

INTRODUCTION

Mass media serves as a key instrument in the mass communication process for it can reach a broad, diverse, and anonymous audience with messages that are abstract and dispersed (Saragih, 2020). The mass media may also come in different kinds of mechanical communications, one of which is news articles. Unlike traditional newspapers, news articles have become popular due to their convenient access and continuous update to report daily events, new information, and other issues surrounding the society (Knox, 2007 in Butt & Haider, 2022). Moreover, news writing is expected to be constructed effectively so that the message from the source can be conveyed accordingly to the audience.

In the construction of news narratives, linguistic elements such as clauses are pivotal in organizing the information and conveying the message. According to Van Dijk (1988), the intended narrative of a media outlet is aligned with the syntactic and rhetorical structuring of its news stories, which consequently may shape the public's perception and emphasize certain viewpoints. In the language system, clause combining can afford to function as logical relation and experiential relation connectors. This function can also reveal the author's tendency in making the information perceivably more logical and more meaningful. As stated by Halliday and Matthiesen (2014, p. 430), sequences of events that make up a whole episode in a narrative are realized grammatically through clause combining, and grammar plays a fundamental role in construing the episode. Furthermore, these linguistic features are significant to express the purpose of using language to achieve specific ideological goals. Thereby, readers' interpretation of events in reading news reports can be guided by the embedded of subordinate clauses.

There are a number of studies that have been conducted to explore ideological meanings through grammatical and lexical choices. To begin with, Andriani (2019) conducted a study to discover the types of logico-semantic relations and how they were linked in the two news articles of VOA news. The study further found that the dominant

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types of logico-semantic relation used in VOA news text were extension and locution. Another research by Shi and Gu (2023) also explored the function of clause complex and logico-semantic relations in the three selected clean energy scientific news reports from China Daily to gain a deeper understanding of the sentence structure in the text. The study further found that locution accounts for the most in the news reports which indicate the views or remarks of some expert or figure used to evaluate the process and effect of energy development projects, followed by enhancement type which enriches the news report with information regarding the energy transition and development project. Lastly, another research conducted by Uswar and Harahap (2022) which was concerned with clause complexity on two different texts of news and editorial from Jakarta Post Newspaper, aimed to shed light on the issue of logical function and taxis relations. The study found that hypotaxis was found dominantly used in both texts and while News text dominantly generates more hypotaxis elaboration, Editorial text generates more hypotaxis enhancement and elaboration relation.

Based on the abovementioned studies, it was evident that the study of clause complexity offers rich meanings of an issue presented in media. Studies by Andriani (2019), Shi and Gu (2023), and Uswar and Harahap (2022) provide examples of how clause complexes reveal the structure of rendering information. Furthermore, this study aims to analyze the use of clause complexity in BBC News and JakartaPost news articles in reporting the Gaza conflict to discover how each media uses its clause structure patterns to construct the information to deliver their intended meaning. More specifically, this study is guided by the following questions:

1. How are the clauses structurally constructed in the news articles of The Jakarta Post and BBC Daily Newspaper?
2. How are the clauses logically connected in the news articles of The Jakarta Post and BBC Daily Newspaper?
3. How is the intended meaning represented in the use of clause complexes compared between the two media?

By incorporating SFG framework theory of clause complex proposed by Halliday and Matthiessen (2014), this study seeks to examine the abovementioned issues.