

Membela sistem, membiarkan kekerasan : efek keterancaman sistem terhadap persepsi legitimasi agresi = Defend a system, tolerate violence : effects of system threat on perceived legitimacy of aggression / Sahat Khrisfianus Panggabean

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Suatu tindakan agresi dapat diterima dan dibiarkan oleh individu karena dipersepsi legitim. Studi ini hendak menguji hipotesis bahwa keterancaman sistem mempengaruhi persepsi legitimasi suatu tindakan agresi. Menurut system justification theory, setiap individu berupaya untuk membela dan memberi pembenaran terhadap sistem di mana ia menjadi bagiannya, khususnya ketika sistem berada dalam keterancaman (system threat). Melalui metode eksperimen, keterancaman ini diuji pada dua domain: sistem sosiopolitik dan sistem agama.

Dalam studi 1, keterancaman sistem sosiopolitik pada partisipan mahasiswa tidak memberi efek yang signifikan terhadap persepsi legitimasi perilaku agresi. Begitu pula halnya pada studi 2, tidak efek dari keterancaman sistem agama terhadap persepsi legitimasi agresi pada partisipan mahasiswa yang diberi kondisis keterancaman tinggi. Meski tidak didapatkan perbedaan nilai yang signifikan antara persepsi legitimasi agresi dalam kondisi keterancaman tinggi dan keterancaman rendah, ada interaksi pada domain agama.

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An act of aggression is acceptable and tolerated because people perceive it legitimate. This study test hypothesis that system threat effects on perceived legitimacy of aggression. According to system justification theory, every individual seeks to defend and justify their system, especially when the system is under threat. Through experimental methods, system threat tested on two domains: socio-political systems and religious systems.

In study 1, high threat exposure on socio-political systems have no significant effect on the perception of the legitimacy of aggressive behavior. Similarly, in study 2, no effect of system threat on perceived legitimacy of aggression to participants who were given high threat condition on their religious system. Although no significant effect were proven statistically from the two experiments, we found there were slight interaction between system threat and its effect on perceived legitimacy of aggression for religion domain.