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Semantics as the study of meaning stands at the very center of the linguistic quest to understand the nature of language and human language abilities. It is obvious that semantics has an important role in understanding and comprehending a language, especially for english. The aim of study is to elaborate the semantic both connotative and denotative are used in the E-News about covid-19 outbreak, to classified which the theme and rheme of textual function of discourse analysis in E-News about covid-19 outbreak. This study used descriptive qualitative method in analyzing the data. The data was taken from E-News namely Jakarta Post. The script consisted of 3 pages were taken as the data. The data were 29 sentences. The realization parts of textual function occured because the clauses have grammatical and systematical reason. Its hope that the result of this study will be useful to everyone who wants to study meaning.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Corona virus infection is called CoVid-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019) and was first discovered in the city of Wuhan, China at the end of December 2019. The virus is transmitted very quickly and has spread to almost all countries, including Indonesia, in just a few months. This makes some countries implement policies to impose lockdowns in order to prevent the spread of Corona virus. In Indonesia itself, a Large-Scale Social Restrictions (PSBB) policy was put in place to suppress the spread of this virus.

According to data released by one of the E-News Task Force for the Acceleration of Covid-19 Handling, the number of positive confirmed cases up to 14 May 2020 is 16,006 people with 1043 deaths. From these two figures it can be concluded that the case fatality rate or death rate caused by Covid-19 in Indonesia is around 6.5%. Case fatality rate is the percentage of deaths from all confirmed and reported positive Covid-19 cases. Referring to these data, the case fatality rate by age group is as follows: 0–5 years: 2.6%, 6-17 years: 0.67%, 18-30 years: 1.17%, 31–45 years: 2.39%, 46-59 years: 8.9%, > 60 years: 17.3%.

From all Covid-19 sufferers who died, 0.6% aged 0–5 years, 0.5% aged 6–17 years, 10.7% aged 31–45 years, 39.6% aged 46–59 years, and 45% aged 60 years and over. While based on gender, 64.9% of patients who died due to Covid-19 were male and the remaining 35.1% were female. Early symptoms of Corona virus infection or Covid-19 can resemble flu symptoms, namely fever, runny nose,

dry cough, sore throat, and headache. After that, the symptoms can disappear and heal or even aggravate. Patients with severe symptoms can experience high fever, cough with phlegm and even bleeding, shortness of breath, and chest pain. These symptoms appear when the body reacts against the Corona virus.

From all the update news above all public aware of the Corona virus disease, they just follow command from the government to stay at home, wash their hand all the time, and also wearing face mask.

Then, in this Pandemic Covid-19, public get all the news update easily with particular E-News. Nowadays, everyone surely have gadget and they will access the news every day to get new update of Covid-19. Online news article is as one of the fastest media, it might be said as the basis communication and they are the main source which delivers most up to date news on social life. Related to the language impact, it will bring the readers to the meaning semantically both denotative and connotative.

According to Cole (1981) "Semantics is involved in determination of conventional (or literal) meaning". The purpose of semantic is to refuse confusion of readers. It might have relations between a word and a sentence through their meanings, because if a word places changed, it will also change the entire meanings or it becomes ambiguous.

According to Leech (1974) denotation is the meaning of a word which is primarily refers to the real word. Meanwhile, connotative meaning is when a word suggests a set of associations or it is an imaginative or emotional suggestion connected with the words, while readers can relate to such associated. That is why we need to know and understand every single meaning of a word or a sentence

that comes in E-News, so that we can guide the information that concern about Covid-19.

Furthermore, we know that publicistic language is nowadays characterised by commentaries and by imposing personal opinion. What concerns online articles, the requirements for them are, in fact, similar to those of newspaper articles, McNair (2009:75). However, the language of online texts has been affected by readers' fast lives. Consequently, the text and the language has been transformed by the content of the articles which are extremely simplified and rather shallow with the main objective to provide information, advertise; some deeper analysis, however, is left overboard. As a result, the role of online news articles is transformed: they have to actually "attack" the reader, not just to attract their attention (Marcinkevičienė, 2010).

Online texts are created on the basis of inverted pyramid style which ensures that the most important and relevant information is delivered to the reader at the very beginning, by the headline in particular (Rich, 2010:47). This writing method is valued since the reader can leave the text at any point and still understand it, which is extremely relevant with modern-day online readers, or skimmers.

Beside knowing the meaning of a news form E-News the researcher also analyze the textual function of the text by doing discourse analysis which can better ensure every single meaning of a word or a sentence through the article about Covid-19 outbreak. Discourse analysis is a comprehensive research method that deals with meaning output derived from verbal or written, it is also an approach that focuses on the investigation of the political and social context. It can

be regarded as a structure that contains and systematically reproduces different power of a text.

The term discourse has taken various, sometimes very broad meanings. Originally the word discourse comes from Latin 'discursus' which denoted 'conversation speech'. Therefore, the researcher believes that just textual function which is analyzing texts in term of theme and rheme can lead to reader's awareness of the purposes to the speaker or the writer. The textual function can be looked in public speech, and it's more highly structured. Then, the textual function has two main elements: Theme and Rheme.

Furthermore, the researcher research this topic caused this cases increase day by day in the world especially in Indonesia, and public also want to know more about a number of victims in Indonesia, all the impact from the E-News, and they surely checked E-News every single day as a faster and valid sources of data. And by doing this research, the researcher hope people will get a better understanding of meaning semantically and gramamatically through discourse analysis.

B. The Identification of the Problems

Based on the background above, this research was meant to analyze the denotative and connotative meaning in E-News: Discourse analysis of Covid-19 outbreak. The problems found were as follows:

- 1. People did not have good understanding about connotative and denotative.
- 2. People did not know parts of textual function in discourse analysis.

C. The Scope and Limitation

This research scope was focused on semantics and discourse analysis. This research was limited in connotative and denotative and the textual function that has two elements, they are: theme, and rheme.

D. The Formulation of the Problems

The problems of this research were formulated as follows:

- 1. What were connotative and denotative in E-News about Covid-19 outbreak?
- 2. What were parts of textual function of discourse analysis that used in the E-News of Covid-19 outbreak?

E. The Objectives of the Study

The objectives of this study were:

- 1. To classified the connotative and denotative meaning of E-News about Covid-19 outbreak.
- 2. To analyzed the parts of textual function that used in E-News about Covid-19 outbreak.

F. The Significance of the Study

1. Theoretically

This research was intended to give more knowledge about semantics especially connotative and denotative meaning in E-News and also the theme and rheme of textual function of discourse analysis about Covid-19 outbreak.

