

ABSTRACT

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This study aims to find out the types of rhetorical pattern realized in selected opinion articles about corruption in Indonesia found in *Daily Kompas*. The data were analyzed by using Kirszner-Mandell's theory of rhetorical pattern, which mentioned nine patterns to develop paragraphs, namely narration, description, exemplification, process, cause and effect, comparison and contrast, classification and division, definition, and argumentation. This research was conducted by using the descriptive-qualitative approach. The data were taken from the opinion column about corruption in Indonesia found in *Daily Kompas*. There were 92 body paragraphs of six selected opinion articles. The findings of the study showed that seven rhetorical patterns were realized in six selected opinion articles. They were Argumentation (38.04%), Cause-Effect (26.08%), Process (17.39%), Comparison-Contrast (9.78%), Narration (6.52%), Exemplification (1.08%), and Classification-Division (1.08%). Argumentation was mostly used due to the readers' need of facts, data, and the experts' authority to prove the truth of issues.

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