

## CRITICAL DISCOURSE ANALYSIS OF BIDEN'S SPEECH IN RESPONSE TO VLADIMIR PUTIN

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**Abstract:** *The article looks at the BBC online news media coverage of Biden's speech amid Russia's and Ukraine's invasions, as well as the fighting that ensued in response to Vladimir Putin. It can be used to examine the language and social background. Discourse, social practice, representation, power, and intertextuality are all important aspects of this. The discourse analysis in social context-social cognition text was based on the Van Djick model. The goal of the research is to visualize the text in terms of structure, social context, and social cognition in the dimensions of macrostructure, microstructure, superstructure, social cognition, and social context. The information was obtained from a BBC article titled "Biden hits Russia with sanction: Van Djic's theory is used to do qualitative analytical research. As a result, based on macro-structural analysis, Biden outlined the sanction to Putin briefly at the start. In addition, Biden highlighted the planned sanctions, including the disconnection of Russia's largest bank, Sberbank, and the Credit Bank of Moscow, Russian Agriculture Bank, in terms of content. Biden wanted the readers to back him up when it came to the micro structural analysis.*

**Keywords:** *critical discourse analysis, linguistics, speech*

**Abstrak:** Artikel itu melihat liputan media berita online BBC tentang pidato Biden di tengah invasi Rusia dan Ukraina, serta pertempuran yang terjadi sebagai tanggapan terhadap Vladimir Putin. Ini dapat digunakan untuk memeriksa bahasa dan latar belakang sosial. Wacana, praktik sosial, representasi, kekuasaan, dan intertekstualitas adalah semua aspek penting dari ini. Analisis wacana dalam konteks sosial-teks kognisi sosial didasarkan pada model Van Djick. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk memvisualisasikan teks dalam hal struktur, konteks sosial, dan kognisi sosial dalam dimensi struktur makro, struktur mikro, suprastruktur, kognisi sosial, dan konteks sosial. Informasi itu diperoleh dari artikel BBC berjudul "Biden memukul Rusia dengan sanksi: Teori Van Djic digunakan untuk melakukan penelitian analitis kualitatif. Akibatnya, berdasarkan analisis makro-struktural, Biden menguraikan sanksi itu kepada Putin secara singkat di awal. Selain itu, Biden menyoroti sanksi yang direncanakan, termasuk keputusan bank terbesar Rusia, Sberbank, dan Bank Kredit Moskow, Bank Pertanian Rusia, dalam hal konten. Biden ingin para pembaca mendukungnya dalam hal analisis struktural mikro.

**Kata kunci:** analisis wacana kritis, linguistik, tututran

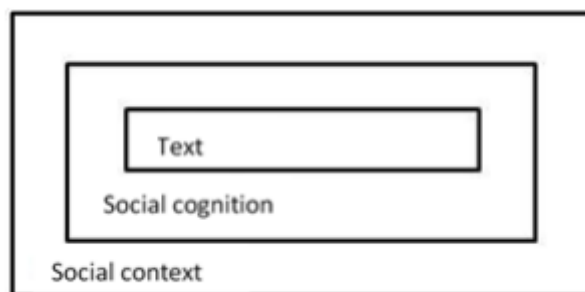
### Introduction

An ongoing weapons race (Arm Race) between Russia and the United States characterizes their relationship. Even if there have been restrictions on anti-ballistic weaponry actions in the Strategic Plan that are beneficial to national defense SALT I Arms Limitation Talks Agreement from 1960 and In fact, since SALT 2 in 1979, the two nations strengthened the strength of their military. The first notable aspect information provided by the "Understanding Memorandum the creation of the database on the establishment of the Agreement between the Union and the United States of America on the Reduction and of Soviet Socialist Republics Strategic offensive weapon restrictions "which declares Russia (formerly the Soviet Union) and America shared the comparable military prowess to 10,000 soldiers (Herning Puspita et al., 2019).

Since Russia announced its intention to invade Ukraine, the world has condemned it and imposed penalties; if Russia actually invades Ukraine, however, more harsher sanctions will be imposed. Several nations, including the US, Canada, Britain, Australia, and Japan, started to put pressure on Russia by enacting early-stage sanctions. CNN in the US has published this invasion story. This medium is a worldwide outlet that covers topics such as global politics, US business, health, entertainment, technology, and Style. Readers are intrigued to learn more as the invasion dominates the news. One of the theories to understand further about critical discourse analysis is Van Dijk's theory.

Van Dijk's research demonstrates that CDA acts in opposition to those institutions and groups who abuse their power and in support of oppressed groups, for example, by identifying and criticizing discursive dominance and working to empower the oppressed (Ulinnuha et al., 2013).