2. Practically

Hopefully this research could be used as a reference for further research of semantic study to other researcher which interested to do a research with the same focus.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A. Theoretical Framework

These key terms are the concept to get the right interpretation and understanding of the study. The researcher certainly needs some main theories and some other supporting theories as references. The following is a review of semantics, the theme and rheme of textual function of discourse analysis and also E-News with some of sub-titles.

1. Semantics

One of the branches of linguistics studying about the meaning and considered as a major branch of linguistics devoted to study of meaning in language (Crystal, 1991:310). According to what has long been the most widely accepted as theory of semantic, meanings are ideas or concepts that can be transferred from the mind of the speaker to the mind of the hearer by embodying them, as it were, in the forms of one language or another (Lyon, 1995:136).

According to Leech (1974), there are seven types of meaning in semantics: denotative meaning (meaning by dictionary), connotative meaning (meaning by suggest of mind), social meaning (social context), affective or emotive meaning (convey about personal feeling), and reflected meaning (multiple conceptual meaning), collocative meaning (association of words), and thematic meaning (message of meaning). The seven types of meaning according to Leech are:

1.1 Connotative Meaning

Connotative is personal meaning implication, or interpretation of a word. Connotative meaning poses greater difficulty to the translator than denotative meaning because it is variable according to historical period and culture. The wider the gap between the Source Language and the Target Language cultures, the more problematic the issue of translatability becomes.

Some words with neutral connotations in the source language may have strong emotional overtones in the target language if translated literally (Larson in Ahmed, 2002:4). Denotative meaning is easier to translate than connotative meaning since it is often difficult to find denotative equivalents, for instance if we read the word "tears" it means a drop of salty water that comes from the eye when one is crying, but if we saw it from the connotative, the word "tears" include a negative connotation. It can translate as "the pain or sorrow". This is because, languages combine meaning components differently.

The fact that if we compare the meaning of connotative and denotative is that connotations are relatively unstable; that is the vary considerably they have seen, their culture, and also experience of individual. However, people will have their own individual perception in determine the connotative meaning. It's literally influenced by the emotion in their mind and sometimes have relation according to our characters and sense of a thing, so meaning is defined by environment.

According to Leech (1974: 40-41) connotative meaning is the communicative value an expression has by virtue of what it refers to, over and above its purely conceptual content. If people talking about connotation it will be

clear, but in fact is about "the real word experience". It is something more than the dictionary meaning, because it is associates with an expression when someone uses and hears it.

1.2 Denotative Meaning

Denotative meaning is sometimes called conceptual meaning or cognitive meaning, it is widely assumed to be the central factor in linguictic communication. Larson (1984) noted that denotative is also called as primary meaning, that is the meaning suggested by the word when it used alone. It is the first meaning or usage which a word will sugest to most people when the word is said in isolation. It is the meaning learn early in life and likely to have reference to a physical situation.

According to Leech (1974) denotation is the meaning of a word which is primarily refers to the real word. It interprets directly a word, phrase, or sentence according dictionary. For instance, the word "eye" means; each of two organs on the face that are used for seeing, the visible colored part of this, the power of seeing, the ability to see, the ability to make good judgments about something one sees, a thing like an eye.

Another example is the word "cat" is a carnivoras mammal, domesticated as a rat catcher or pet, but in the connotative meaning it may bring another emotion. That is why the denotative is called as the primarily refers to the real world, and that is surely given in dictionary. The aim of the conceptual meaning is to provide an appropriate semantic representation to a sentence or statement. It can help us distinguish one meaning from other meaning in a sentence.

1.3 Social and Affective Meaning

These two meaning are concerned with two aspects of communication which are derived from the situation or environment in which an utterance or sentence was produced in a language. Of these two, social meaning was that information which a piece of language (i.e. a pronunciation variation, a word, phrase, sentence, etc.,) conveys about the social circumstance of its use. Social meaning was understood through the recognition of different dimension and level of style within the same language. Aspects of language variation like social or regional dialect variation, style variation like formal, informal, colloquial, slang etc., in a social situation a functional meaning of a sentence may differ from its conceptual meaning due to its illocutionary force. Affective meaning was the aspects of meaning which "reflects personal feelings of the speaker, includes the attitude of the listener or his attitude to something the listener was talking about. But leech's includes as in the case of social meaning, not only difference in the use of words or lexemes but also factors of intonation and voice-timber referred to as tone of voice.

1.4 Reflected and Collective Meaning

These two types of meaning are due to relation between words or interconnection on the lexical level of language. Of the two, reflected meaning was the meaning which arises in cases when a word has multiple conceptual meaning or polysemous, when one sense of a word form part of our response (or reaction) to another sense. Collocative meaning consists of the association a word

acquires on account of the meaning of words which tend to occur in its environment. For instance, the words pretty and handsome share common ground in the meaning of good looking. But it may be distinguished by the range of noun in which they are like to occur or colloate; pretty woman and handsome man. The ranges may be well matched although they suggest a different kind of attractiveness of the adjectives.

1.5 Associative Meaning

Other types of meaning have open ended and variable character. They cannot be analyzed in clear cut either-this-or-that term. Therefore, Leech group all these under the heading of associative meaning. While conceptual meaning was part of the 'common system' of language shared by member of the speech community, associative meaning was less stable and varies with the individual's experience.

1.6 Thematic Meaning

Thematic meaning was that "what was communicated by the way in which a speaker or writer organize the message, in terms of ordering, focus, and emphasis". The thematic meaning can also be expressed by means of stress and intonation to highlight information in one part of a sentence. It is often felt an active sentence such as (1) below has a different meaning from its passive equivalent (2) although in conceptual content they seem to be the same (Leech. 1974:19).

1. Mr.Dimas donated the first building.

2. The first building was donated by Mr.Dimas.

It is assumed that the active sentence answers an implicit question "what did Mr.Dimas donate?", while the passive sentence answers the implicit question "who donates the first building?", that in other words (1) in contrast to see (2) suggest that the readers or hearers know who Mr.Dimas is.

2. Discourse Analysis

In broad terms the definition of discourse analysis are many telling by some expert of language with a clear critical theory. Perhaps, discourse analysis is kind of qualitative research to the study of language. According to (Fairclough, 2001; Gee, 2005) discourse includes particular ways of speaking and all the things that accompany speech to make the spoken word and the speaker understandable. By doing discourse analysis we create and describe the object identity in a sentence or word. It will not define the physical aspect but the understanding of readers.

This time the topic that we want to criticize is about Pandemic Covid-19 as the most talking problem that happened in almost every country. That similar with Gee (1999) points out that we cannot separate language from political groupings, social issues, or power relations. Another statement that relate between discourse and society is Halliday (1994) who believes that language is social act. The term of discourse itself tell us the form of language such as spoken, written, or even visual text.

