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Inconsistency of Information of Indonesian Government Officials through the Media on Public Concern in Preventing the Spread of Covid-19Chontina Siahaan; Siti KomsiahUniversitas Kristen Indonesia AbstractThe aim of the research is to reveal the influence of official disinformation through the media onpublic concern in preventing the spread of Covid-19. The theory used in this research is Carl I. Hovland's Credibility Source theory. A sample of 100 people from various walks of life in Jakarta. The results showed that the inconsistency of information from government officials had a positive and significanteffect on community concern in preventing Covid-19. The positive influence 2shows that the inconsistencyof information from Indonesian government officials is responded positively by the concern of the publicin preventing Covid-19. the level of public awareness of disinformation, providing official informationthrough the media. The ability to overcome turbulence situations is to display consistency, defined as aunity of motion, between thoughts, speech and actions, in order to arrive at a common goal.Keywords: Disinformation; Covid-19; Caring IntroductionPublic openness is virtually a shape of transparency which has implications for the government'scappotential to comprehend excellent governance (Doorley & Garcia, 2020; Ferraris, Santoro & Pellicelli, 2020; Kent, & Li, 2020). For example, the government can provide information about the rules of the gameas well as details on the form of public service activities or information about events that occur in thecountry clearly so that the public can be involved and supervise athese government activities directly(Özdemir, 2020; Reddi, 2019; Schünemann, et al 2020). In addition, 1the existence of openness andtransparency@acts@as@a check and@balance,@and by comparing existing value@systems,@the publiccan easily determine reasonable behavior for social control@(Sedikides@and Green, 2004;Sutherland, Freberg, Driver and Khattab, 2020). Transparency in public services shows that service delivery is open so that the public can knowthe service process easily and clearly. There are three indicators in measuring the transparency of publicservices. 3First, the level of openness in the public organizing process. Second, transparency in serviceregulations and procedures that are easy for users

to understand. Third, transparency of services throughthe ease of obtaining information on various aspects of public service delivery. Through these three services. These measurements acan be used as an evaluation material for the transparency of public services. The transparency of public records regarding the managing of the Covid-19 virus outbreak increases manymassive questions on the professionalism and seriousness of the authorities in managing the Covid-19 problem, as tan example the authorities selected now no longer to show the song file of high-quality sufferers of Covid 19at the grounds of protective the sufferer from alienation. Social (Covid, & Team, 2020; Dong & Gardner, 2020, rasmita et al, 2020). Yet if we look closely, telling a track record of travel is different from announcing an identity. Because basically travel records are needed to minimize the spread, as well as an appeal for the public tobe more aware and alert. inconsistency of government policies in minimizing the risk of transmission of the new coronavirus (Covid-19). With policy inconsistencies, people abandon compliance.WHO has designated the corona virus outbreak as a global pandemic, including in Indonesia asone of the most exposed countries, where the number of victims continues to increase with the spread and transmission that is increasingly rapid and widespread. The authorities has unique COVID-19 as a non-herbal countrywide catastrophe and shaped a Task Force for the Acceleration of Handling which establishes anenchantment coverage on social restrictions, and entails numerous different reaction efforts. The authorities informs via the media how 2the general public is coping with the unfold of Covid-19, amongst others, the usage of a mask, washing easy palms with sanitizers and spraying the surroundings with disinfectants. Not long ago, the minister of health through the television media said that only sick people wear masks while healthyones don't need to wear masks. According to Junaedi's explanation in the book Crisis Communications in the Covid-19 Pandemic, page 19 explains, among other things, that media exposure can affect health. . Infact, exposure to negative news, tin this case disinformation, can increase public anxiety. Therefore, correctreporting is needed so that the public does not lose their immune system due to

anxiety and panic overhearing disinformation.

