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# Student Analysis of Violence in The Antares Series Season 2

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#### **Abstract**

This study has the aim of finding out how the reception of meaning by the audience regarding violence is contained in the Web Series Antares 2 which premiered on WeTV video streaming media. The study used Stuart Hall's reception theory. Methods in This study used qualitative methods with data retrieval using interview techniques. The results of this study showed that 2 informants were in the dominant position, two informants were in the negotiating position and 2 informants in the opposition position. The informant is in a dominant position because the informant has the same environmental background and experience as the Web Series Antares 2. The informant is in a negotiating and oppositional position because the informant has a different gender and environmental background.

Keywords: Reception, Audience, Violence, Web Series.

#### Introduction

Film is a media communication that has audio-visual properties to provide meaning to the audience in the area. Film is a mass communication medium that is able to convey information to its target audience. Films can tell several short events. With this, the audience seems to be able to feel the emotions conveyed by the director (Asri, 2020).

Some people think that a film is a show in the form of entertainment, but many people also think that a film is a mass media that provides lessons and influence for its audience. Usually directors usually put together a story based on real events around them or personal experiences. Because basically a film is a recording of reality which is processed according to the reality that grows and develops in society which is then projected onto the big screen (Ambari, 2021).

Several films are produced as a means and entertainment to convey several important messages to those who have watched them. Films have the advantage of being an audio-visual format which is considered to have an emotional and moral impact on the audience. The film is a forum for the director to provide several implicit moral messages to the audience who watch the film. Some of the messages conveyed by the director can be communicated, read so as to give rise to some understanding in each individual (Batubara, 2011).

Communication and information technology is developing rapidly by improving its performance in old media and mass media so that it can produce new media in today's mass media. The emergence of new media was triggered by some combination of the internet and computers. With various technological developments, humans can convert photos, sounds and films into binary code units.

Computers and the internet have become basic needs for humans, especially productive human groups. Films can be used as story pieces that can be combined into a web series. Since the existence of web tv such as Facebook, Instagram, Netflix, Youtube, Twitter, Video, We TV and Iflix, it has caused an increase in the number of internet users. One of the facilities that social media has offered to the public is the freedom to watch several video creations which can be enjoyed for free by internet users. An example is We TV which offers the public the convenience of watching web series for free (Nur, 2021).

A web series is a video that is shown periodically for free. Web series are usually broadcast in several episodes, where each episode has a certain broadcast time. Viewers can easily access web series for free via the internet. The short film format shown in web series is an alternative entertainment for today's internet users. The film

format shown on web series is similar to several soap opera series shown on TV (Alfajri et al., 2014).

Web series are the result of human work and ideas which are used as effective mass media today. The phenomenon that occurs in the development of films in Indonesia makes directors present several stories based on social realities that exist in a particular place. This is done to provide a message, motivation, warning to the audience so that they can know and pay attention to things that are happening around them. Almost all the stories in the web series have had an influence on the audience in terms of actions, ethics and thinking (Fauzi et al., 2022).

Web series have become a new medium used in film making which also serves as an entrepreneur. In this case, director Rizal Mantovani adapted the novel written by Reinda entitled Antares into an Indonesian web series which was divided into 2 seasons entitled Antares 1 and Antares 2. In this research researchers examined the audience's reception of violence in the web series Antares 2.

Antares 2 is a drama with an action and romance genre. This web series has 10 episodes, each episode has approximately 1 hour of broadcast. Antares is an Indonesian web series produced by MD Entertainment which premiered on September 23 2022. Each episode is broadcast via the We TV and Iflix applications for free every Thursday and Friday at 18.00 WIB (Riandi & Muttya, 2022).

In the main cast in this web series Angga Yunanda as Antares, Sebastian Aldevaro, Cut Beby Tsabina as Zeanne Queensha Bratadikara, Devano Danendra as Richie Leonathan, Nicholas Calame as Jayden, Irzan Faiq as Aiden Marcellino Bagaskara, Alika Islamadina as Anya, Maudy Effrosina as Karissa Andromeda, Pangeran Lantang as Ardhan Alcander, Fatih Unru as Moreo Cokro Lesmana, Kiara McKenna as Cleo Vanessa Agnibrata, Axel Matthew as Lionel Kavindra, Isaiah Abraham as Megan Lexandro, Afifah Ifah'nda as Serra Melano, Gabriela Eka Putri as Selina Athaya Maafar, Rafael Adwel as Laskar Dilaga Adijaya (Sari, 2022).