The first time of discourse concept was used by Zellig Harris that linked sentences to each other in a text. Among the basic description of discourse analysis are people use discourse analyses for certain purposes reflected to the diversity of language. Last, languages are expressed in discourse, and the discourse is shaped in context then it occurs in a text.

Discourse is the use of language above and beyond the sentence: how people use language in texts and contents. Discourse analysis focuses on people's actual utterances and tries to figure out what processes make those utterances appear the way they do. through discourse, people: represent the world, convey communicative intentions, organize thoughts into communicative actions, arrange information so that it is accessible to others, engage in actions and interactions with one another, and convey their identities and relationships.

The essential aspect of discourse analysis is that it aims at revealing socio psychological characteristics of a person/persons rather than text structure. Discourse analysis has been taken up in a variety of social science disciplines including linguistics, sociology, anthropology, social work, cognitive psychology, social psychology, international relations, human geography, and communicative studies and translation studies.

Each of the above is subject to its own assumptions, dimensions of analysis and methodologies.

 A discourse analysis of written text includes a study of topic development and cohesion across the sentences. Although each approach emphasizes a different aspect of language use, they all view language as social interaction. - A discourse is where language is used which relates to particular social practices. They shape attitudes, behaviour and power relations of the people involved.

2.1. Metafunction of Language

Halliday defined metafunction as the ways how human being use language and classified into three categories, they are the ideational function, the interpersonal function, and textual function. The ideational function is to do with how language is used to represent experience, or to organize, understand and express our perception of the world and our conciousness (Emilia, 2014). The used metafunction in language is in clause stage (Matthiessen, 2014).

Metafunction of language is dealing with Systematic Functional Linguistics views language as a resourse for making meaning. It means that every single utterance of language is used to communicate meanings or messages. Therefore, has those three meanings are known as metafunction: ideational or experiential meaning, interpersonal meaning, and textual meaning.

The ideational function concerns the use of language to set up and sustain interaction between people using language (Emilia, 2014). The textual function is to do with how language has to provide for making links with itself and with features of the situation in which it is used (Halliday M., 2002).

In SFL, textual metafunction is the level clausal of thematic structure. The thematic structure consists of theme and rheme to give the information structure, which is subject, predicator, complement or circumstance adjunct, which can be placed in thematic position at the beginning of the clause, which is more

significant located in a sentence. Halliday (1981) argues, theme consists of the message as a meaning and text relation as an identity. Message as a meaning at the thematic structure is the clause acts in terms of the local and spatial position, where a theme as an initial position which marked and not marked, while rheme as the non initial position. Textual metafunction is the study of the text, which uses language as the goal of text and discourse analysis in linguistics. Halliday, argues linguistics develops a systemic of linguistics and functional grammar in the text of written and spoken language. Historical the study of linguistics is the study the morphology of the language, which followed the study of the meaning in the form of language.

Generally, the study of textual metafunction is a system of meaning in language that accompanied by forms of language through the meaning which can be expressed. Textual metafunction is to understanding how text is structured. Structure in textual metafunction is the basis of this study, which can be any length of the text and meaningful, called as a texture.

2.1.1. Textual Function

Specifically creating a text, of making the difference between language in the abstract and language in use, in other words, it is through the semantic options of the textual component that language comes to be relevant to its environment (Halliday, 1977). Textual function is the clausal level of theme. Textual function is to create the written and spoken text through language which relates in the verbal and situational context. Textual function is realized in cohesive devices, deixis, and patterns of the theme and rheme. The way languages distributes and

gives emphasis to the information in tests. The two main systems are that of theme and rheme and given new information.

2.1.1.1. Theme and Rheme

Theme typically introduces some information which can either be in the form of a representation (ideational), an opinion of the writer (interpersonal) or the actual organization of the text by linking (textual). As Halliday mentioned, thematic structure plays an important role in organizing the message and enhances connectivity between ideas in the text. It is used as a tool to analyse cohesion and coherence and to explain how the texts are constructed and to diagnose language weaknesses in the student's writing.

The theme is indicated by its position in the clause. In writing English we signal that an item has thematic status by putting it first. No other signal is necessary. The theme is the element which serves as the point of departure message, it is that which the clause is concerned. The rest of the message, the part in which the Theme is developed is called the Rheme (Halliday, 1995).

Table. 2.1. The example of theme and rheme

THEME	RHEME
John	bought the book yesterday
Yesterday	John bought the book
Johan	membeli buku itu kemarin
Kemarin	Johan membeli buku itu
Membeli	buku itu Johan kemarin

The meaning carried by theme

The theme implies

'About John, as for John, well'

'Mengenai Johan, baik saya ingin mengatakan...'

'tentang si Johan...'

3. E-News

E-News in short is an Electronic News. We all know that E-News as a headlines or information that are packaged creatively and delivered through online electronic media which can be accessed by computers or hand phone that have connected to the internet. There are also several term of electronic news which are online news or digital news. In this modern era, there are some of physical newspapers like magazines, tabloids, etc are not interesting anymore for readers. So, the electronic news comes as a new model of providing information online, and can be accessed in just a view second via internet.

In Indonesia E-News well known developed by newspapers and magazines. Some of company of E-News publishes online editions as a form of service to the readers that can be accessed quickly and instantly, because online version has popularity for readers. According to Vitug, newspapers have a tougher job to do. They need to go a step further, beyond breaking news and spot reports to news analysis and in-depth stories. The internet already tells us the news by the minute by the hour.

(Sajib stated 8 important things of reading newspaper in online): Nowadays the importance of online newspaper has tremendous value. People are becoming more

accustomed and used to with this type of newspapers. It has various positive aspects.

- Online newspapers are saving our environment by reducing the use of papers.
 Thus we can save lot of trees from cutting down.
- 2. It gives us news and views as soon as any incident happens.
- More and more people are using internet and they can easily get access of the online newspapers. Millions of people all over the world everyday visit the websites of online newspapers.
- 4. The technological advancement through all over the world worked as the catalyst for spreading on-line newspaper.
- 5. Climate change is accelerated by desertification and deforestation and that is prompted by cutting down trees in a large scale. If we can stop the use of wood like in newspapers then we can contribute to the protection of environment. The online version of newspaper is more eco-friendly. So, the dependence of paper based newspaper should be shifted to the online version.
- 6. Online newspaper is also very much useful in opinion building. Usually a space or option is given in online edition of newspapers where people can easily give opinion. So, it becomes easy to assess the popular feeling or sentiment on any occasion.
- 7. It is cost effective too. People can save their valuable money while reading newspapers from internet.
- 8. It also breaks the geographical barrier. People from any place of the world can get access to the online news and views by using internet. Globalization is

accelerated by it. The prospect of global village becomes reality when the newspapers are in online.

