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ABSTRACT

Amy Novita S-1 of English Department The Semiotics of Lipton Ice Tea Advertisement through The Theory of Roland Barthes

The research in the term paper aims to find out the signifier and signified on the advertisement. In additional, it finds out the meaning consisted, in other words to get the message behind the Lipton Ice tea advertisement. The theory used in the term paper is related to the study about sign, Semiotics. In specifics is the theory of Roland Barthes. His theory used the denotation and the connotation as its signifier and signified signs to find out myth.

Keywords: Semiotics, Signs, Denotation, Connotation, Myth.

ABSTRAK

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menemukan penanda (signifier) dan petanda (signifier) yang ada di dalam iklan. Selanjutnya, penelitian ini dimaksudkan untuk menemukan arti yang terkandung. Dengan kata lain, untuk mendapatkan pesan yang ada di balik iklan Lipton Ice Tea. Teori yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah teori yang berhubungan dengan kajian tentang tanda (sign). Lebih spesifik adalah teori Roland Barthes. Teorinya menggunakan denotasi (denotation) dan konotasi (connotation) sebagai penanda dan petandanya untuk menemukan mitos.

Kata kunci: Semiotika, Tanda, Denotasi, Konotasi, Mitos.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of The Research

Human being needs to communicate. Communication in socializing with the other people is very important. It is useful for human survival itself. It is impossible if people eschew away from the activities to communicate because they can communicate much with each other. It is such a benefit that they need, for example, is getting information from someone else or from something they have seen, have read, or have heard and they can give the information to the others. One of the tools for communication is language.

There is a form of verbal and a form of writing in language. Spoken language can be a form of speech or something which is delivered, while the language in the form of writing can take the form of a drawing, writing, signs, and some are the combination of the texts and the images.

There are also many forms of the language that used to communicate or to convey something to the crowd, one of it is a sign. One way that is used to convey the meaning, message, or information is through the mass media. This is the tool used in the delivery of messages from the source to the audience or the person receiving that its character opens which they can see, read and hear. (Cangara, 2000:25).

Mass media has many forms that are delivered through the means of communication such as newspapers, radios, and televisions. One form of mass media communication tools that is delivered through the television is an advertisement. There is sign which is used as an introduction to a message or specific information that is persuasive, in other words, it aims to encourage or influence in the advertising. One interesting example of the advertising scoop is an advertisement of beverage.

Basically, the advertisement is created to persuade or influence the consumers (people who see this advertisement) to purchase and use of the advertised product. Beverage manufacturers are trying to create something unique from the advertisement to entice the consumers. This makes the producers increase their creativity in selling their products. There is a model and an actress known to advertise and to promote their products, using a place with beautiful scenery that is tailored to the benefits of the product, using certain themes, using interactive kind of language such as text, images, and the manufacturers add proper sound (it can be some instruments or tracks) to deliver the information to consumers or to society in the world.

It serves something new to the audience who sees the advertisement. It makes them curious to know what the end of the advertisement. All the creativity in one advertisement will be something very worth to sell to the audience and the consumers. In addition, through the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea, it can bring an image for the audience to enjoy their activities by drinking Lipton's product.

The writer defines study about advertisement in relation to Semiotics which is known as the study of sign because it is very important to identify what is consisted in the advertisement or what is the message behind the advertisement. Further, the writer needs to identify the problem to find the elements that are composed in the study of Semiotics on the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea.

1.2. Identification of The Problem

The identification of the problem in the term paper refers to the Semiotics as the field of study about the sign, more specific to find the signifier and the signified on the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea.

1.3. Limitation of The Problem

The advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea has variety of versions. Therefore the restriction of the problem in this study is as follows:

- a. To find signifier and signified in the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea.
- b. To find the meaning of myth in the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea.

1.4. Statement of The Problem

Based on the background of the research above, the writer formulates the statement of the problem in this study as follows:

- a. What are signifier and signified consisted in the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea?
- b. What is myth contained in each version of Lipton Ice Tea advertisement?

1.5. Objectives of The Research

Based on the identification of problem and the limitation of the problem above, the objectives of this research are:

- a. To find the descriptions of the signifier and the signified in the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea.
- b. To identify the myth contained in each version of Lipton Ice Tea advertisement.

1.6. Framework of The Theories

The theory that is used in the research paper is the theory of semiotics by Roland Barthes. Specifically, it is to find out the signifier and signified in the relation to the myth.

1.7. Methods of The Research

The ways determine the successful of a research, in addition to analyze, will be proved from the methods that are used in data collection. Data collection methods are used in this research paper is qualitative data. There are written data, texts, books and articles that can support this research.

1.8. Benefits of The Research

The benefits of the research are to fathom the study about Semiotics, especially through the advertisement which uses the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea. In addition, there is another way to find the meaning that is contained on the

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advertisement through the seeking of signifier and signified of the advertisement that is presented to the audience.

1.9. Systematic Organization of The Research

Based on the benefits of the research above, the systematic organization of the research in this term paper as follow:

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

It consists of: Background of The Research, Identification of The Problem, Limitation of The Problem, Statement of The Problem, Objectives of The Research, Framework of The Theories, Methods of The Research, Benefits of The Research and Systematic Organization of The Research.

CHAPTER 2: FRAMEWORK OF THE THEORIES

It consists of the theories that are used in the research: first, Order of Signification. There are denotation, connotation and myth. Second, The Meaning of The Color. There are Meaning of The Color "Green", Meaning of The Color "White" and Meaning of The Color "Yellow".

CHAPTER 3: THE SEMIOTICS OF LIPTON ICE TEA THROUGH THE THEORY OF ROLAND BARTHES

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Chapter 3 entitled The Semiotics of Lipton Ice Tea Through The Theory of Roland Barthes contains The Analysis of The Picture on the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea —Hugh Jackman in Budapest, Hungary and the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea TV with Hugh Jackman through the first order and second order of signification. In addition, there is the analysis of myth in relation with the signification order.

CHAPTER 4: CLOSING

It contains the conclusion of the research and shows how the advertisement of Lipton Ice Tea represents the message that Lipton Ice Tea is a positive drinking for everyone, and it is compatible to enjoy everywhere.