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ABSTRACT

In 2019 social media has indeed become a familiar phenomenon for Indonesian people in general. Social media is a communication tool that cannot be abandoned by every individual. In fact, it has become a habit for every individual to share information through social media, because the practical benefits of social media are a means of communication. Social media in its use has many benefits, both positive and negative, like two ends of the sword. The positive value of social media is used as a means of communication, a means of sharing information for voters, and a means of socializing between the KPU and the public. This study uses a qualitative descriptive method by describing the data obtained from the General Election Commission (KPU) of Bantul Regency by analyzing data taken directly from the documents of the General Election Commission of Bantul Regency (KPU Bantul). Voter Participation in Bantul Regency shows a higher participation rate compared to participation in the 2014 Election. The difference between the 2014 and 2019 Elections lies in the number of voters. In 2014 Facebook was used while in 2019 it was using Instagram. The percentage of voter participation in 2019 showed 87.9% of the total number of voters, while in 2014 voter participation was only 81% (Republika.co.id). In the 2014 Election, the KPU did not use Instagram to disseminate information about the Election, while the 2019 Election showed good participation.

Keywords: Participation, Social Media, Election

ABSTRAK


INTRODUCTION

In 2019 social media has become a phenomenon that is not new to Indonesian people in general. Social media is a communication tool that cannot be abandoned by every individual (Rahmat & Purnomo, 2020). In fact, it has become a habit for every individual to share information through social media, because the practical benefits of social media are a means of communication (Rohim&Wardana, 2019). What’s more, unfortunately social media also has some side effects. It is not only a habit but a new culture that replaces the existing culture(Yunus, 2015). Social media changes culture across age groups from children to the elderly, although not all children use social media where children, especially ages 8-12, are still low in social media use (Cahyono, 2016; Efendi, Astuti, & Rahayu, 2017). Cultural changes such as face-to-face communication, which is now without face-to-face communication, are commonplace in society (Rachmandani, Purnomo, & Kasiwi, 2020). Nowadays space is no longer needed to communicate and time is also not a barrier to communication. Those are some of the benefits of social media as a means of communication between individuals, between groups and other groups (Munandar & Suherman, 2016).

Communication with social media has changed culture, especially face-to-face communication. However, with today’s social media, communication does not have to be face-to-face, now someone who has a handheld device (cellphone / smartphone) can communicate easily (Errika, 2015; Putri, Nurwati, & S., 2016) Social media in terms of its use are communication tools, socialization tools, information tools. In the history of elections in Indonesia, social media has not been widely used in socializing elections in previous elections (before 2019) even though elections have been held eleven times since 1955, 1971, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2014 Only in the 2019 Election, social media emerged and played an active role in the socialization of the Election (Fadhlurrohman & Purnomo, 2020). No exception, the Bantul General Election Commission (KPU) Instagram was also used to disseminate this information (Rachmandani et al., 2020; Rohim & Wardana, 2019). Social media in the 2019 Election has had a very strong influence on voters, especially young or millennial voters. Social media can be used in various ways, one of which is the dissemination of positive or negative information, it all depends on the social media users themselves. The number of novice or young voters reaches 14 million, of whom are active users of social media (Husna & Novita, 2019).
Social media in its use has many benefits, both positive and negative, like two ends of the sword. The positive value of social media is used as a means of communication, a means of sharing information for voters, and a means of socializing between the KPU and the public (Susanto, 2017). On the other hand, the negative value of social media is spreading irresponsible information or hoaxes (Faraidiany, Kusmanto, & Warjio, 2019). Social media has had a tremendous influence when social media, especially Instagram, the Bantul General Election Commission (KPU Bantul) is used to share the latest information related to the general election. From this Instagram account, voters can see and use this information as a reference for selecting candidates in the 2019 Election held by the KPU Bantul (Michela Arnaboldi, 2016). Furthermore, social media is a tool for disseminating election information including election procedures (Strandberg, 2013). Socialization through Instagram social media is one way for the Bantul Regency Election Commission to see great opportunities from first-time voters to non-novice voters (Juwandi, Nurwahid, Lestari, Sultan, & Tirtayasa, 2019). Social media has a tremendous influence on social media users from the lifestyle that follows social media. From there, social media was put to good use by the Bantul KPU in disseminating information related to the 2019 General Election in Bantul to increase voter participation in particular (Hidayat, Basith, & Faqih, 2018).

Using a social media platform like Instagram by uploading images on the platform will reach all Instagram users (Aisyah, Fadilah, & Sjafirah, 2020; Susanto, 2017). In addition to uploading images, Instagram can be used to share various information and can be used as a communication tool through its functions (Rahadi, 2017). Besides having the function of Instagram as Direct Messenger, there are also hashtags, locations, follow, share, like, comments (Setyaningsih, Suadnya, & Fajarica, 2020); First, Hashtag is tagging by placing the hashtag symbol ‘#’ right before the word to be tagged. Hashtags are like keywords that link posts with the same hashtag (Setiawan & Santoso, 2013). This will make it easier for users to find information about the same keyword / topic / hashtag. Second, Location is a feature on Instagram that is used to show the location of the Instagram user or where the post was posted (Panjaitan & Prasetya, 2017). Third, Follow is a feature that shows someone wants to follow us, or a certain channel, picture, profile, and vice versa. Fourth, Sharing is a feature for sharing to social media other than Instagram. Fifth, Like is a feature to show that the user likes the post. Sixth, Comments are features for commenting. Users can comment and reply to other users’ comments to enrich the discussion.