We can conclude that E-News as the new model of online news have positive impact from many aspect of life.

B. Related Study

In this research, the researcher take review of related study from another research, and the title is "Connotative and Denotative Meaning in Doang-Doangan of Makassar" which had been researched by Nursinta Hartina in 2017, student of University of Islam Negeri Alaudin. The writer has similar focus with the previous research in the field of Connotative and Denotative Meaning. Nursinta's research used Doang-Doang Script as the source of data and descriptive qualitative as the technique to collect data. While the writer use E-News for example Jakarta Post as the source of data.

The writer also takes another related study entitled "Discourse Analysis Of Song Lyrics in Never Gone Album By Backstreet Boys" that written by Asri Afifah in 2007, the student of State Islamic Studies Institute (Stain) Salatiga. In her research, she focused in song lyrics Never Gone by Backstreet Boys. The research was intended to help the readers comprehend the discourse analysis of song lyrics by using seven criteria of textuality and find out the composer's intention in Never Gone album by Backstreet Boys.

And then, the researcher also takes reference from journal that written by Yulianus P. Mangewa that has related to this article, the title is "An Analysis on

Denotative and Connotative Meaning of Lyrics of Creed's Songs". the article help the readers understand the meaning of connotative and denotative in a a song.

C. Conceptual Framework

This research is descriptive qualitative research. It will describe about semantic and discourse analysis. Semantics is the study of meaning in language and linguistic communication, which centrally concerned with the study of Denotative and Connotative meaning, that is the study of the real of the words and every words meaning. This study tried to discover of semantic and then analyze the textual function in discourse. Discourse is a human experiential in a language and expressed in two ways, namely spoken and written language and the textual function is to do with how language has to provide for making links with itself and with features of the situation in which it is used. Textual function is the clause as unit of experience that contained in two elements: theme and rheme. So, I will see which the textual function used in the script of E-News namely Jakarta Post. So that the researcher would be analyze textual function in the E-News about Covid-19 outbreak.

The technique of analyzing data can be seen by looking at this diagram:

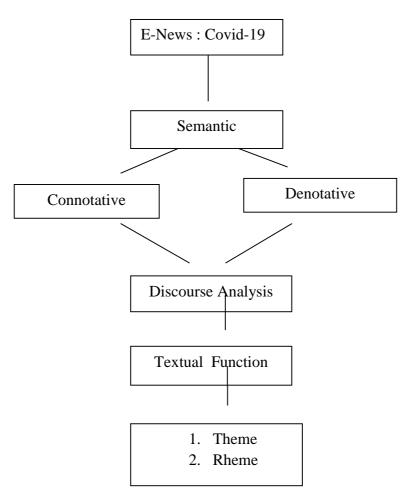


Figure 2.1. Chart of Conceptual Framework

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter discussed the research methodology which include some subchapters such as: the research design, source of data, the technique for collecting data, and the technique for analysis data. To make the explanation more acceptable, the writer includes the resources people statements taken from some scientific books, internet, articles and other literatures related the problem investigated.

A. Research Design

In this research descriptive qualitative method design to describe the script of E-News or well known as online newspaper. This method used in order to identify, analyze, and describe the connotative and denotative meaning on E-News, and then analyze the textual function through discourse analysis that has two main elements and focused on theme and rheme.

B. Source of Data

The data were obtained from E-News namely Jakarta Post that update about Covid-19 outbreak. The news were published on 18th May 2020 taken from : https://mailchi.mp/jakpost/covid-haunts-the-young?e=f30304bb22.

C. The Technique for Collecting Data

In this research, the researcher collected data by doing the following steps:

1. The researcher access the online newspaper that posted in Jakarta Post.

- 2. The researcher read and identifies the meaning into connotative and denotative.
- 3. After that, the researcher analyzed the news used the theme and rheme of textual function of discourse analysis.

D. The Technique for Analysis the Data

The data will be analyzed based on the definition of the descriptive qualitative method. Descriptive research, according to Gay and Airasian (2000:275), is a study to determine and describe the way things are. In this case the researcher get text from E-News namely Jakarta Post that contain about Covid-19 outbreak. The data analyzed through qualitative analysis. The activities of qualitative analysis consisted of data reduction, data display and conclusion drawing (Sugiyono, 2016). Based on the following theory, the researcher applied the following steps:

1. Data Reduction

In this step, the data were concluded, grouped, and focused on the main problem of the research. The researcher identified the problem of research and then classified the connotative and denotative meaning from the E-News about Covid-19 outbreak.

2. Data Display

In this second step, after the data were reduced, the researcher classifying the clauses in each kinds of theme and rheme of textual function.

3. . Conclusion Drawing

The last step was conclusion drawing. The data were analyzed deeply, which the data and the information could be the new hyphotesis and knowledge. So the researcher found the connotative and denotative in E-News; discourse analysis of Covid-19 outbreak.

CHAPTER IV

DATA AND DATA ANALYSIS

There are three concurrent flows of activity needed in conducting qualitative data analysis (Stainbeck, 1988:21): First, data reduction refers to the process of selecting words that have denotative and connotative meaning. This first process is finding words, presenting its denotative meaning and showing its connotative meaning based on the theory of Leech (1974) and Larson in Ahmed, 2002:4). Secondly, after the data were reduced, the researcher categorized classified it in to the textual function of discourse analysis. After analyzing whole data founded from the news, the researcher displays the result of the analysis on the descriptive form based on each category of denotative and connotative meaning and discourse analysis. The third step of analysis is drawing conclusion or verification. It is put after presenting the whole findings of the analyzed data that aimed to clarify and note the most important points to avoid vagueness.

A. Data

In this chapter, the data was collected from one of E-News namely the Jakarta Post Article. There was one newspaper choosen from Jakarta Post article that have 29 sentences to be analyzed into connotative denotative, then 29 clauses to be analyzed the theme and rheme. The data taken from 18th May 2020 edition published.

B. Data Analysis

In this chapter, the findings consist of two parts. They are analysis meaning of connotative and denotative in E-News namely Jakarta Post about Covid-19 outbreak, then the analysis of classified of textual function both the theme and rheme.

