ABSTRACT

Problems regarding the List of Permanent Electors (LPE) in each end of the general election in Indonesia, particularly in the 2009 presidential election have become an arena of debate and polemic among the politicians. Polemic has led to an opinion conflict whether among the politicians or among the political parties who have an interest in the outcome of the election through vote counting.

The mass media aired persistently the conflict of LPE to the public viewers. Alignment of media when present the news is something that is unavoidable, each medium has different alignments, because the media might not take side toward something. In this case, the media alignment was influenced by the vision, mission and ideology used by the media.

Based on the phenomenon above, this research aims were to study and to analyze the Metro TV and TV One in defining the problem, estimate the source of the problem, making moral decisions, and emphasizing conflict resolution in the LPE post-2009 election. This research was conducted by using a qualitative approach and used framing analysis from Robert N. Entman.

The results showed that, (1) Reality Definition: On one side, Metro TV was Generally more affirms the reality definition which was explained by the pair of president/vice president candidate and supporters party, and also groups of society. And another side, it made certain of the reality definition explained by the Election Commission / Region Election Commission and the government. TV One on the contrary was more affirm the reality definition explained by the Government, the Election Commission / Region Election Commission and groups of society. And another side it made certain of the reality definition explained by the pair of president/vice president candidate and supporters party. (2) Metro TV considered that the source of the problem was the Government and the Commission. On the contrary TV One saw that the source of the problem was not the Commission or the government, but merely administrative errors in the electors' data collection. (3)Generally, moral decisions proposed by the Metro TV that the LPE problems were morally and politically problematic. This was different from moral decisions proposed by the TV One that LPE was indeed problematic, but merely administrative. (4) Generally, the solution recommendation proposed by the Metro TV was urging the Commission and the Ministry of domestic affairs to resolve the LPE problem. On the other side, the solution recommendation proposed by the TV One was the presidential election must be held, no resignation and will not be delayed