The web series Antares 2 has a synopsis in the form of the entry of a new member of the Calderioz motorbike gang, he is Richie who has lived abroad for a long time and has returned to Indonesia. It turns out that he was a big rival of Ares when he was elected as the leader of the Calderioz motorcycle gang, but it turns out that Richie's entry as a new member of Calderioz actually caused conflict within It's deep because since Richie's arrival there have been so many attacks against Calderioz. It turns out that Richie's arrival brought many new problems to the Calderioz motorcycle gang.

One of the conflicts that occurs is the increasing number of attacks from unknown motorbike gangs. Of course, this tarnishes the good image of the Calderioz gang. This gave rise to Zea's suspicions about Richie. However, because Ares trusted Richie more, he denied Zea 's statement and actually opposed it. But behind it all, Ares is actually trying to find out for himself. In fact, he did not involve anyone in this mission, including other motorcycle gang members. This causes conflict and anger among fellow motorcycle gangs which creates violent scenes in the stor (Affifah, 2022).

In the Antares 2 web series, each character has a different goal, such as Ares who wants to create peace against all the motorbike gangs in Bandung and Jakarta. Meanwhile, Jayden has his own grudge against motorbike gangs so he aims to disband all motorbike gangs in Bandung and Jakarta in the wrong way. The existence of different visions between the two parties creates conflict which triggers violence (Fanny, 2022).

Violence is an action carried out by a person or group of people who have a strong position / who feel strong against someone who is in a weaker position (perceived in a weaker condition) based on their superior physical strength with some gap to cause suffering to the party who is the object. violence itself (Andyani et al., 2019).

Researchers are interested in taking research on the web series Antares 2 because this web series depicts the struggle of the main character Ares and his friends to continue fighting to achieve peace between all the motorbike gangs in Bandung and Jakarta. In this research, the author focuses on the violence that occurred in the web series Antares 2. According to the Big Indonesian Dictionary, violence refers to (the nature, characteristics of) violence being the actions of a person or group of people that cause injury or death, causing physical damage to other people's property or property or coercion. Violence is an action that is considered a formula in the world of spectacle that is used to attract the attention and interest of the audience (Wibowo, 2022).

Violence can be physical and psychological, physical violence is the act of physically hurting the human body which can cause pain to a person's body. Physical violence is negative treatment such as beating, torture and killing of someone which is carried out intentionally to achieve a certain goal. Meanwhile, psychological violence is a form of pressure exerted by someone which is intended to weaken the opponent's mentality. Psychological violence can take the form of insulting someone, saying dirty words and cursing someone (Khadijah, 2018).

By watching violent series such as Series Antares 2, a teenager's behavior is very vulnerable to the influences around him. Most likely influenced by what he often sees, including visual shows. Apart from the psychological characteristics possessed by a teenager, it can be acknowledged that the media has a very strong attraction to influence a person's behavior (Sambas, 2006).

The web series Antares 2 tells the story of Richie's return after being left behind for a long time overseas.

Richie's return makes Ares' life more complicated because he is one of Ares' rivals. Many things happened after Richie's return, even the name of the Calderioz motorcycle gang was tarnished again. The decision taken by Ares caused an internal split in the Calderioz motorcycle gang. Many members were disappointed with Ares' attitude. At that time, Ares did not allow him to find the mastermind behind the many chaos that occurred. There are values of responsibility, honesty, tolerance, solidarity and courage in this film. These character education values can be emulated by today's teenagers in solving problems. Solving problems is not only done through violence.

The Antares 2 web series displays non-verbal violence in the form of beatings, hitting, kicking, pulling clothes, pushing, injuring with sharp objects/weapons, choking, smothering and other physical violence. The language used is Indonesian and when fighting, the language used is harsh, dirty and contains swear words. This violence can occur because of problems that drag on and revolve around revenge. Initially, Jayden had a grudge against motorbike gangs because his mother was hit by one of the motorbike gangs and died. This resulted in his feeling of revenge arose by killing and disbanding all the motorbike gangs in Bandung (Aristya & Rosalinda, 2023).

The violence that occurred in the Antares 2 web series involved the entire Calderioz, Zea, Jayden gang, the Radit motorbike gang, and several motorbike gangs in Bandung. The violence occurred when the main character / Ares was in high school. The frequency of violence that occurs in the Antares 2 web series occurs so often, this can be exemplified in the form of as long as the revenge is avenged or Ares, who as the leader of the motorbike gang, has not died, then this violence can occur at any time and anywhere. It can be seen that in each episode there are one or two violent scenes that occur.

