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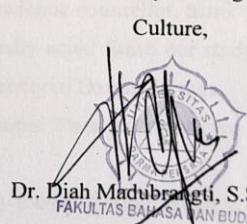
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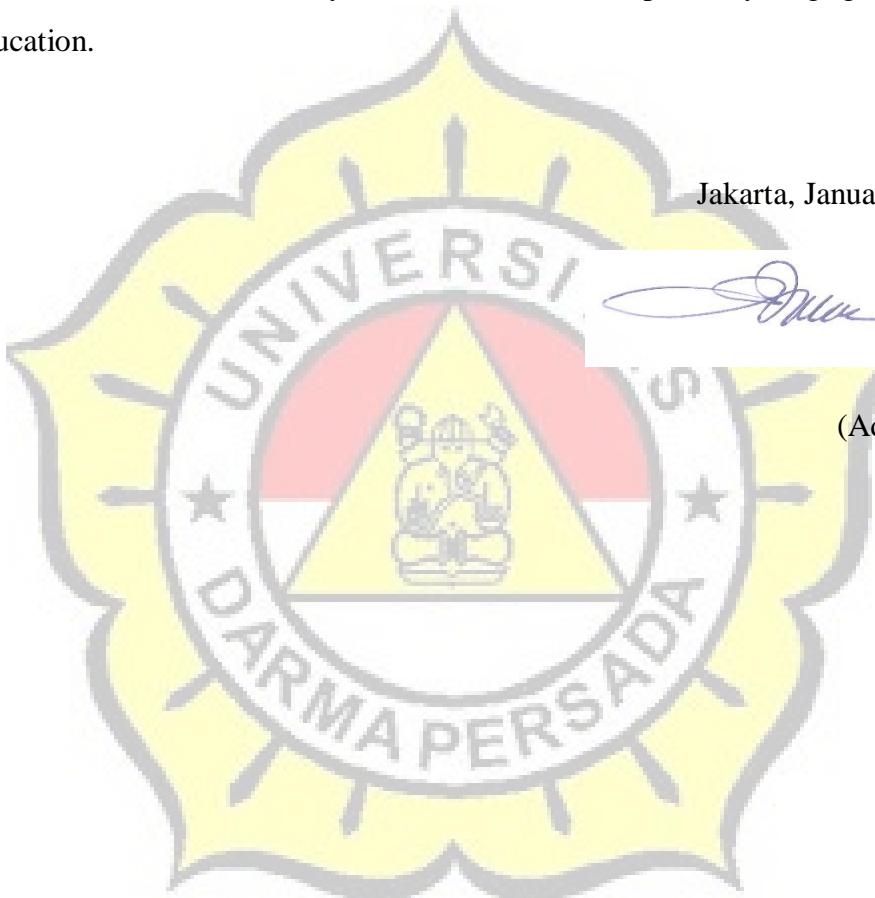
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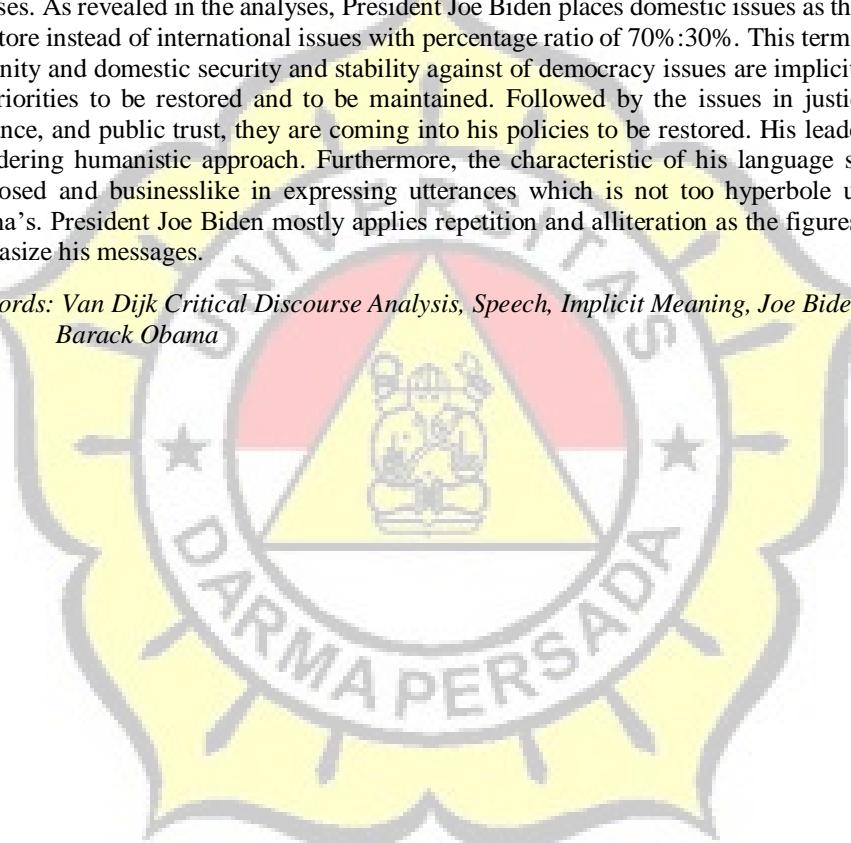
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## **ABSTRACT**