In addition, for beginner voters who can be said to be unfamiliar with political issues, because they are very close to social media, social media in politics can be used as a reference for political nets and as a determining material for which candidates they will choose (Juwandi et al., 2019). Indeed, young voters who are often called millennials have a considerable influence on the 2019 Election (Agustin, 2019). Young voters, or novice or
novice voters, according to the Election Law Number 10 of 2008 Article 19 Paragraph (1) are Indonesian citizens who old age. 17 (seventeen) years or more. Beginner voters are voters who are participating in the election for the first time, aged at least 17 years or not yet 17 years old but have a family (Tassel, J. Van, & Poe-Howfield, 2010).

With the many benefits of social media being used as a means of communication without any limitations in space and time in its use, social media can be a tool for conducting campaigns and political socialization both positively and negatively (Soliha, 2015). Based on these reasons, the researcher aims to examine the social media used by the General Election Commission (KPU) of Bantul Regency. The research will look at whether Instagram specifically affects voter participation in the 2019 Pilkada in Bantul Regency, where Instagram is used by the Bantul KPU in disseminating information about the 2019 simultaneous elections (Moleong, 2013). This research uses a qualitative descriptive method by describing the data obtained from the General Election Commission documents (KPU) of Bantul Regency by analyzing data taken directly from the documents of the General Election Commission of Bantul Regency (KPU Bantul). In addition, researchers also conducted interviews with Bantul KPU ranks. Then the data from the Instagram of the Bantul KPU were analyzed using Nvivo 12 plus Ncapture with data from the KPU. Meanwhile, specific data on KPU socialization can be seen from posts on Instagram from January 1, 2019 to April 17, 2019.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The researchers use a framework illustrated in the following figure, in addition to a theory where social media is used as a communication tool, information tool, and socialization tool (Susanto, 2017). The KPU of Bantul uses social media (Instagram) as a means of socialization to voters, so that it will see Instagram’s influence on general voter participation in 2019.
1. Communication tools. From the perspective of social media as a communication tool, social media is used for the communication of the Bantul’s Election Commissions with the voters in the 2019 Elections to influence the voter participation in Bantul Regency.

2. Information tools. As an information tool, social media is used to share information of the General Elections Commission with the voters in the 2019 elections so that it affects the voters’ participation in Bantul Regency.

3. Socialization tool. This perspective will see whether social media is used by the Election Commissions to disseminate information about the 2019 General Elections in Bantul Regency.

Information on The Social Media of the Bantul’s KPU (Instagram)

The researchers obtained data from the social media Instagram of Bantul’s General Election Commissions in the forms of information provided, in accordance with the benefits of social media as a communication tool, as an information tool and socialization tool from the social media owners to their followers in the social media (Susanto, 2017). The researchers view the information on social media Instagram of Bantul’s General Election Commissions separately, where information is divided into two, namely general information and the information specifically containing information about the General Elections, which is categorized as election information, or in other words, the information that shows the socialization of 2019 General Elections. Furthermore, the researchers calculated manually from January 1, 2019, until the election day or April 17, 2019 to get the data as presented in the next section.
in the figure above. In total, the total of information submitted on Instagram was as much as 115 for a period of January 1, 2019 to April 17, 2019. As much as 58 of all posts from the period are about general information and the rest 57 posts show information or socialization related to the General Elections. The data on the social media Instagram of the Bantul’s General Election Commissions captures its seriousness in carrying out the socialization of 2019 General Elections through social media. This seriousness is based on the numbers of information disseminated, especially related to the socialization of the General Elections, with a 50% figure. The effort is expected to affect the value of voter participation in the 2019 General Elections in Bantul Regency related to the election of the Regional House of Representatives level 1 or 2 and the House of Representatives at the national level and the election of President and Vice President in 2019.

**Numbers of Voters in Bantul Regency**

![Figure 3: Numbers of Voters (document of the KPU of Bantul)](image)

The data of voters were obtained from General Election Commissions of Bantul Regency in the 2019 election year. Overall, there were 707,009 voters registered in the 2019 General Elections in Bantul Regency. Specifically, there were 346,485 male voters and 360,524 female voters. The numbers of female voters are indeed greater as the percentage of male voters was 49% while the female one was 51%. More precisely, there were 14,039 female voters more than male voters in the 2019 General Elections in Bantul Regency.
The voters in 2019 General Elections in Bantul Regency were classified further from men and women into novice voters, disabled voters, and non-disabled non-voter voters. The data shows that non-disabled non-novice voters showed a high number compared to novice voters and voters with disabilities with the total voters of 653,776 (92.41%) voters. The numbers of non-novice voters and non-disabled voters showed a very drastic value compared to novice voters and voters with disabilities because the total of the voters was above 90%, which is the dominant voters with all respect compared to first-time voters and disabled voters.

