Indonesian people, both living as workers and students. People always talk about politics because politics can affect the survival of society, including education. Susanto (2016). Reveal that political influence on several things, among others, educational activities, especially in the creation of values and expectations of every citizen; education budget; educational resources, such as teachers' salaries and infrastructure; the school system, such as the structure of the school and the admissions system; and the quality of graduates in the behavior of political, cultural, and social.

In Indonesia, political news is at number three in internet. At least as much as 36.94% of people in Indonesia read political news (Indonesian Internet Service Provider Association, 2017). Political news is one kind of news that are important to society because, political news to influence someone to make decisions or influence someone to do something. According to research conducted in 2010, political news to affect the level of political participation of students in Surabaya as much as 10% (Hariyani, 2010).

Now read the political news is not only accessible through print and online media only. Nowadays people can easily access the latest news stories via social media with ease, it can be seen from the number of social media users in Indonesia, according to research from We Are Social social media companies from the UK, together with Hootsuite by 2019, from a total of 268, 2 million people in Indonesia, 150 million of whom use social media. With social media users in Indonesia has about 56 percent penetration figures. Social media is now widely used by all levels of society exception of students to use online news, the advantages of smart phones makes users increasingly spoiled by the news services already packaged and delivered directly through social media they use (Katadata, 2017).

Based on the research of We Are Social, a social media company from the UK, together with Hootsuite by 2019, says vulnerable ages 18-24 are susceptible age with most social media users, these data show that Students are area with the highest and most active social media while the majority of students use social media Instagram, it is that caused instagram be second in often visited social media, Instagram has 56 million users in Indonesia. (Kurnia, 2018). Instagram users can easily access the latest news via the accounts of the news contained in Instagram or even search for news by using the hashtag. There is a special hashtag to ease social media users seek political news that is, by searching the hashtag # Pilpres2019 in the search field. By searching the hashtag # Pilpres2019 social media users can instantly see political news about the presidential election.



Figure 1.1 Tagar # Pilpres2019 the 2019 Presidential Election Coverage

Figure 1.1 shows the use of features or hashtag on Instagram social media. Accounts owned Instagram using the hashtag # pilpres2019 Tempo.co. The use of the hashtag conducted by Tempo.co easier for users to find news related to the presidential election in 2019. The average daily social media users spend 3 hours 15 minutes (Court, 2017).

Exposure to an activity to see, hear, and read the messages from the media, or has the experience and attention to a message that happens to a person and group (Ardianto &

Erdinaya, 2005). The contents of the message obtained through social media will be responded by the person, then that information from social media exposure could be associated with SR theory or stimulus-response. Broadly speaking, the theory of SR have the meaning given to each messages can encourage people to respond in a certain way. The use of social media can also influence a person in political participation. According to Anwar, (2011). Political participation is a personal activity or a group of people who take part actively in political life such as choosing the country's leaders, and directly or indirectly affect government policies or public policy. Social media is considered as a political discourse that is so dynamic because of the increased participation of the public, especially the millennial generation are familiar with technological developments.

Students are intellectuals future leaders, so how student attitudes towards various national problems should be observed (Riyanto, B., & Hastuti, 2017). Research on how his attitude toward political exclusion news that viral on social media is important to do, especially among student activists who tend to be critical when compared with students non aktivists. As the educated, the student should be able to understand, analyze, assess and scrutinize the information carried by communications technology. Unfortunately even many students who take part hegemony. Students are supposed to be agents of change in society became victim of the conditions that make people participate in the agitation. When linked to the ability of political news students get to know this it is necessary to get to know about the usefulness of the ability to assess the truth of the political news with critical thinking skills so that no one in the end in the decision. For that students must be able to think critically as a method of thinking is done by analyzing, assessing, and reconstruct every subject, content, or problem carefully. (Ennis, 2016).

But there are concerns related in developing critical thinking skills in political news on social media responses, presented by Nusarastriya, (2013). Which saw the dominance of low level thinking exercises discussion especially in the perspective of social science education. Another concern addressed by Wahab, (2008). Which states that teachers sometimes only use convergent thinking while divergent thinking is very less, but thinking like this is very important for students. On the other hand, Sapriya, (2008). Capturing there is a tendency that not many emerging high awareness among educators schools to teach students about the world's growing conditions that require rapid response to critical thinking skills. Some studies theory can be put forward, among others from Solihati, N., & Wisdom, A. (2018). That is the positive attitude to think critically as one of the elements which become a pre-requisite to be able to think critically well. This element consists of the ability to clarify, the ability to be open, the ability to think objectively and flexible forward-thinking ability.