Ideally, the government is consistent with what is being informed through the media aboutpreventing the spread of Covid-19 (Raharusun & Hanoatubun, 2020). 2There is a single door ofinformation related to Covid-19 so that people are not confused, let alone panic, with disinformation conveyed through the media. The public ought to be enlightened to higher recognize and recognize via way ofmeans of beginning from ourselves in taking precautions in opposition to Covid-19. Ideally, the networkcomplies with all authorities calls to save you the unfold of Covid-19.The explanation given by the government is often wrong in providing information about Covid-19. The government's panic in providing information continuously confuses the public because it does notmatch what is conveyed with the reality on the ground. In addition, the coordination between governmentranks is less synergistic in efforts ito deal with the corona virus pandemic, one example of a statementmade by the Mayor of Surakarta F.X. Hadi Rudyatmo, published by Tempo magazine for the 14 March2020 edition, namely the obstruction of data distribution from the center made regional heads create theirown creation to overcome the spread of corona in their respective areas. In addition, Hadi Rudyatmo, theregional head has never been invited to speak by the central government regarding the handling of Covid-19 (Ernis 2020). Until the time this research was written, there had not been any significant changes in information coordination between the central and local governments. If the coordination between the central andregional governments is not good enough, it is not surprising that in fact, the community does not careabout various government appeals such as Work From Home (WFH), the community continues to workoutside the home because there are still many offices open so employees must work so as snot to be laid offor laid off This research is useful academically to contribute to Symbolic Interaction theory which can stillbe used when a country is facing a critical situation the process of its global nature. In practical terms, itshould enlighten the public to understand that despite disinformation from the government, the

communitycan show something that is right at the community level.

The methodology is to apply a mix ofmethodologies in order to know whether the public cares about disinformation and qualitatively the realreasons can be found from the community. Social benefits are aimed at all people so that together with the government think about a way out or way out in preventing the spread of Covid 19. Thus the uniquenessof this research is that at the government level it is not yet in tune with the words and actions that they arein the forefront of providing information to the public, however, at the government level, the information conveyed to the public is messy. The community was even more confused. Method This study uses a quantitative approach with a survey method that 2aims to explain a phenomenon whose results can be generalized. (Kryantono, 2008) researchers took a sample from the population andused a survey to measure the variables between disinformation and public concern. This research method uses a survey that distributes questionnaires to 100 representatives of the Jakarta community. In order for the sample to represent the representative population tof the people of Jakarta, the sampling technique using convenience sampling is sampling based on the availability of elements and the ease of obtaining them. This sampling technique is carried out with the consideration that it will draw data in the wider community using google form. The population 2 of this study is the people of Jakarta who know the inconsistency of official information through the media in preventing the spread ofCovid-19. The independent variable in this study is the inconsistency of government officials while the dependent variable is the concern of the community. Questionnaires will be distributed via google form and then distributed to 100 samples who meetthe criteria to represent the people of Jakarta. 7The results of the questionnaire were processed using SPSS26. Results and DiscussionThis study succeeded in obtaining responses from approximately 100 respondents, who generallyhad met various backgrounds of age, gender, and occupation. Therefore, the data 20f this study can be said to be able to represent the response of the Jakarta community as a whole, which in fact consists of variousbackgrounds, age, gender, and occupation. This research data was collected through

a questionnaire distributed through google form mediaconsisting of 33 question points with descriptions, three questions regarding t he background of therespondents (gender, age, and occupation), and 30 questions were descriptions of statements to answerresearch questions. Based on research data obtained through questionnaires, lit can be seen that the questions that testthe respondent's understanding of the pandemic and the health protocols that need to be carried out during pandemic have guite high points. The high points in this aspect of the guestion can be understood as asign that in fact most of the elements of society represented through this questionnaire have understoodthe information about this pandemic and the health protocols that must be carried out 2in order to preventtransmission of the Covid-19 virus. In addition, different taspects of the questionnaire about government recommendations were foundwhich had not too high points, which means that most elements of society from various backgroundsrepresented by respondents in this study did not make recommendations informed by the government. Thesuggestions referred to in the questionnaire questions include, among others, doing WFH by not leavingthe house, but with the responses received by the average community whose jobs do not allow them towork from home, such as traders who clearly will not carry out this recommendation. In

most elements of society arenot doing it, if you reflect on the results of this questionnaire, because there are still many people, especially those over 40 years of age who do not ifully understand the limits recommended by thegovernment, with The assumption of this age group is that there is very little information pathway, because of the limited ability to use technology to obtain correct and complete information. Furthermore, on the point regarding the government's appeal regarding going home as well, mostpeople still do that because through several question points asked through a questionnaire it is clear that the government's appeal regarding going home and implementing lockdown that the government's inconsistency is actually responded to

other points ofrecommendation such as improving a clean lifestyle 2 and social distancing,

by thecommunity, because the people represented by the respondents of this study also know the appeals forhomecoming from two different sources, therefore it can be understood that the community is very likelyto experience confusion to trust government information sources from institutions. or which party. Then on the next question points that try to find out the community's obedience to the appealgiven by the government, some still get small points. The assumption tis that the small number of points is in line with the small presentation of the people who care about appeals from the government, which isdue to differences in information submitted by several government agencies. This correlation

coefficient test zwas conducted to determine the strength of the positiverelationship between variable X (information inconsistency) and variable Y (Public Concern in Covid-19Prevention).