In this web series, researchers explore two scenes that are sources of research and interest in scenes that result in acts of physical violence. The first scene is when an argument occurs between the Calderioz gang and another motorcycle gang. An argument between the Calderioz gang and another motorbike gang resulted in physical violence such as hitting, kicking and pushing. This scene occurs in (episode 1 B minutes 25.28).

And in the second scene, Jayden's group attacks the Calderioz motorbike gang during a motorbike race. Jayden really planned to ruin the Calderioz gang's event and pit the two gang groups against each other. This scene shows acts of physical violence such as hitting, kicking, pushing and brutally punching. This scene occurs in (episode 10 C min 30.32.).

In this qualitative research, the researcher acts as a human instrument in which the researcher determines the informant as the data source, collects the data, ensures the quality of the data, analyzes the data, interprets the data, and then draws conclusions from the findings. This research uses a reception analysis approach using Stuart Hall's encoding and decoding model. In this research, the Antares 2 web series was also divided into two parts or scenes which were then divided into two parts analysis becomes preferred reading. Next, the researcher created an interview guide based on predetermined reading preferences.

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The journal entitled analyzes the reception of teenage rebellion in among young people in the web series "Dear Stranger". The similarity between this journal and this research is that it uses reception theory and research analysis uses descriptive qualitative research. Meanwhile, the difference is in terms of the informant criteria used. Likewise with the research object. The journal uses an object in the form of "Dear Stranger" while in this research it uses "Web Series Antares 2"(Atma et al., 1945).

With this background, this research has a problem formulation in the form of how is the audience's reception of violence in the web series Antares 2?

## **Theory Literature**

#### Reception Analysis Theory Stuart Hall

This research uses reception analysis theory, which is a research method that compares media, textual analysis of discourse, and audience discourse, the results of which will later be interpreted to lead to context, such as cultural settings and the context of other media content (Royyanti et al., 2023).

Reception analysis is an examination of the meaning of the content of a media according to the audience's perception, where the reception is carried out by the audience themselves and what role the audience's perception

plays in media use. Reception sees audiences as active viewers who are studied using in-depth qualitative methods based on media content and the behavior of an audience (During, 2015).

Analisis resepsi fokus di perhatian individu dalam proses komunikasi massa (decoding) pada proses Reception analysis focuses on individual attention in the mass communication process (decoding) on the meaning process, in-depth understanding of a media text and how an individual interprets and interprets the meaning of the text content (Hall, 1997). In using the reception analysis method, data is obtained from answers to questions (interviews) regarding objects through *in-depth interviews*. Reception analysis states that a text and the recipient are one unit in this research (Kasih & Ningsih, 2022).

In reception analysis, meaning only exists at the time of reception, namely when the text in the media has been seen, read and listened to. This can also be said that the audience is a producer of meaning and a consumer of the media itself. Viewers also interpret messages in the media according to their backgrounds such as religion, education, culture, family environment, age and gender (Briandana et al., 2021).

Stuart Hall states that the encoding-decoding theory is a process of how audiences interpret a message in the process of receiving media content that has been witnessed. Stuart Hall explained that audience acceptance of messages conveyed by the media is divided into three, namely dominant hegemony, negotiation and opposition (Hunter & Barker, 2019).

In accepting the dominant hegemony, the audience is able to acknowledge, accept, the appropriate meaning without any rejection from the audience itself. In this position the active audience or audience will produce a message that is the same as what is conveyed by the media (Suwarso et al., 2022).

In a negotiating position, the audience is able to accept a message conveyed by the media, but they also have their own way of thinking. The audience will mix the results of interpretation and social experience what they have experienced, this is motivated by religion, education, culture, family environment, age and gender (Dzikrillah & Norhabiba, 2022). Acceptance in an oppositional position means the audience rejects the message conveyed by the media (Wahidar & Reswari, 2021).

# Methodology

This research uses descriptive qualitative research. Qualitative research is research conducted to understand social phenomena that are occurring in society. Researchers use this research to provide a complex and comprehensive picture so that it can be presented in writing. This research will provide detailed reports and views obtained by informants in a natural setting (Walidin et al., 2020).