1. Connotative and Denotative

4.1 The Analysis of Connotative and Denotative

			Connotative
No	Sentence	Denotative Meaning	Meaning
1.	The government	New /nju; AmE nu:/adj	New normal in this
	appears to be	1. Not existing before;	case means a new
	preparing for the	recently made,	step of life. And it's a
	"new normal"	invented,	little different from
		introduced, etc.	the style of our life
		2. (the new) noun (U)	before covid-19
		something that is	happened. Some of
		new.	life style in a new
		3. Recently bought.	normal are like using
		4. Not used or owned	face mask when we
		by anyone before.	out of home, washing
		5. Different from	hand with soap, use
		precious one.	hand sanitizer, and

		Nor-mal/ 'ne;ml;	also keep our
		AmE'ne;rml/adj.noun	distance with other,
		1. typical, usual or	for example in public
		ordinary; what you	area we make
		would expect; quite/	distance in 1 meter.
		perfectly= (completely)	This rules make by
		normal.	government just to
		Normal is used to describe	decrease spread of
		something that is what you	Covid-19.
		would expect and is the	
		same as others of the same	
		type.	
2	The age group in	Lower /'leue®; AmE	Lower fatality in this
	question had a	ʻlow/adj., verb	case is the condition
	lower fatality rate	1. to let or make sth/sb	when there is big
	at 15 percent and	go down.	chance for younger
	was less vulnerable	2. To reduce sthor	people to recover
	than the elderly	become less in	from covid-19.
		value, quality, etc.	
		Fa-tal-ity / fa'taeleti/noun	
		1. [C] a death that is	
		caused in an	
		accident or a war or	

		by some other act of	
		violence.	
		2. [U] the fact that a	
		particular disease	
		will result in death.	
		3. [U] the belief or	
		feeling that we have	
		no control over	
		what happens to us.	
3	Scenario that	Em-ploy-ee / Im'plei:/ noun	The ages 45 above is
	entails a plan to	A person who is paid to	where people cannot
	allow SOE	work for.	productive anymore
	employees under	Pre-cau-tion	and susceptible to
	45 years of age to	Something that is done in	disease include
	return to their	advance in order to prevent	covid-19. Here ,
	offices starting on	problems or to avoid danger	employees under 45
	May 25, albeit		may come to the
	with several		office for working
	precautions.		but still with some
			rules that they should
			pay more attention
			on it.
4	The task force	Death/ de0/noun	Deaths in this
	show that people	1. [C] the fact of sb	condition caused by

aged 60 and above	dying or being	covid-19 and amount
account for 44,2	killed; a	of people aged 60
percent of the	sudden/violent/peac	above have a highest
deaths as of	eful death.	death fatality if they
Sunday.	2. [U] the burnt to	suspected of covid-
	death in the fire.	19.
	3. [U]~ of sth the	
	permanent end or	
	destruction of sth.	
	4. The power that	
	destroys life,	
	imagined as human	
	in form.	
5 Followed by	Fol-low /falau; AmE'fa:l/	Followed by, here
people aged	verb	means that those are
between 46 and 59	1. To come or go after	some aged rate for
years old at 39,8	or behind sb/sth.	example 46-59 years
percent while those	2. To come after sth/sb	old and 45 that had in
aged 45 and below	else in time or order;	the rate position
make up the	to happen as a result	becoming the
remaining 16	of sth else.	patients of covid-19.
percent.	3. To come or be eaten	
	after another part	
	Followed by this pattern is	

		usually used in passive.	
6	This is despite data	Dis-tri-bu-tion	Distribution of cases
	on the distribution	1. The way that is	here means that
	of cases showing	share or exist over a	amount of people
	that the 60-and-	particular area or	aged 60 above are
	above age group	among a particular	suspected of covid-
	only accounts for	group of people	19 growth
	16,2 percent of	2. The act of giving or	significantly, and all
	total infections	delivering to a	the total infections
		number of people.	are 16,2 percent.
		3. The system of	
		transporting and	
		delivering goods.	
		Cases	
		1. A situation that	
		relates to a	
		particular person or	
		thing.	
		2. A matter that is	
		being officially	
		investigated.	
7	The 46-to-59	Con-trib-ute	Contribute the
	group accounts for	1. To give especially	majority means here
	28,7 percent and	money or goods, to	is the age of 45 and

	those aged 45 and	help.	below even become
	below contribute	2. To be the one of	the most highest
	the majority at	causes.	patient that suspected
	55,1 percent.	3. To increase,	of covid-19.and it
		improve.	reached 55,1 percent.
		Ma-jor-ity	
		1. The largest part of a	
		group of people or	
		things.	
		2. The number of	
		votes by which one	
		side in a discussion.	
8	The task force said	No / neu;AmE nou/	No clear age in this
	no clear age	exclamation, det, adv,noun.	case means there is
	information was	1. Use to give a	no specific
	available for 9.3	negative reply or	information about the
	percent of the	statement.	age of infected
	infected patients.		patients for 9.3
		shows you do not	percent.
		agree with an idea, a	
		statement, etc.	
		Clear /klie®; AmE klir	
		1. Easy to understand	

		and not causing any	
		confusion.	
		2. Having or feeling	
		no doubt or	
		confusion.	
		3. Thingking in a	
		sensible and logical	
		way, especially in a	
		difficult situation.	
		Age /eidz/ n or v	
		1. The number of years	
		that a person has	
		lived or a thing has	
		existed.	
		2. A particular period of	
		a person life.	
		3. Particular period of	
		history.	
		4. The state of being old	
9	The above figures	Sus-pect	Suspected reported
	do not include	1. to have an idea that	means the news
	hundreds of	is probably true or	about how many
	fatalities among	likely to happen.	people that get
	suspected reported	A person who is	positive covid-19 that

	by local	suspected it may	had been test and told
	administartions.	right or wrong.	the result to the
		Report	public. So public will
		1. to give people	get know the update
		information about	information about
		what you have	how many people
		heard, seen, done,	that suspected of
		etc.	covid-19.
		2. to present a written	
		or spoken account	
		of an event in a	
		newspaper.	
		3. <i>-ed</i> used to show	
		that has been stated,	
		and you don't know	
		if it's true or wrong.	
10	Fatalities were	The : strong form/ definite	The elderly with
	indeed more	article	comorbidity means
	common among	1. Used to easily	which two or more
	the elderly with	understood	diseases are coming
	comorbidity factors	2. Use to refer to the	together, the disease
		only.	not only form of the
		3. Use when	disease but it can also

		explaining which	be a behaviour that
		person or thing you	lead to unhealthy
		mean.	lifestyle. And we can
		4. Use to refer a thing	mention it as an
		in general rather	underlying factors
		than a particular.	that caused someone
			elderly easy to
		Eld-er-ly	contaminated by
		Used as a polite word	covid-19.
		for 'old'	
11	There had also	Such	Such factors in this
	been cases of	1. The type already	cases as the point that
	young adults with	mention.	there are also another
	such factors	2. The type that just	effect why young
	succumbing to the	you are going to	people can suspected
	disease.	mention.	of covid-19.
		Factor	
		Several things that cause or	
		influence.	
		Suc-cumb-ing	
		To fail to resist an attack,	
		an illness, a temptation, etc.	
12	Young patients	Under-lying	Actually we should

