

Dear Editor,

We wish to submit an original research article entitled " Media Construction of Electoral Fraud in the 2024 Indonesian General Election" for consideration by the Malaysian Journal of Communication.

We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently considered for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, we analyze how the media portrays electoral fraud during the 2024 Indonesian General Elections, with a particular emphasis on the coverage provided by *Tempo* News magazine. This study is significant as questions have arisen regarding the involvement of the president in pushing his son to become the candidate for vice president and how the media portrays the issue within the context of Indonesia's democracy and media practice.

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by the Malaysian Journal of Communication because it suits the journal's aim and scope, which provides a forum for empirical inquiries on human and mass communication.

This research aims to analyze how cultural, political, and economic issues influence news narratives, revealing the media's ability to set the agenda and shape public discussions. Further, the research looked at the media construction of news text and the cultural and political context of electoral fraud in *Tempo* News magazine.

We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Prayudi', with a stylized flourish above the name.

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