The sample to be used in this research was taken using a purposive sampling technique. Purposive sampling is sampling carried out using certain criteria that have been created by the researcher based on the research objectives. Criteria for informants in this research:

Men and women, this research uses male and female sources because the themes and problems in the Antares 2 series refer to all genders. Students from various departments at the Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, this research uses sources from various departments because educational background can influence each person's thinking.

Age 18 – 25 years, this research uses various specified ages because age background can influence thinking. Have watched the web series Antares 2, because a full understanding of the story content of this web series film is very important to fulfill the answers to the questions that will be given by researchers to respondents to be answered. s analysis and processing will be the results of the data from this research.

Based on the criteria above, the researcher took 6 informants, these informants came from the same university, namely Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta. What makes the difference is gender, age, educational background. The researcher used several of the subjects above because the researcher wanted to get some answers and views from the informants regarding the violence that occurred in the web series Antares 2. The views given by the informants are very important because they influence the results of this research. The object of this research is the Antares 2 series among the audience (Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta students).

The type of data collection carried out by researchers is divided into two parts, namely secondary and primary data collection. Secondary data collection was obtained from observations and literature studies in the form of journals and official websites. Meanwhile, primary data collection consists of researchers conducting interviews with informants and asking about important things in the research.

Researchers use reception analysis from Stuart Hall with various steps. First, conduct interviews . Interviews are one of the things researchers use to dig up information from various informants in depth. According to interviews, it is one of the things done by researchers to explore answers from individual informants. Conversations conducted by researchers with informants were carried out with broad and focused discussions (Bungin, 2010). Then analyze the

data processing, when the researcher has received various answers from the informants, the researcher transcribes the data.

After transcribing the data, researchers divided several things related to the decode and incode process (Ida, 2014). Researchers will carry out a triangulation process of data sources, this is done to maintain the validity of the data. Researchers will also examine some data that has been obtained from sources to find out differences in the reception of informants in discussion forums.

#### Research And Discussion

#### Results

The researcher conducted direct interviews with the sources on December 22 and 23 2023. The interviews were carried out by this researcher with the aim of grouping the sources into several categories of message reception (dominant, negotiation and opposition).



(Foto 1. Cover Web Series Antares Season 2 di Media WeTV)

Before holding a discussion, the researcher provided the We TV platform for the 6 sources to watch the Antares 2 web series. This was done so that the researcher was confident and ensured that the sources had watched this web series and understood what actually happened in this web series. In a discussion or interview, the audience's meaning of violence (non-verbal) is divided into 3 parts, namely (dominant, negotiation and opposition). As the interviews carried out by the researcher progressed, it was found that there were 3 informants' receptions, the following is the data for the 6 informants who took part in the interviews.

Table 1
Research Informants

No	Informant's Name	Student Background			Study Program
		Gender	Age	Semester	_
1.	Jihan Arimbi	Woman	24	9	Communication Studies
2.	Nino Patria M	Man	22	9	Communication Studies
3.	Indar Kusuma	Woman	22	9	Communication Studies

4.	Mayang Firmanda	Woman	22	9	Communication Studies
5.	Amilia Harum	Woman	22	9	Communication Studies
6.	Aditya Febriansyah	Man	22	9	Communication Studies

The focus of encoding and decoding is on audience texts and production within a framework. Stuart Hall states that the meaning of a piece of writing lies in the text of the communicator and the communicator. This is conveyed in his theory of decoding and encoding (Hall et al., n.d.). Reception theory will be used in this research, namely focusing on the audience regarding the content of a message that has been conveyed by the media, film or web series (Utami & Lestari, 2017). In this theory, everyone has the freedom to interpret a message conveyed by a film or web series. In this research, content analysis of the Antares 2 web series is used to determine the meaning of the encoder.

In the encoding process, namely the content of the Antares 2 web series. The Antares 2 web series is a continuous short film. The web series Antares 2 tells the story of Richie's return to Indonesia after he continued his education abroad. Richie used to be Ares' best friend but is now his rival at Calderioz. This can happen because Ares and Richie have unresolved problems. Richie's arrival in Ares' life becomes more complicated than before. Many strange incidents happened, even Calderioz's name was tarnished after the leader took great pains to clean it up (Salam et al., 2015).

Apart from that, the web series Antares 2 tells the story of Jayden's unrequited revenge. Despite Ares' silence, he has made many decisions and solved many problems himself without involving other people. This attitude created divisions in Calderioz's internal gang. Many members felt neglected and disappointed with Ares' attitude.

