Alleged Government Gaslighting Discourse in Jokowi's Speech about the Protest against the Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja

President Jokowi's speech to clarify matters at issue and emphasize the importance of Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja for the community. Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja is considered to have a negative impact on workers. Public rejection through demonstrations. The presence of an article that said the speech contained a political gaslight. Search for the facts behind the alleged gaslight discourse in President Jokowi's speech about Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja from the perspective of critical discourse analysis.
Gaslighting is a psychological manipulation technique used to make victims question the facts and doubt the reality (Dorpat, 1996; Brabazon, 2019; Buchari in Zahra, 2020).

The purpose of political gaslighting is to deceive and mislead other parties to create public dependence on perpetrators (Eltis, 2020).

Speech is a public speaking activity to convey ideas, ideas, and thoughts that have been arranged systematically, structured, and effectively (Widyastuti, 2016).

The concept of Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja is often used to cut down some norms that are considered incompatible with the times and are detrimental to the interests of the state (Hanifah, 2021).
Method

**Research Method**
- Qualitative Descriptive

**Data Sources**
1. Video of “Pernyataan Presiden Jokowi Soal UU Cipta Kerja” from YouTube
2. “Ada Hoaks di Balik Demo: Membedah Keberhasilan Strategi Gaslighting Pemerintah” article from theconversation.com
3. Any documents that relate to the research

**Data Analysis Techniques**
1. Data Reduction
2. Data Description
3. Data Conclusion
Findings and Discussion

Text Analysis
1. The vocabularies can only be understood by certain parties.
2. The are the use of *hedges* in the speech.
3. The explanation of Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja points is not fully following what is being questioned by the community.

Discourse Practice Analysis
The speech caused the direction of public discussion to focus on the benefits and importance of Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja as well as the issue of hoaxes and disinformation on Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja which was the background of the demonstration.
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**Sociocultural Practice Analysis**

1. The community rejected the existence of Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja by holding rallies in various places.
2. Indonesian media has not been free from the intervention of its owners.
3. The public has not been able to distinguish between official media and media that only report sensations.
Conclusion

President Jokowi's speech regarding the protest of Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja indicated a gaslight discourse.

The gaslight was also influenced by the media which made a public opinion on the contents of the president's speech.

The Indonesian people are not affected by the substance of the speech and still reject the existence of Undang-Undang Cipta Kerja.


