Shaping the journalism education studies in Malaysia: The effects from the study on ethnicity

[Memberikan pengajaran hewartawan di Malaysia: Kesaran dari kajian etnik]

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Abstract

Journalism education is a unique field of study under a liberty of social science because it works in context. The surrounding society gives a lot of impact on how journalism has been practised and educated. However, there are not many studies on journalism education that focuses on the elements of its society (i.e. gender, ethnic, religion, class, etc.), what more studies from the students' perspectives. Therefore, the study attempts to fill the gap by having students of journalism as its sample. This article presents an extract from a huge study on journalism education in Malaysia. It studies the journalism students' perceptions and expectations of journalism education in Malaysia and identifies whether different ethnic in Malaysia make any differences in their perceptions and expectations. Using quantitative methodology, 187 sets of survey questionnaires were collected from Malaysian journalism students who are studying at public universities in Malaysia. The result shows significant differences in terms of good journalism practice, news gathering skills and news production skills between three main ethnic of Malaysian journalism students. © 2015, Jurnal Komunikasi Multikultural Malaysia. Journal of Communication. All Rights Reserved.

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