In the final scene of this web series, Jayden tells the story of an attack when Calderioz was racing a motorbike. Calderioz is trying to defend the good name of the motorcycle gang and reveal who the real perpetrators of the chaos that has occurred so far. Calderioz's struggle was not in vain because the real perpetrator was caught. This web series has provided many life values such as honesty, justice and patience in facing problems.

#### **Dominant Position**

In the dominant position, the informant accepts that the web series Antares 2 tells the story about the story of Jayden's revenge against the Calderioz gang, this revenge leads to violence between motorbike gangs. At the start of the web series, Richie's arrival makes Ares' life complicated.

"The web series Antares 2 tells a story of revenge, like Jayden, initially his mother died in a hit and run by one of the motorbike gangs but it is still ambiguous, but Jayden already has the idea to eradicate all the motorbike gangs in Bandung, especially the Ares motorbike gang namely Calderioz." (Nino Patria)

"Antares 2 tells the story of a motorbike gang in which there is violence, the story of Jayden who has a deep grudge a gainst all the motorbike gangs in Bandung, apart from that, this series also tells the story of Richie's sudden arrival to the Calderioz gang and causing chaos." (Aditya Febriansyah)

The web series Antares 2 is a web series with the action genre directed by director Rizal Mantovani. He raises the issue of violence in this web series. In In the web series we are shown various violence and the struggles of the Calderioz gang in uncovering the truth. (Affifah, 2022). There was an argument between the Calderioz motorcycle gang and another motorcycle gang happens continuously in this web series. This is in The actors in the web series Antares 2 make it normal because quarrels are something that often happens.

"If violence is returned with violence, it is normal because we have high self-esteem and solidarity. This creates a sense of empathy among members of motorbike gangs. If I become a victim I don't accept it, I am beaten and I can only lie down, but there is still a feeling of wanting to retaliate." (Aditya Febriansyah)

"It can be said that it is normal if the opposing party uses violence, and when the opposing party is

silent, the opposing party still uses violence and responds with violence too. It can be said that it is unnatural if the opposing party uses violence but we just remain silent without defending this matter. If I were a victim, I would do something similar because I was always being terrorized, I would feel uncomfortable and want to retaliate. "(Nino Patria)

The violence that occurred in A conflict is a process between individuals who become something normal. Self-esteem is not a direct or independent cause of violence. The main cause of violence is a loss of self-esteem combined with a threat (Baumeister, 1996). There are several values that can be taken from this web series and values and this can be applied in everyday life.

"Of course I take learning values into my daily life, good values have an influence on my daily life, I understand and instill good values if they are relevant to me." (Nino Patria)

"I took good things from the web series, just watching it is not enough, you have to take the good points. "I adhere to these values. When it comes to violence, we must be able to reduce violence, take advantage of it, think about the impact." (Aditya Febriansyah)

Terdapat 5 bentuk pendidikan yang digambarkan novel Antares karya Rweinda. Kelima hal tersebut adalah adanya toleransi, kejujuran, solidaritas, tanggung jawab, dan keberanian (Anggraini et al., 2022).

#### **Negotiated Position**

In the negotiation position, the source agrees with what has been conveyed by the Antares 2 web series, but the source also has his own view of the events in the Antares 2 web series. This can happen because of different gender and environmental backgrounds.

The web series Antares 2 shows physical violence committed by several times several figures. This web series shows that Jayden always abuses or bullies someone. Jayden thinks that his mother's death must be fully avenged.

"This is normal because if I am in a tight situation or in a desperate situation, I will definitely resort to violence if the matter cannot be mediated. But in this scene I don't like Jayden's behavior as an attacker, of course it's not right, he creates a grudge in him, he always incites the opponent's emotions to get into a fight. "(Mayang Firmanda)

"He carried out an attack without cause. He had the thought that the entire biker gang was negative. It was not justified for him to carry out the attack, he did not think long and had no basis. Calderioz carried out mediation. Problem solving can start with mediation, we ask what the background is for the person attacking us. We both know where we went wrong." (Indar Kusuma)

Carrying out mediation is an ability that can provide a solution the best and most appropriate way to solve a problem. Apart from that, peace between the two parties creates many positive things and will not cause problems in the future (Konflik & Herman, n.d.).

The web series Antares 2 tells the story of the togetherness that arises from existence a group of people who form a circle or motorbike gang. It is reflected that within the motorbike gang they act in the name of togetherness and high solidarity (Nur, 2021).

