

ABSTRACT

South China Sea Territorial Dispute: A Contrastive Study of American and Chinese News Website Reporting

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This study aims to understand the differences of news website in reporting the same issue of The South China Sea territorial dispute by China Daily and The New York Times in reporting the issue of territorial dispute and exposing the hidden ideology behind the representation of different news websites. Three Dimensional Framework by Fairclough in Critical Discourse Analysis were used in this study along with Systemic Functional Grammar particularly in transitivity analysis. The articles in this study were collected from China Daily and The New York Times news website. The finding revealed that both news website report the issue of territorial dispute using material process and verbal process dominantly but The New York Times dominantly use material process more than China Daily. Next, the study found out that China Daily depict the act of Beijing saying that territorial dispute as a normal thing due to the area of water are belong to China while The New York Times depict the act of China in responding the territorial dispute. Last, the study found that China Daily stated how the US meddling in the disputed area of The South China Sea even it is not in the area of the US while The New York Times stated that the act of China in responding the dispute are a harsh attitude and violating the rules. To sum up the result, the combination of both theories is somehow useful in the discourse to expose the hidden meaning and ideology.

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