aged between 30 1. Important in pay attention more in and 40 years have situation but not other effect, not only died well, Because, as always easily age. in mostly because of noticed or stated some cases, there are underlying health clearly. also patient aged 30 conditions 2. Existing under the years old had 40 surface. contaminated by Health covid-19. 1. The conditions of a And that is because person's body or some of following mind. disease like The state of being hypertension, physically and diabetes, heart mentally healthy. disease, etc. Con-di-tion The state that in a good/bad/ excellent condition The circumstances or situation in which people live, work, do things or changing economic conditions under the

		most appalling	
		conditions.	
13	Young people	High-er	A higher chance in
	without such	1. A position or level	this case means, there
	conditions have a	that is a long way up	is still a big hope for
	higher chance of	from the ground or	young people to
	recovering	from the bottom.	recover and health
		Chance	from covid-19 if they
		1. A possibility of	are not had another
		something	underlying health
		happening,	conditions which can
		especially	worsen the condition
		something that you	of someone who is
		want.	affected by covid-19.
		2. A suitable time or	
		situation when you	
		have the opportunity	
		to do.	
14	The most common	The most common	The most common
	conditions are	1. Happening often,	conditions means
	hypertensions,	existing in large	here are the general
	heart disease and	numbers or in many	disease that caused
	diabetes	places.	people easy to
		2. Not unusual or	contaminated by

		special.	covid-19. Those are
		Con-di-tion	hypertension,
		1. The state that in a	diabetes, and heart
		good/bad/ excellent	disease.
		condition	
		The circumstances or	
		situation in which people	
		live, work, or do things,	
		changing economic	
		conditions under the most	
		appalling conditions.	
15	Some patients with	They	They were cleared by
	such conditions	1. Used as the subject	the virus mean here
	might develop	of a verb. People	is when the condition
	complications, and	animals, things that	of the patient with
	treating these	have already been	covid-19 has
	complications was	mentioned or are	recovered.
	often difficult even	easily identified	
	after they were	Clear /klie®; AmE klir	
	cleared of the virus	1. Easy to understand	
		and not causing any	
		confusion.	
<u></u>			

		2. Having or feeling	
		no doubt or	
		confusion.	
		3. Thingking in a	
		sensible and logical	
		way, especially in a	
		difficult situation.	
		Virus	
		A living thing too small to	
		be seen without a	
		microwave, that causes	
		infections disease in people	
		, animals, and plants	
16	Data collected	Hyper-ten-sion	Hypertension in this
	from 585 patients	Blood pressure that is	case is one of
	show that half of	higher and not normal.	example of
	them had		underlying condition
	underlying		that make some
	conditions, such as		people are easy to be
	hypertension (52,9		infected of covid-19.
	percent), diabetes		And hypertension
	(33,8 percent) or		became the highest
	heart disease (20,5		cause compared with

	percent).		another diseases.
17	Others include	Other	Others include here
	pulmonary and	1. Used to refer to	are talking about
	respiratory	peopleor things that	another diseases.
	diseases, cancer,	are additional or	
	asthma, immune	different to people or	
	disorder, liver	things that have been	
	disease and	mentioned or are	
	tuberculosis	known about.	
		in-clude	
		1. It has the second	
		thing as one of its	
		parts.	
		2. To make something	
		part of something.	
18	Around 20,9	Dia-betes	Diabetes here
	percent of the	A medical condition	becoming one of
	patients with	caused by a lack of insulin,	disease that caused
	hypertension died,	which make the patient	the percent death.
	while the death	produce a lot of urine and	
	rate for those with	feel very thirsty.	
	diabetes is 15,9		
	percent and for		
	those with heart		

	disease is 10.1		
	percent and for		
	those with other		
	conditions in		
	questions is below		
	5 percent		
19	While the	Preva-lence	Prevalence here
	prevalence of the	Very common at a	talking about the
	noncommunicable	particular time or in a	proportion of the
	diseases is indeed	particular place	population that has a
	higher among the		specific characters in
	elderly than other		certain time .
	groups		
20	They were at	Height-en	Heightened risk here
	heightened risk	A feeling or an effect, it	means particular risk
	when exposed to	becomes stronger and	that affected a
	the coronavirus,	increases	number of things
	said	Risk	considered related to
	epidemiologist	The possibility of sth bad	spread of covid-19.
	Dicky Budiman.	happening at some time in	
		the future; a situation that	
		could be dangerous or have	
		a bad result.	
21	The stigma	HIV	Almost worse than

	surrounding		hiv, this sentence
	COVID-19, which was "almost worse than HIV"	Simple living thing that causes infections/illness that can cause AIDS (Abbreviation for human immunodeficiency virus)	means, because some thought from people who considers that covid similarly like
			hiv. They said it because until now there is no medicine has not been found yet.
22	Indonesia has soon	Do and ad	Pagardad hara maana
22	Indonesia has seen 1,148 fatalities in less than tree months since it recorded the first two confirmed cases in early March	Re-cord-ed The process of making record tape, film, movie.	Recorded here means a note or data of the number of covid-19 cases, since the first it appear in Indonesia until the last 3 month.
23	The tally of	Rose	Rose here is not a
	confirmed cases	Flower with a sweet smell	flower, but it is a
	rose to 17,514	that grows on a bush with	significant amount of
	nationwide on	thorns on its stems	cases that increasing
	Sunday.		everyday.

24	Pulmonolo gist	Con-sid-er-ably	Considerably high
	Soedarsono said he	Much; a lot	fatality rate here
	believed there	High	means the feared
	were many	1. Measuring a long	things for all people
	undetected cases,	distance from the	who are suspected of
	given the	bottom to the top.	covid and not. That
	considerably high	Fa-tal-ity / fa'taeleti/noun	thing happened cause
	fatality rate	1. [C] a death that	by some reason
		is caused in an	among others the
		accident or a	cases that is not
		war or by some	detected.
		other act of	
		violence.	
		2. [U] the fact that a	
		particular disease	
		will result in death.	
		3. [U] the belief or	
		feeling that we have	
		no control over	
		what happens to us.	
		Rate	
		1. Measurement of the	
		speed at which	
		something	

		happened.	
		2. Measurement the	
		number of times sth	
		happens or exist	
		during a particular	
		period.	
25	He cautioned	The : strong form/ definite	The new virus means
	against	article	exactly the new
	complacency	1. Used to easily	enemies for us
	among young	understood	especially medical
	people as even	2. Use to refer to the	professionals. It is
	medical	only.	feared that the new
	professionals still	3. Use when	virus will develop.
	had much to learn	explaining which	The new virus has
	about the new	person or thing you	potential to trigger a
	virus.	mean.	pandemic and it
		4. Use to refer a thing	carried by pigs and
		in general rather	can infect human.
		than a particular.	
		New /nju; AmE nu:/adj	
		1. Not existing before;	
		recently made,	
		invented,	
		introduced, etc.	