"It is important if we join a circle that helps and supports each other. but for motorbike gangs my age is no longer the time" (Indar Kusuma)

"Circles are important because circles can increase relationships, help each other, create family and a place for us to tell stories. We can do a lot of good things. We can also respect each other. But for now I don't want to expand my friendship because I think focusing on myself is more important." (Mayang Firmanda)

A circle of friends has an impact on changing attitudes and behavior at the moment being in an environment. Frequent interactions within a circle can improve fellow members and support changes in each member's self-concept (Novita et al., 2023).

#### **Oppositional Position**

In the web series Antares 2 there are lots of scenes where there are a group of motorbike gangs attack the Calderioz gang. The characters make this natural because they want to destroy other motorbike gangs. They do this without thinking about the impact on their victims.

"I do not condone violence because violence will definitely lead to violence, both verbal and non-verbal, which will cause victims and losses, in the long term it will definitely have bad consequences in the future. I clearly do not agree and do not condone it." (Jihan Arimbi)

"In my opinion, what was done was too reckless because they just decided to attack without knowing for sure the essence of the problem for the victim, it must have been very detrimental, this should not have happened, it was done intentionally and harmed other people." (Amilia Harum)

With the phenomenon of anarchic acts, the actions of motorbike gangs have caused unrest for residents and even the perpetrators themselves. It is feared that this action is taking the law into their own hands. Problems like this should receive special attention and handling and be resolved wisely (Sulisrudatin, 2020). With the attack carried out by Jayden who was owned by the community damaged. The perpetrator is not responsible for damage to facilities

"Acts of violence cannot be justified because apart from harming other people, they can harm the property of the community and the government without any responsibility." (Amilia Harum)

"In my opinion, it is not exemplary and I don't like it because it causes harm to the community and its surroundings, they should be responsible for their actions, so this causes a lot of harm to those who destroy it and those who are damaged." (Jihan Arimbi)

The perpetrators of motorcycle gang crimes mostly give rise to violence and crime, but as a society they also have a moral responsibility in the form of warning or even giving sanctions to these perpetrators(Diktum, 2012).

# Discussion Dominant Position

The encoding process is an activity in assembling a message or producing a message that will be conveyed to the audience. Meanwhile, decoding is the reception and understanding of the audience in receiving a message (Hall & Jefferson, n.d.).

In this position the audience will receive the message that has been conveyed by the web series thoroughly (Griffin, 2019). Based on the results of research conducted by informant researchers, they obtained equivalent results. Based on research conducted by researchers, the sources have the same answer. This is the background for several informants so that the informants are in a dominant hegemonic position. In a dominant position, the informant agreed with several messages that had been conveyed in the Antares 2 web series.

In a dominant position, the informant accepted that the Web series Antares 2 tells the story of the return of Devano Danendra, who plays Richie, to Indonesia. With Richie's presence, Ares' life becomes more complicated. The findings show that Jayden's revenge was against all the motorcycle gangs in Bandung, especially Calderioz. The web series Antares 2 also tells the story of Richie's return to the Calderioz gang, this makes the leader's life even more complicated.

The informant can be in a dominant position because the informant has joined a motorcycle gang club. From the explanations of the two informants, it can be concluded that the scenes in the Antares 2 web series are comparable to what they experienced before. Apart from that, by watching the Antares 2 web series, the informants felt the various problems that occurred because of their background. The main factor that influences informants to be in a dominant position is the existence of several factors based on experience of what they have felt (Effendi, 2019).

In fact, what happened was that the two informants who were interviewed had experienced violence in life, apart from that, the two informants also often saw physical violence in their lives before his eyes. With this, researchers can conclude that an individual's opinion can arise due to the environmental factors they live in. Background is initial information from various research activities in which the topic or issue is raised (Kubrak, 2020).

An audience will use several groups in interpreting the message of what they have seen. The audience will

present a message they have received through a medium (WeTv) (Oktayusita et al., n.d.). These are some of the things that will give rise to different reception each individual (Agusty & Aisha, 2022).

Not only experience factors, but also audiences will use categories in determining the meaning of a message that they have received from watching a web series (Pawaka & Choiriyati, 2020). These factors can come from differences in age, gender, religion, culture, ethnicity and environment. The informant agreed that in In the Antares 2 web series, the arguments that occur are normal. The findings say that violence in response to violence is a natural thing because A gang must uphold their pride and solidarity. Apart from that, violence is a defense for a gang to maintain their dignity. It is said that a joint element requires the presence of two or more perpetrators who conspire to help each other in committing violence (Prodjodikoro, 1985).

