

ABSTRACT

Objectivity of News Coverage of the Rempang Eco-City Development Conflict on Online News Media (Qualitative Content Analysis of Environmental News on Tempo.co, Riauonline.co.id, and Mongabay.co.id for the period September 2023-March 2024)

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Environmental conflicts occur when there are disputes over land use, displacement of people, or different views on development that impacts the environment. One of the environmental conflicts that attracted local and national media attention was the Rempang Eco-city conflict between Rempang residents and a number of companies. Media outlets that have consistently covered this case include Tempo.co, Riauonline.co.id, and Mongabay.co.id. In reporting environmental conflicts, objectivity is an important value in reporting events from various perspectives. This study aims to determine the objectivity of the coverage of the Rempang Eco-city conflict in the online news media Tempo.co, Riauonline.co.id, and Mongabay.co.id. This research uses a constructivist paradigm, a qualitative approach with a qualitative content analysis method of Rahma Ida's model. The results showed that Mongabay.co.id has fulfilled the objectivity category with the highest score. Followed by Tempo.co and Riauonline.co.id in second and third place. The weakness of the objectivity of environmental conflict news from the three media is in the impartiality category, due to the lack of presenting news sources that represent various parties involved in the conflict. When viewed from media ownership, Mongabay.co.id as an independent media has reported events more objectively and shown its partiality to environmental issues and affected communities, compared to Tempo.co as a national media and Riauonline.co.id as a local media.

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