to test the correlation coefficient, the researcher used the Pearson Product Momen tcorrelation technique using the help of the SPSS version 26 program. In this study, the results of the correlation coefficient were as follows: Table 1. calculation of the correlation results between variables R Square Adjusted R SquareStd. Error of the Estimate. 852a. 725 .722 7.25547 Based on the table above, the results of the correlation analysis with a sample size of 100 areobtained, namely the coefficient value of variable X and variable Y is 0.852. In accordance with the decision making guidelines for the correlation coefficient value is between 0.40 - 0.599 then the relationship between the two variables is high.

Thus, it can be concluded that there is a strong relationship between variable X, na mely theinconsistency of information from government officials and variable Y, name ly Public Concern inPrevention of Covid-19.Based on the table above, it can be explained that the value of the correlation or relationship (R) is 0.852 and the percentage of the influence of the independent variables on the dependent variable in the table of the coefficient of determination, namely R Square of 0.752 or 75.6%, this number indicates aninconsistency effect.

information from government officials on public concern in response to messageswa s 75.2%, while 24.8% was influenced by other factors. Table 2 regression coefficientsUnstandardized CoefficientsStandardizedCoefficientst Sig.B Std. Error Beta(Constant) 11.322 3.779 2.996 .003Inkonsistensi .894 .055 .852 16.322 .000In processing 1the results of the questionnaire, this study uses the practice of linear regressionequations with the help of SPSS and reads through a simple linear regression equation, namely Y = a +bX. This number a is a constant number which means that if there is no Government inconsistency (X)then the consistent value of public concern for the health protocol appeal (Y) is 11,322. At 4the value of theregression coefficient on variable X is 0.894, which means that every 1% of government inconsistency, the constant value will increase by 0.894. Because the regression coefficient is positive (+), which is 0.984, it can be understood that variable X is related to variable Y, because if variable X increases, thesame change or increase occurs in Variable Y.If the hypothesis is tested in this study, namely, HO: There is no influence between governmentinconsistency (Y) on public concern with health protocols (X), and Ha: Government inconsistency (Y)affects public awareness of health protocols. (X) Then Ha is proven through the results of the regressiontest above. Based on the results of the analysis, it proves that there is an effect of inconsistency ininformation from government officials on the concern of the community in preventing Covid-19, thisshows that people sometimes do not look at the information conveyed, but rather who convey theinformation. As in credibility Source theory, it is explained that a person will be more easily persuaded if the sources of persuasion are credible enough. Government officials in this case are a source of information that is considered credible by the public in the dissemination of information related to Covid-19 even though in fact they do not provideconsistent information, where the information provided will sometimes be diff erent under certainconditions but the public still believes it. Public trust in government officials where government officials are considered to have high ability and credibility because they have trust, expertise and attractiveness to the community, so that any

information conveyed is in fact accepted by the community. As proof that thecommunity receives this information even though the information is inconsistent, is that there is anattitude of concern for the community in preventing Covid-19. This proves that in delivering information, a person who has high credibility is needed which is shown by the existence of trust, expertise and attractiveness and all of these are owned by government officials. ConclusionBased at the outcomes of statistics evaluation withinside the preceding discussion, it is able to beconcluded that the inconsistency of statistics from authorities officers has a nice and enormous impact on publicproblem in stopping Covid-19. The nice impact indicates that the inconsistency of statistics from Indonesianauthorities officers is spoke back definitely with the aid of using the priority of the general public in stoppingCovid-19. The results of the calculation of the coefficient of determination or the R square value obtained is 0.752. This means that 75.2% of public concern in preventing Covid-19 is influenced by theinconsistency of information from Indonesian government officials. While the remaining 24.8% isinfluenced by other factors.

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