		2. (the new) noun (U)	
		something that is	
		new.	
		3. Recently bought.	
		4. Not used or owned	
		by anyone before.	
		5. Different from	
		precious one.	
		Virus	
		1. A living thing too	
		small to be seen	
		without a	
		microwave, that	
		causes infections	
		disease in people,	
		animals, and plants	
26	He said his	Pos-sible	Possible blood here
	teaching hospital	1. That can be done or	means, the condition
	was beginning to	achieved.	of patient's blood.
	study <i>possible</i>	2. That might exist or	
	blood in COVID-	happen but it is not	
	19 patients,	certain.	
	_	3. Reasonable or	
		acceptable in a	
		1	

		particular situation	
		4. Used after adjective.	
		Blood	
		1. The red liquid that	
		flows through the	
		bodies of human or	
		animals.	
27	After studies in	Blood clot	Blood clots here
	several countries	A lump that is formed	means a significant
	found that some	when blood dries or	problems because if
	patients has	becomes thicker.	the blood flow past
	developed		the clot is decreased.
	dangerous blood		
	clots.		
28	"With COVID-19	Incompatibility	Incompatibility here
	patients, often	Are not acceptable or	means that there is
	times there's	possible together because of	not match between
	incompatibility	the basic differences	the result of patient's
	between patients'	Lung	conditions with their
	complaints and	Two organs in the chest that	comment.
	analyses of lungs,	you use when breathing.	
	throax or blood		
	tests.		
29.	This sometimes	Won-der	Wonder here means

something that the doctors or
ide what is health workers felt
ill happen, confused with some
I do, etc. of patient's
conditions because
there are some cases
when patient's
complaints
incompatibility with
the result of analysis
of lungs, throax, and
their blood test.
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2.Textual Function Analysis

In this part, the researcher discusses the words that has classified the meaning into connotative and denotative of E-News. Data were analyzed based on the formulation of the problems that were to find out the theme and rheme of textual function in discourse analysis.

Textual function deals with the message delivered by the text. This function can be analysed through theme and rheme system. Meanwhile, rheme is the reminder of the message in which theme is developed (Halliday, 2014).

2.1. Theme

Theme is the element which becomes the point of departure of the message. It is about what the clause is concerned. Beside of that, Halliday (1994:39) says that theme is as general guide.

Lower fatality (Data 2)

This clause classified as a theme because the word *lower fatality* here explaining about the most death rate are for elders.

Employees under 45 (Data 3)

This clause classified as a theme because, the manager of company it self asked his employees to attend to the office for work.

The deaths (Data 4)

This clause classified as a theme because, the elders over 60^{th} have the higher potential to die.

Distribution of cases (Data 5)

This clause classified as a theme because, the spread of cases only 16,2% from all the total of infected cases.

No clear age (Data 8)

This clause classified as a theme because, the task force have not knowing how many infected patients.

Higher chance (Data 13)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining if the young people without the underlying disease will be easier to recover if they infected of covid-19.

Others include (Data 17)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining that hypertension becoming one of the most underlying disease that the patients suffer besides diabetes and heart disease.

Prevalence (Data 19)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining, the elderly lower of the non-communicable diseases.

Heightened risk (Data 20)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining, people who have explained before, have a high risk if they infected of corona virus diseases.

Rose (Data 23)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining the development of cases in Indonesia reach 17.514 cases for 3 months.

Incompatibility (Data 28)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words confirmed that there was a mismatch between patients' complaint and the result of the analysis of the examination of the disease.

Wonder (Data 29)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining, the doctors need to analyze this cases deeply.

2.2. Rheme

Rheme is the reminder of the message in which theme is developed (Halliday, 2014).

New normal (Data 1)

This clause classified as a rheme because, this condition are suggested by government to prepare facing the new style of life after PSBB.

Precautions (Data 3)

This clause classified as a rheme because, there should be an action to prevent spread of covid-19 for example by wearing face mask, washing hand sanitizer, keep the distance in public area, etc.

Followed by (Data 5)

This clause classified as a rheme because, the age between 46^{th} - 59^{th} are becoming the lower death rate compared the age of 60^{th} .

Contribute the majority (Data 7)

This clause classified as a rheme because, the many people age under 45 becoming a suspected patient of covid-19

Suspected reported (Data 9)

This clause classified as a rheme because, all the infected patient had been reported by the administrative officer.

The elderly with comorbidity (Data 10)

This clause classified as a rheme because, parents with comorbidity are easier to infected of covid-19.

Such factors succumbing (Data 11)

This clause classified as a rheme because, it's explained that if people who cannot stand this virus are people who have underlying health conditions.

Underlying health condition (Data 12)

This clause classified as a rheme because, it's explained the condition of someone.

The most common conditions (Data 14)

This clause classified as a rheme because it's explained the most influencing kinds of disease are hypertension, heart disease, diabetes.

Cleared of the virus (Data 15)

This clause classified as a rheme because, it's explaining that the underlying disease hard to recover whether the patient that infected of covid-19 had been cleared of the virus itself.

Hypertension (Data 16)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining that hypertension is one of the most commom congenital diseases suffered by patients besides of heart disease.

Diabetes (Data 18)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining that because of diabetes becoming the second of following disease after hypertension, and it's about 15,9 percent.

Almost worst than HIV (Data 21)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining, people opinions during pandemic of covid-19 are different so that comes out the statement of covid almost worst than HIV.

Recorded (Data 22)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining that in the beginning of March the case of corona virus recorded there are 2 positif cases and until now reach 1.148 cases.

Considerably high fatality rate (Data 24)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining that there are many unregistered cases and caused many deaths.

The new virus (Data 25)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining that the new virus are still learned by medical proffesionals

Possible blood (Data 26)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining the condition of patients' blood.

Blood cloth (Data 27)

This clause classified as a theme because, this words explaining, there is a problem if the clot are decreased.

C. Research Findings

After analyzing denotative and connotative meaning and the textual function through discourse analysis on Jakarta Post Article, the finding can be concluded as follows:

1. The meaning of the connotative and denotative used in article found in E-News namely Jakarta Post article has been described clearly based on the opinion from experts. It has an important role in understanding and comprehending a language.