Furthermore, novice voters occupy the second rank after non-novice voters and non-disabled voters, with the total of novice voters of 53,233 (7.42%) voters. The number of novice voters was not too significant compared to overall voters in Bantul Regency, yet the Bantul Regency General Elections Commissions had a special focus on handling novice voters. This is shown from its Instagram account which really showed special attention to the novice voters for instance by giving socialization of 2019 Elections with a case of the formation of ‘volunteers of democracy’ for the General Elections Commissions of Bantul Regency. This particularly shows how serious the Commissions seeks and promotes the importance of participation in the 2019 General Elections, as to increase the numbers of novice voter participation and overall voter participation in general including the voters with a disability.

Meanwhile, the voters with disabilities were as much as 1960 (0.27%) voters in Bantul Regency in the 2019 General Elections. Moreover, this number was categorized into the types of disabilities: 435 physically disabled voters, 350 blind voters, 377 deaf voters, 413 voters with mental disabilities, and 385 voters with other disabilities. The documents of the Bantul Regency Election Commissions showed that voters in Imogiri district had the most voters with disabilities with 180 voters while the least from Pundong district with 58 voters.
Voters Participation in Bantul Regency

The General Elections in 2019 shows a higher number of participation compared to the participation in the 2014 General Elections. In the 2014 General Elections with a total number of voters that is as much as 721,871 voters was actually greater than the 2019 General Elections, yet the participation in the election was only 81% (584,731 voters). Meanwhile, the 2019 Elections with 707,009 voters had a greater participation value of 87.9% (621,461 voters). The number of participation from both the 2014 and 2019 General Elections shows different voting participation in Bantul Regency. Indeed, the General Elections Commissions of Bantul Regency in 2014 had not yet used socialization through Instagram whereas in 2019 Bantul Regency General Elections Commission used Instagram as a socialization tool. The difference between the 2014 General Elections and the 2019 General Elections is the use of Instagram as a tool for socialization by the Bantul Regency Election Commissions.

In 2014, the General Elections Commission of Bantul Regency used Facebook social media as a means of socializing General Elections. “The difference between the 2019 and 2014 General Elections lies in addition to the number of voters. Another difference is the socialization tool of the General Elections Commission of Bantul, namely Facebook and Instagram. In 2014 Facebook is used while in 2019 was Instagram,” said the respondent.
The researchers in this study want to see the influence or role of social media, especially Instagram, used as the socialization tool of the Bantul’s General Election Commissions in the success of the Elections related to voter participation in the 2019 General Elections. The percentage of voter participation in 2019 shows 87.9% out of the total voter numbers, while in the 2014 General Elections the voter participation was only 81% (Republika.co.id, 2014). In the 2014 General Elections, the Commissions did not use Instagram in disseminating information about General Elections, while the 2019 General Elections which utilized the social media Instagram demonstrated good participation, showing an increase of 6.9%.

The finding reflects the benefits of social media as a communication tool and as an information tool so that a user could interact with each other sharing information. Besides, social media is a means of socialization that is connecting one user to another (Susanto, 2017b). With this regard, the researchers confirm what Susanto said, where social media, especially Instagram, is a communication tool, an information tool, and a socialization tool.

**CONCLUSION**

Social media is used as a communication tool, information tool, and socialization tool. KPU Bantul uses social media (Instagram) as a means of socializing to voters. Researchers calculated manually starting January 1, 2019 until election day or April 17, 19 19 to get the data. Data on the KPU’s Instagram social media captures its seriousness in disseminating the 2019 Election through social media. This seriousness was based on the large amount of information disseminated, especially related to election socialization, with a figure of 50%. These efforts are expected to affect the value of voter participation.

Voter data was obtained from the Bantul Regency KPU in the 2019 election year. Overall, there were 707, 009 voters who registered in the 2019 Election. The number of non-beginner voters without disabilities showed a high number compared to first-time voters and voters with disabilities with a voter turnout of 653,776 (92.41%) . The number of first-time voters is not too significant compared to the overall voters, but the Bantula KPU has a special focus on dealing with first-time voters.

Voter Participation in Bantul Regency shows a higher participation rate compared to participation in the 2014 Election. The difference between the 2014 and 2019 Elections lies beside the number of voters. In 2014 Facebook was used while in 2019 it was Instagram. The percentage of voter participation in 2019 showed 87.9% of the total number of voters, while in 2014 voter participation was only 81% (Republika.co.id). In the 2014 Election, the KPU did not use Instagram to disseminate information about the Election, while the 2019 Election showed good participation.
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