#### **RESEARCH METHOD**

This study used a qualitative research design case studies, where this research was taken from an actual event in the community. (Craswell, 2015). even become a hot issue often the talk by the audience vote for dealing with the condition advances in information technology, globalization and the effects of the industrial revolution 4.0 that allows most people to use and take advantage of digital in all asfek kehidupanya later evolved into a social need, but the problem appear new cases that are complicated in social life Indonesia arragement is no exception intellectuals such as students and so on.Critical thinking skills needed by students in response to Political news, Susanto, (2016). Reveal that political influence on several things, among others, educational activities, especially in the creation of values and expectations of every citizen;

education budget; educational resources, such as teachers' salaries and infrastructure; the school system, such as the structure of the school and the administration system; and the quality of graduates in the behavior of political, cultural, and social. Case study research design must be consider the following: identification of cases for a study, of the various issues raised identifies a problem such The tendency of lower critical thinking (critical thinking) students against all aspect social life be social real and virtual social, younger generation, intellectuals and students should have the critical thinking skills (critical thinking) are comprehensible, social media is a tool that should be made the way in developing critical thinking skills (critical thinking), Design case study is the blueprint (blueprint of the research, which in this case includes four things that need to be noticed there are: (1) the question about to be answered, speaking the question then is inseparable from questions matter more clearly, the formulation of the problem you wish to reply as for the formulation of the problem in this research is the first How to shape critical thinking skills (critical thinking) students in responding to political news on social media instagram, both how the ability of the obstacles students in response to political news on social media instagram, third how efforts to encourage critical thinking skills of students (critical thinking) in response to political news on instagram social media. Then (2) the presentation of data relevant to the research questions, in the presentation of the data the researchers interpretation the results of the data in the form of descriptive sentences and tables of the study unit or subject and location of the research in this regard and female students of Indonesia University of Education joined in organs of extra-campus, Furthermore, (3) the collection of data and how it was collected, using the techniques of data collection in-depth interviews, observation, literature study and documentation. And the most important in the design of data collection qualitative case study that uses data triangulation scheme, according TriangulationMiles, MB, & Humberman, AM (1992). Is in gualitative research methods to combine the method of triangulation (triangulation method), the source of the data (triangulation data) or perspetif and theories. In this study using triangulation of data sources consisted of interview, observation and documentation. Last (4) the manner and stages analisisnnya (Creswell, 2015). First Data reduction (data reduction) The first component in the analysis of qualitative data in the data reduction researchers conducted the election or selection, concentration of attention or focusing, simplification and abstraction of all kinds of information in support of research data obtained and recorded during the process of extracting data in the field, The reduction process is performed on an ongoing basis throughout the study is still ongoing, and implementation started since researchers select cases to be reviewed. Second Presentation of data (data display) Serving of data is a set of information that gives the possibility for researchers to draw conclusions and taking action. This data presentation is an assembly organization of information, in the form of a complete description and narration, which is based on the main points of the findings contained in the data reduction, and presented using the language researcher logical, and systematic, so it is easy to understand. And the third Conclusing drawing (drawing conclusions / verification). Drawing conclusions is an activity of interpretation of the results of data analysis and interpretation. This conclusion drawing is just one of the activities in the configuration intact. This is very different from drawing conclusions in quantitative research related to hypothesis testing. The conclusions need to be verified during the study in order to be justified.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

### Looking for a clear statement of every statement in a political news on social media instagram

Often the emergence of political news on instagram social media are packed with exciting treats the main attraction for the students that will be able to influence the mindset and their fishing power. looking for a clear statement of each statement is a form of response from students in addressing a political news often appears on instagram social media. Based on the results of interviews conducted by the researchers to students belonging to the HMI also known as HM extra organ that: The emergence of political news on instagram social media is a natural thing especially in conjunction with the implementation President Election, Legislative Election or Election. It is an opportunity to show off candidates in promoting himself. PM students from the extra organ PMII said that the political news that often appears on the social media instagram an ordinary thing let alone an age where all the activities of life can not be separated from social media. Moreover, social media nowadays instagram is much in demand by many students are no exception. The next statement of the students who are members of an extra organization KAMMI the initials KM said that the political news on instagram social media is the main attraction for student activists because it will be used as containers in the search for reference. In line with the opinion of the students in extra organization GMNI initials GM found basically the emergence of political news on social media instagram not directly will increase the political participation of the millenial if the credibility of the news frequently in consumption was true.