Van Dijk (1996), referenced in Eriyanto (2017), asserts that a study of discourse that merely looks at the text is insufficient because the text is the outcome of a sizable social structure's production process. The various processes involved in text production can be mapped out using the social cognition approach. Social cognition has two implications, including demonstrating how the text is created by journalists and how their perceptions of its values are used as raw materials for news production (Payuyasa, 2017). Van Dijk (2015) examines how social structure, dominance, and power existed in the public sphere and how the formation and influence of certain texts on cognition (Muhassin, 2021).



**Figure 1.** Van Dijk's CDA model

The text structure dimension, which includes the macrostructure, superstructure, and microstructure units of analysis, is the first one to be looked at in van Dijk's CDA model. First, while referring to a text's macrostructure, we mean its overall meaning, which may be seen by examining the issues or themes that are prominent in the news discourse. Second, superstructure refers to the text's introduction, content, and conclusion as its well-organized discourse structures. Third, the aspects of the text that are visible from a smaller portion are referred to as microstructure. These components include semantic, syntactic, stylistic, and rhetorical features.

Social cognition is the second CDA dimension. This level of research examines how journalists' unique cognitive processes are used in the newsgathering process. Examining the process of news formation, which primarily takes place in a journalist's mind, is crucial to understanding news production (Muhassin, 2021).

The last feature in van Dijk's CDA is the social environment. Van Dijk (2008) specifically identifies power and access as two key factors in this dimension. The possession by one group or member of the ability to control another group or member is referred to as the exercise of power. This authority often depends on the possession of desirable things like money, prestige, and knowledge. Power can be a persuasion that subtly influences and controls people's mental health, beliefs, attitudes, and knowledge.

Thus, the gaps of the research are: the report about the invasion was As a result of what President Joe Biden described as "The US has hit Russia with wide-ranging sanctions over what President Joe Biden called: the Beginning of a Russian invasion of Ukraine". The macrostructure, superstructure, and microstructure categories will be examined based on the text

### Research Method

This research employs qualitative description to investigate the subject brought up by CDA in Joe Biden's address. In qualitative research, extensive, protracted analyses of several variables are typical to capture the richness of context and diverse points of view of the subject. focuses on collecting and interpreting non-numerical data, such as observations, interviews, documentation, and more discursive information sources (Gay & Peter, 2000). In this research, documentation can be used to collect data for qualitative study. Arikunto (2006) explains how to use documentation to locate information in books and notes and accurately transcribe newspaper, publishing, schedules, etc. The news text is based on the issued on 22nd Februari 2022, CNN for US, entitled "The US has hit Russia with wide-ranging sanctions over what President Joe Biden called: the Beginning of a Russian invasion of Ukraine".The data is analyzed based on the criteria of Van Dijk Critical Discourse Analysis.

### Results and Discussions

Van Dijk contends that evaluating a discourse requires consideration of both the text and the process by which a text is created. [13] Discourse, according to Van Dijk, includes three components: text, social cognition, and social environment.

The structure that makes up the text and the techniques utilized to convey the desired subject are at the level of the text that is being evaluated. Texts on social cognition that feature people.

The social context examines the societal discourse's evolving structure (Herning Puspita et al., 2019).

Van Dijk (1988) places particular emphasis on the macro-structure, micro-structure, and superstructure types of CDA. These CDA components will be discussed and analyzed in the sections that follow.

According to van Dijk (2014), situations can be defined at several levels of the macro-structure, together with the events, actions, persons, or things that are contained inside them. In the macrostructure basic notion, a structure cannot be identified by each sentence alone; rather, it requires further investigation to comprehend the entirety of the text in order to discern the speaker's objectives. A lead sentence in a speech or paper that is thematic must be planned out in advance(Mahendra Siregar, 2021). Here is the componential analysis table

**Table 1.** Componential analysis of Critical Discourse Analysis

Genre	Dimension				
	Macrostructure	Supestructure			Microstructure
	Theme/ Topic	Introduction	Content	Conclusion	
News is released 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022	President Joe Biden described it as "the beginning of a Russian invasion of Ukraine," and the US responded by imposing broad sanctions on Russia.	The Russian government's access to Western funding has been severed, according to Mr. Biden. It happened after Russian officials gave President Vladimir Putin the go-ahead to	1) Russia recently announced that it is taking a sizable portion of Ukraine. 2) Russia's foreign debt prevents it	1)An official revealed that the US is also deploying soldiers into the Nato members Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, all of which are	The US had already <i>banned</i> American companies from dealing with the rebel-held Ukrainian regions of Donetsk and Luhansk - but