2. The textual function of language is an interpretation of language in its function as a message, which the article from E-News namely Jakarta Post about Covid-19 have analyzed the clauses into two parts. There are theme and rheme. Theme is the element which becomes the point of departure of the message. It is about what the clause is concerned. Rheme is the reminder of the message in which theme is developed.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

A. Conclusion

This research is concerned with the semantic analysis with the main focus is connotative and denotative used in the E-News about covid-19 outbreak, and also textual function through discourse analysis. In line with the objectives of the research which were to find out the both of connotative and denotative meaning, and part of textual function through discourse analysis, the result can be concluded as follows:

- 1. Semantic is the study of meaning in language. In the semantic have several types, there are denotative and connotative meaning, denotative meaning is a real meaning based on dictionary. It's mean interprets directly a word, phrase, or sentence based on dictionary. Meanwhile, connotative meaning is get a meaning from a word, phrase, or sentence according suggests, or what we associate the word with, that goes beyond its formal definitions. The reader can see the example of them and understand the differences of denotative and connotative meaning, so the readers know the true meaning from one of E-News namely Jakarta Post about covid-19 outbreak.
- 2. Textual function of discourse analysis have two parts theme and rheme, which theme is as semantic point of departure of a clause or about information provided, whereas rheme is the destination where the presentation moves after departure point.

B. Suggestion

This study would like to give some suggestions for those involved in this study for the betterment in the future. Those are:

- 1. The writer hopes that this research will be useful to know about semantic especially denotative and connotative meaning, because this research has some denotative and connotative meaning theory based on some experts. For the next researcher, if they want to discuss about denotative and connotative meaning they must understand the differences both of the meaning, it's mean they must read more clearly about them, so they can give each the right example. The writer hope the reader will understand about the writer explanation about denotative and connotative meaning, so the reader will not erroneous both of the meaning.
- 2. It is worth for us to pay more attention also and it is needed for us to know discourse analysis because it is closely related with the problems that occur in the environment around us, and textual function recommended for teacher to teach student.

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APPENDIX

COVID-19 kills elderly, haunts the young in Indonesia

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<u>indonesia.html?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Mailchimp&utm_campaign=mailchimp-may&utm_term=covid-young#.</u>



As Indonesia continues to report hundreds of new COVID-19 cases daily, the government appears to be preparing for the "new normal" by allowing people aged 44 years and below to work outside their homes despite mobility restrictions to contain the epidemic. COVID-19 task force head Doni Monardo triggered criticism after he said last week that the age group in question had a lower fatality rate at 15 percent and was less vulnerable than the elderly. Even so, State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) Minister Erick Thohir issued a circular days later, setting out an example of a "new normal" scenario that entails a plan to allow SOE employees under 45 years of age to return to their offices starting on May 25, albeit with several precautions. Data updated daily by the task force show that people aged 60 and above account for 44.2 percent of the deaths as of Sunday, followed by people aged between 46 and 59 years old at 39.8 percent, while those aged 45 and below make up the remaining 16 percent. This is despite data on the distribution of cases showing that the 60-and-above age group only

accounts for 16.2 percent of total infections, while the 46-to-59 group accounts for 28.7 percent and those aged 45 and below contribute the majority at 55.1 percent. The task force said no clear age information was available for 9.3 percent of the infected patients. The above figures do not include hundreds of fatalities among suspected patients reported by local administrations. Soedarsono, the senior pulmonologist and the head of emerging and reemerging infectious diseases at the COVID-19 referral hospital Dr. Soetomo in Surabaya, East Java, said fatalities were indeed more common among the elderly with comorbidity factors, but there had also been cases of young adults with such factors succumbing to the disease. "Young patients aged between 30 and 40 years have died as well, mostly because of underlying health conditions. Young people without such conditions have a higher chance of recovering. The most common conditions are hypertension, heart disease and diabetes," he told The Jakarta Post on Saturday. Read also: COVID-19: Govt to allow people under 45 to work outside to prevent more layoffs Some patients with such conditions might develop complications, and treating these complications was often difficult even after they were cleared of the virus, Soedarsono said.

Indonesia's COVID-19 cases by age

cases Fatalities

0.0% 10.0% 20.0% 30.0% 40.0%

50.0%

0-5 years old 6-17 years old

5.0% 18-30 years old

19.6%

31-45 years old

29.0%

11.1%

46-59 years old

28.7%

39.8%

≥ 60 years old

16.2%

44.2%

As of May 17, 2020

Chart: JP/Ardila Syakriah Source: COVID-19 task force Get the data Created with Datawrapper

The task force's data collected from 585 patients show that half of them had underlying conditions, such as hypertension (52.9 percent), diabetes (33.8 percent) or heart disease (20.5 percent). Others include pulmonary and respiratory diseases, cancer, asthma, immune disorders, liver disease and tuberculosis. Around 20.9 percent of the patients with hypertension died, while the death rate for those with diabetes is 15.9 percent, for those with heart disease is 10.1 percent and for those with other conditions in question is below 5 percent. Noncommunicable diseases account for the largest burden on Indonesia's deficit-stricken National Health Insurance (JKN) -- being the cause of 66 percent of morbidity and

mortality in 2015, up from about 37 percent in 1990, according to a 2016 World Bank report. While the prevalence of the noncommunicable diseases is indeed higher among the elderly than other age groups, as shown by the 2018 Basic Health Survey (Riskesdas), a growing number of younger people are suffering from such diseases. They were at a heightened risk when exposed to the coronavirus, said epidemiologist Dicky Budiman. Read also: 'Puskesmas' move up to COVID-19 front lines amid overburdened health system The Riskesdas shows that the prevalence of hypertension in the 35-44 age group is 31.6 percent, in the 25-34 age group it is 20.1 percent and in the 18-24 age group it is 13.2 percent. The prevalence of diabetes and heart disease among the 35-44-year olds is 1.1 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively. "The government's policy to allow people [below] 45 years to work should not apply generally to everyone in that age group. Not everyone in the age group will be safe [if infected]," Dicky said. The stigma surrounding COVID-19, which was "almost worse than with HIV", coupled with inadequate testing, would likely affect how people sought help, forcing them to only show up at hospitals when it was already too late to treat them, he said. Indonesia has seen 1,148 fatalities in less than three months since it recorded the first two confirmed cases in early March. The tally of confirmed cases rose to 17,514 nationwide on Sunday. Pulmonologist Soedarsono said he believed there were many undetected cases, given the considerably high fatality rate. He cautioned against complacency among young people as even medical professionals still had much to learn about the new virus. He said his teaching hospital was beginning to study possible blood clotting in COVID-19 patients, including in younger people, after studies in several countries found that some patients had developed dangerous blood clots. "With COVID-19 patients, oftentimes there's incompatibility between patients' complaints and analyses of lungs, thorax or blood tests. This sometimes makes doctors wonder," said.

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