Aside from the forms of student attitudes in response to political news as presented in the above relation to the political news that appeared on instagram social media could not be separated from any source then headings and news content that is frequently accessed or follow social media terms in instagram. This is dictated by the students in the extra organization HIMAPERSIS initials JI stated that: I am an active user of social media instagram, then the one that frequently consume political news, as for a news source that I often see such as the BBC, DETIK.com and coverage of 6 and usually a news topic that arises is about ELECTION. General Election parliamentary conditions or too corrupt ministry officials or local officials, and usually the content of news about the development of a case example Jiwasrava Asabri and so on. Then according Students belonging to extra organization HMI initials LM sources of political news that often appears on the social media instagram is Tirto and compass usually contains the headlines on the omnibus law, even viruses corona or covid-19 became the topic of the news that it was usually the sleigh to asfek politics besides what was presented by the students in the extra organization KAMMI initials MN found do not really know the source of the news in view but just a glance at the board searches but some political news which appear in searches that are usually about something actual example on the issue of flooding in Jakarta which dribbles into politics in the form of attacks against governor some are pro Anis Anis rapid support in coping with the flood response. There is also the opinion of the students in the extra organization HIMAPERSIS initials HM, that frequently appear in social media is the news sources such as CNN and usually news topics and news content that often arises is about the fight between the camps in the ranks of the coalition or oposition government, or the topic of competitive claims, or something that has been done on some of the candidates in the general election contestation, nor PILKADA. Next is a form of student feedback on comprehension in seeking a clear statement of any statement of a political news often appears on social media Instagram. This is dictated by the students in the extra

organization KAMMI the initials MM declare that: I have always been selective in choosing political news on social media instagram let alone the political year in 2019, all the issues raised becoming a news politics these circumstances in perparah with various persons who took advantage of the political news in other words political news mislead lie. This is often a discussion for our study.

#### Looking for a reason the truth of a political news on social media instagram

Other forms of critical thinking skills in response to political news on instagram social media is to find the reason the truth of every political news often comes from various sources of political news circulating on social media instagram. This is dictated by the students in the extra organization PMII initials PM found: I always keep myself in understanding an especially news stories on instagram social media are not necessarily truthly can be believed though from various news sources that are commonly spread News- politik. A vision news with the opinion of the students in extra organ initials HMI HM certainly in receiving an indirectly disseminate news to a friend or to another social media. Choose to wait for an official statement of the question. Or maybe to make sure view the media that has been trusted to independenta on television. Furthermore, students from the extra organization HIMAPERSIS initials HM Argues that in response to various issues instagram news on social media in a manner other than that bertabayyun also sought to compare with other news sources. On the same news topics to get the authenticity of this would be the news reason. This thing ensuring a political news on social media instagram. Furthermore, students who are members of the extra organization KAMMI the initials KM think I always comparing the same story with other sources, if the discussion about the news as a news source before or news sources that other, then I conclude that the political news of the news is true, otherwise if the political news discussed by all the different media, the news means hoaks news. Usually, political news circulating on social media news instagram not entirely true many false news news hoaks most often in the context of issues that would need to lift is the political form of critical thinking skills in the search for the truth of a reason for the political news. Beside that, the response students to political news after seeing, reading and understanding the capabilities critical thinking to be able to give a rational reason and logical as this will affect the public widely, however, because students are the agents of change that is believed will bring change to Public. This is dictated by the students in the extra organization GMNI initials GM argues that: Usually hoaks actual characteristics easily identified. First, the bombastic provocative title, information lebay (too good to be true, too bad to be true). From this we can surmise untruth of political news on social media instagram Second, emotional sentences, with no data. If there is data, the truth can not be accounted for. Third, the included link may be invalid, or even does not lead anywhere. Obviously, if a story can be proved by the things above it may be concluded that the political news political news lie. In line with the students in the extra organization HMI initials HM found Hoaks often equated with fake news, the fake news contains information that is intentional in order to mislead people and often has a particular political agenda is not just 'misleading' alias misleading information in the fake news also does not have a factual basis, but presented as if in a series of truths hereinafter the students in the extra organization uss initials KM argue politics is a field that is very sexy to be discussed or the talk because politics is the root of all asfek life of the nation and this state became the political news section within the context of social media instagram. Then it is not a strange thing that social media instagram made in the media for political purposes an individual or group.

#### Trying to find good information.

Students of the university campus extra organ Indonesian education as instagram social media consumers to enjoy political news always sensitive to the issues of political issues then the search for political news in social media instagram always selecting and trying to find good information. According to interviews with the students in the extra organization KAMMI the initials KM argues as follows: Of course, not all sources of political news on social media instagram credible or can believe sometimes always presenting information that led to the split because of political news are at associate-associate with these matters are inviting a split in the community below. Then not all credible source also always presenting news or information good politics. sometimes because of business needs or so of news sources was always presenting political news will trigger a response overload of the public, in contrast to the students in the extra organization PMII that initials PM believes that I respond to both a political news provides positive information because it does not directly will provide political education to the students as active consumers of political news often appears on instagram, then students who are members of the organs of the extra HMI initials HM found some sources of political news in social media instagram always provide good information but student responses misperception in the end there is a misunderstanding in response to political news on the information submitted.