This term paper is motivated by interpreting meanings of strategic speech spoken by any president potentially disrupted by subjective matters in which it can cause commotions in a country. This term paper works on the critical discourse analysis of President Joe Biden's inauguration speech to reveal the implicit meanings based on more academical perspectives through descriptive qualitative research method. Van Dijk Critical Discourse Analysis is applied as the approach to frame the analyses. As revealed in the analyses, President Joe Biden places domestic issues as the first priority to restore instead of international issues with percentage ratio of 70%:30%. This term paper reveals that unity and domestic security and stability against of democracy issues are implicitly claimed as the priorities to be restored and to be maintained. Followed by the issues in justice, humanity, tolerance, and public trust, they are coming into his policies to be restored. His leadership style is considering humanistic approach. Furthermore, the characteristic of his language styles is more composed and businesslike in expressing utterances which is not too hyperbole unlike Barack Obama's. President Joe Biden mostly applies repetition and alliteration as the figures of speech to emphasize his messages.

*Keywords: Van Dijk Critical Discourse Analysis, Speech, Implicit Meaning, Joe Biden, Barack Obama*



# **ANALISIS WACANA KRITIS PIDATO PELANTIKAN JOE BIDEN TERHADAP KEBIJAKAN AMERIKA SERIKAT**

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## **ABSTRAK**

*Penelitian ini dilatarbelakangi oleh pemakaian atas makna pidato yang disampaikan oleh setiap presiden yang berpotensi dipengaruhi oleh hal-hal subjektif yang dapat menimbulkan kegaduhan di suatu negara. Penelitian ini menguji analisis wacana kritis pidato pelantikan Presiden Joe Biden untuk mengungkap makna tersirat berdasarkan perspektif yang lebih akademis melalui metode penelitian deskriptif kualitatif. Analisis Wacana Kritis Van Dijk diterapkan sebagai pendekatan untuk membingkai analisis. Seperti terungkap dalam analisis, Presiden Joe Biden menempatkan masalah domestik sebagai prioritas pertama untuk dipulihkan daripada masalah internasional dengan rasio persentase 70%:30%. Penelitian ini mengungkapkan bahwa persatuan dan keamanan dalam negeri dan stabilitas terhadap isu-isu demokrasi secara implisit diklaim sebagai prioritas untuk dipulihkan dan dipelihara. Disusul dengan isu-isu keadilan, kemanusiaan, toleransi, dan kepercayaan publik, hal tersebut masuk ke dalam kebijakannya untuk dipulihkan. Gaya kepemimpinannya mempertimbangkan pendekatan humanistik. Selain itu, ciri gaya bahasanya lebih tersusun dan lugas dalam mengungkapkan ujaran-ujaran yang tidak terlalu hiperbolis seperti Barack Obama. Presiden Joe Biden kebanyakan menggunakan pengulangan dan aliterasi sebagai kiasan untuk menekankan pesannya.*

**Kata kunci:** Analisis Wacana Kritis Van Dijk, Pidato, Makna Tersirat, Joe Biden,  
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