Apart from that, informants are in a dominant position because they have received messages conveyed by the media in the Antares 2 web series there are values that can be applied in everyday life. The findings show that both informants took learning values from the Antares 2 web series in terms of violence. The informants took values in the form of having to reduce violence in his daily life. And think about the benefits and impacts of committing violence **Negotiated Position** 

The results of research conducted by informant researchers can be in a negotiating position because of their age, religion, gender, culture and ethnicity. Informants who were in a negotiating position stated that they agreed with the messages conveyed by the Antares 2 web series, but the informants also had their own views on the messages conveyed by the director ara (Alasuutari, 2012).

The results of this research show that there are informants who agree that the web series Antares 2 has several times shown physical violence perpetrated by a group of motorbike gangs. The informant also agreed that Jayden abused and oppressed someone and that Jayden had a grudge that must be avenged thoroughly. The findings stated that Jayden had abused other people. The physical violence carried out by Jayden and his orders was then met with physical violence by the Calderioz gang, which is normal. However, in this position the informant had another opinion that revenge should not be avenged with physical violence, it should be done through mediation. Mediation is one of many alternatives for resolving a problem without using violence (Korah, 2013).

Informants have a negotiating position because of environmental differences (Widodo, 2022). The informant has a different environmental background in the form of a social life that is less significant towards gangs or social circles. In the past, the informant was a member of a gang, but now the informant is no longer a member of a circle, this is what causes a decrease in the desire to join a circle. This can be influential because the environment is a place for human adaptation so that a person can develop according to the times (Widodo, 2005). In a negotiating position, the informant accepted that the Antares 2 web series told about the togetherness that arises from the existence of a circle. The findings that researchers found were that informants said that circles are important because with circles we can build family, provide support for each other, and provide a forum for telling stories. But the informant also explained that at this age, he no longer wants to increase his circle. In the sense that he wants to join a circle that really leads him on a good path. Circle is a place for sharing that has been carried out to increase gratitude and build positive feelings in each member (Rana dkk, 2022).

### **Oppositional Position**

The results of research conducted by informant researchers can be in a negotiating position because of their age, religion, gender, culture and ethnicity. Informants who were in a negotiating position stated that they agreed with the messages conveyed by the Antares 2 web series, but the informants also had their own views on the messages conveyed by the director ara (Fatharani, n.d).

In an oppositional position, the informant does not receive the message or rejects the message conveyed by the media due to several factors (Griffin, 2019).

Likewise, the results of this research show that informants do not accept that the characters in the Antares 2 web series attack a motorbike gang without thinking about the impact on the victims. The research results showed that the informants did not condone violence because it would harm other people and they decided to attack a group of gangs consciously without knowing the essence of the problem without being certain. The informant was very concerned about the victim. Aggressive behavior caused by internal or external factors is a form of behavior that harms other people and has an element of intention. Aggressive behavior can be expressed in the form of physical or verbal violence (Medyiningrum, 2020).

In an oppositional position, the informant has views that are not in line with the content of the message conveyed by the media due to environmental differences. In this position, the informant did not agree that physical violent behavior was not responsible for the damage to facilities that had been caused by it. The research results show

that acts of violence cannot be justified in any form, destroying property is something that cannot be imitated, they must be held accountable for their actions. So that people who are punished for damage to facilities that they have done do not appear to be responsible because they have committed violence against the property they have damaged (Setiawan dkk, 2021).

#### Conclusion

Based on research that has been carried out by researchers based on encoding which is an activity of producing messages to convey to the public. Decoding is the audience's acceptance of the message conveyed, concluded that the informant had all three positions in receiving the message of the Antares 2 web series. The informant who was in the dominant position agreed that the Antares 2 web series told the story of Richie returning to Indonesia and making Ares' life even more complicated. The web series Antares 2 tells the story of Jayden's unresolved revenge against all the motorbike gangs in Bandung.

The informant's answers were motivated by experience. The informant is in the negotiating position is one that does not agree with the existence of revenge that is retaliated against with violence. This is motivated by the existence of different genders, experiences and environments. Informants who were in an opposition position did not accept the message conveyed from the web series Antares 2 because a motorbike gang attacked another motorbike gang without thinking about the impact on the surrounding environment.

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