## The ability of students' critical thinking response to political news on social media instagram

1. The ability to analyze an ability to decipher a structure into the components that determine the structure of the organization. In the main aim is the ability to understand a global concept by breaking or detailing the globality into parts smaller and detailed. Question analysis, requires that the reader identifies the logical steps used in the process of thinking to arrive at conclusions corner. Words that indicate operational analytical thinking skills, including: outlines, create charts, identify, describe, connect, detailing. The ability of students to analyze political news on instagram social media on the show by several factors, including the first look of how the student performed in managing and using instagram social media wisely and thoughtfully. Then the second way in providing views and opinion in detail and did not invite noise, a third way of identifying a political news on social media instagram, way to four in connecting a news item to the next in comparison with some news sources other goal is to obtain the truth of the political news, and the latest political news detailing the overall content in understood to be a material insight and information. But sometimes the students' ability to analyze political news tends to be weak because of the lack of political literacy

2. Ability, Synthesize an opposite capabilities with the ability to analyze. the ability to synthesize a skill combine the parts into a formation or a new arrangement. Question synthesis requires readers to integrate all the information obtained from reading material, so as to create new ideas that are not stated explicitly in the reading. This synthesis question provides an opportunity to think freely controlled (Harjasujana, 1987: 44). Students' ability to synthesize political news on social media instagram looks of student response that is sensitive to political news on social media instagram, from a high response led to the active participation of students, creating new ideas from students who are either born that is not explicitly stated and expressed implicitly, if the student already has the ability, to synthesize a political news on social media instagram then be on to say that having the ability to think critically in response to political news.

3. Capability, Identify and Solve this capability is the ability of a concept applicable to some new understanding. This capability requires the reader to understand the reading critically so that after the reading is completed, students are able to capture some basic mind reading, so as to be patterned concept. The aim of this skill intended that readers are able to understand and apply the concepts into problems or new scope (Walker, 2001: 15). The ability to recognize and solve problems relation to the students' ability to read political news on social media instagram the high level shown by Understand the contents reading political news as a whole, it is seen from the habits of the students extra organization-campus University of Indonesia through routine discussions between organisation members.

4. Ability, Summing up the human mind is activity based on understanding / knowledge (truth) it has, can grow to reach understanding / knowledge (truth) who had another (Salam, 1988; 68). Based on these opinions can be understood that this ability requires the reader to be able to describe and understand the various aspects gradually in order to come to a new formula that is a conclusion. Human thought process itself, can take two ways, namely: deduction and induction. So, the conclusion is a thought process that empowers knowledge so as to generate a new thought or knowledge. Of the various sources of political news on social media instagram, then the topic of political news actual at treat to these students often reap the various pros and cons in understanding the content of political news, then also not out of the political news is not true, sometimes students hypnotized from the lies of political news, in fact students of extra organization campus of the University of Education Indonesia has the capability concludes one that read as a political news on social media instagram is evident from the thought process of students in addressing the political news with no drift political issues will however be material in the search for political references that are not found in the lecture or organization.

5. Ability, Evaluate or assess this ability requires careful thought in determining the value of something by various criteria. Skills judge wants the reader to pass judgment on the value measured using specific standards (Harjasujana, 1987 :). Students' ability to evaluate or assess the political news on social media instagram is the ability to last in the hold critical thinking skills, and if the student until the ability to evaluate or assess it can be said that the students already have the ability to think critically in response to political news on social media instagram, the ability of students to evaluate political news seen from the way the students criticized the political relation something news does not comply with the conditions and the actual situation. The ability of critical thinking in response to political news can be done by searching for references through political literacy and political education.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Students are among the people as the most users of social media instagram, instagram already provides various facilities to enable people to communicate, do business, trade, entertainment, education, and so on. Moreover, it can be a tool intermediary person or interest group to transmit information to many people, it is intended that goal can be achieved. It's the call with the news that political effect on several things, among others, educational activities, especially in the creation of values and expectations of every citizen; education budget; educational resources, such as teachers' salaries and infrastructure; the school system, such as the structure of the school and the admissions system; and the quality of graduates in the behavior of political, cultural, and social. case in need of critical thinking ability of students to analyze, synthesize, identify and solve problems, conclude and evaluate the political

news on social media instagram. Despite the extra organ student thinking university campus Indonesian education in response to political news has led to critical thinking on the show on processes in addressing the political news and activities of student discussion. But it is also necessary to sharpen students' critical thinking skills in response to political news is through the first necessary political reference second and third political literacy political education.

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