		<p>dispatch troops into two rebel-held regions of eastern Ukraine.</p> <p>Russia has acknowledged the territories' independence, which Ukraine claims violates its sovereignty.</p>	<p>from obtaining funding for its government from Western financial institutions.</p> <p>3) American businesses were already prohibited from doing business with the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine, which are controlled by rebels.</p> <p>A wave of penalties against Russian banks and individuals was also issued earlier on Tuesday by the UK and the EU.</p>	<p>located close to or on Russia's border.</p> <p>2) An official revealed that the US is also deploying soldiers into the Nato members Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, all of which are located close to or on Russia's border.</p>	<p>few companies do.</p>
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**Macrostructure Analysis**

The news issued on 22 Februari 2022, entitled President Joe Biden described it as "the beginning of a Russian invasion of Ukraine," and the US responded by imposing broad sanctions on Russia. It revealed the theme: President Joe Biden described it as "the beginning of a Russian invasion of Ukraine," and the US responded by imposing broad sanctions on Russia.

The media delivered the message about the sanctions. It conveyed that the United States and its European allies have placed on Russia are the most onerous ever placed against a major economic power, and they now include an American ban on Russian energy imports. When compared to a nation whose economy is among the top 12 in the world, the speed with which they were implemented was impressive.

The French finance minister, Bruno Le Maire, took back his blunt and potentially incendiary description of the sanctions as a "all-out economic and financial war" because they are so severe.

The actions, which include sanctions against the Russian banking system, the wealth of influential people, and Russian fossil fuels, are meant to punish Vladimir Putin and the oligarchs who rely on and support him as well as to cripple the Russian economy. They render it impossible for Russia to operate normally.

That will result in a severe economic recession in the near future: Since the invasion, the Russian stock market has been closed, and the equity values of numerous Russian enterprises with shares listed overseas have almost vanished. The Russian ruble, which fell as the war broke out and sanctions were implemented, is currently very close to a record low.

### ***Superstructure***

The investigation of the superstructure will look at the speech, the speech's content, its conclusion, and conclusions for the speech's full subject matter. In this speech, there is information available regarding the techniques that Putin once worked to raise the standard of living in Russian society. In There are introductory, content, and concluding sentences for each component of the strategy. Prior to talking about the program, be carried out, Putin began his statement with the sentence:

“Colleagues, I'll now go into further detail about our objectives”. It takes just one sentence to capture the listener's attention. in case you want to pay closer attention to what Putin has to say next. It is crucial to use this first sentence as an entrance to draw the audiences.

### ***Introduction***

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### ***Content***

The US has imposed numerous sanctions on Russia as a result of its invasion of Ukraine. The sanctions are listed here:

- Russia recently announced that it is taking a sizable portion of Ukraine.
- Russia's foreign debt prevents it from obtaining funding for its government from Western financial institutions.
- American businesses were already prohibited from doing business with the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine, which are controlled by rebels.
- A wave of penalties against Russian banks and individuals was also issued earlier on Tuesday by the UK and the EU.

### ***Conclusion***

The following conclusions can be derived from the news:

- an official revealed that the US is also deploying soldiers into the Nato members Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, all of which are located close to or on Russia's border.
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### ***Microstructure Examination***

Concentrate on Joe Biden's semantic vocabulary when examining microstructure. The word "ban" is one that Biden frequently uses. Ban is the thesaurus word for forbidden. Someone with more power than them can impose a ban on something on others with less power than them. It was presumptuous to believe that the US or Joe Biden had elevated itself above Russia. The political and scholarly elite in the United States have varying opinions about how the Russian Federation and the United States should balance their respective spheres of influence. On the one hand, Russia is viewed as a former world power that is experiencing irreversible socioeconomic decline, which eventually should result in a decrease in Russia's influence in world affairs. On the other hand, American circles are growing more worried with Russia's escalating influence around the world and even with its meddling in the domestic affairs of the major Western nations.

## **Conclusions and Suggestions**

### ***Conclusion***

The research's main finding is to visualize the text in terms of its structure, social context, and social cognition in the dimensions of macrostructure, microstructure, superstructure. The data came from a BBC article titled "Biden strikes Russia with sanction: Van Djic's theory is utilized to undertake qualitative analytical study." Due to this, Biden gave Putin a quick explanation of the sanction at the beginning of their conversation based on macro-structural analysis. Additionally, Biden emphasized the penalties that were going to be implemented, including the disconnections of the Credit Bank of Moscow and the Russian Agriculture Bank as well as Sberbank, the biggest bank in Russia. In regards to the micro structural study, Biden wished for the readers' support.

### ***Suggestion***

The following suggestions are made: the research can be examined in more detail with regard to social context and social cognition; the data for microstructure can be seen in more detail with regard to syntax and stylistic rhetoric; and the investigation can go on to compare Russian and American news.

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