

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Christchurch incident happened on March 15th, 2019, when Al Noor mosque and Linwood Islamic Centre in Christchurch city were full of worshippers (Regan and Sidhu, 2019). It caused two mosques damaged and fifty people died and fifty more injured (Christchurch shooting, 2019). Victims were refugees, immigrants and New-Zealand born (Victims, 2019). Police arrested four people as suspects of the Christchurch incident, they were two men, an eighteen years old, and a woman. However afterwards, police commissioner said that three people arrested are not believed to have been involved in this incident. Then, the main suspect of Christchurch incident was an Australian, named Brenton Tarrant, 28 year old (Gunman, 2019).

Christchurch incident was not just a shooting incident, but this incident also related to white supremacist, anti-immigrant of Muslim, and terrorism. Firstly, relation between Christchurch incident and white supremacist can be seen when the suspect of this incident described that he was white supremacist (Gunman, 2019). White supremacy is beliefs and ideas purporting natural superiority of the lighter-skinned, or “white,” human races over other racial groups (Jenkins, 2019). The group or the race that became the target in this incident was Muslim.

Secondly, the relation between this incident and anti-immigrant of Muslim can be seen when the suspect of Christchurch incident thought that the fertility of groups non-whites or immigrants non-whites (Muslim) to the countries like New Zealand and Australia, which he likened to “invasion” have increased and threatened the white majority in those countries (Webb, 2019). Thirdly, the relation between this incident and terrorism can be seen when New Zealand Prime Minister said that the Christchurch incident was an extraordinary and unprecedented act of violence, and it was a New Zealand’s darkest days. Then Ardern stated that Christchurch incident clearly described as terrorist attack (Hollingsworth, 2019). Ardern described it as terrorist attack because this incident have planned by suspect and it’s done by violence.

Besides that, New Zealand’s prime minister also said that “Many of those who will have been directly affected by this shooting may be migrants to New Zealand, they may even be refugees here (Guardian, 2019). Cause the Christchurch incident can be affected to all people in the world, especially to people who want to stay in New Zealand, so Christchurch incident becomes one of the international news that take deep interest to the international news media. It exposed rapidly by many international (include Indonesia) news website.

In Indonesia news website, Christchurch incident have to be exposed, because this incident related to some Indonesian people who were the victims, so all of Indonesian people should know about it. News is the report of current event. While, news media is one of the main channels that provide people the information

regarding to social issue that happen in society, political issue, and others. It is considered as the window of information, because it is able to open our mind about something that happen in our society, in our country, or even in the world. News media has two types, they are printed news media and electronic news media. The type of printed media is newspaper, while types of electronic news media are television, radio and news age media the internet. The form internet news media is news website.

In modern era, people want something different, something snappy, something easy to grasp, and instantly informative (Harrower, 2008). To know about international and national news, people choice to open news website as their sources of information, because nowadays, news website become the most influential news media in providing the international or national information, since readers can simply open news website from their phone.

Regarding the news website (online newspaper) become the most influential news media and regarding the influence of news media in shaping reader's perspective toward certain issue, it is important to see how news media in presenting certain issue. So, the reader will know how to react against the information that presented in news media. Based on reasons above, the current study will observe one of Indonesia's trusted news website, first daily newspaper, largest newspaper, the main English newspaper which encompassed national and international news, and news website which has high quality and provide an Indonesian perspective about western dominated news and views, named news media of *The Jakarta Post*. So,

the writer expected to analyze about the way of *The Jakarta Post* online newspaper in presenting the news of Christchurch incident.

1.2 Research Question

Based the background of study, the researcher formulates the research question of how was the Christchurch shooting incident represented in *The Jakarta Post* online newspaper?

1.3 Research Objective

This research aims to know the way of *The Jakarta Post* online newspaper in representing Christchurch shootings incident.

1.4 Uses of the Study

Uses of this study divided into two, they are:

1.4.1 Theoretical Uses

Theoretically, this research was expected to enrich the knowledge of readers about how journalist in media writes a news. Then, it also can give information to journalist that they write news for many kinds of readers with their critical thinking. The last, this research expected to be one of sources or references for next researchers who interested in conducting study about critical discourse analysis in newspaper.

1.4.2 Practical Uses

Practically, this research expected to give benefit to readers, journalist, and next researchers. Firstly, to the readers, they will be more aware and critical when reading a news. Secondly, to the journalist, they will be more aware when they are writing a news, they can understand about critical readers. The last, for the next researcher, they can take this research as their reference to conduct study about critical discourse analysis in newspaper.

1.5 Scope of the Study

This research focuses on critical discourse analysis. This researcher will analyze the news of Christchurch incident in *The Jakarta Post* online newspaper during 2019. This research is limited on 10 articles, those articles taken from Indonesia reporter, written in Indonesia and those article published in *The Jakarta Post* online newspaper website since 15 March 2019 until 20 March 2019. The analysis of this current study will be conducted by using theory from Fairclough, it is Fairclough's three dimensional model.