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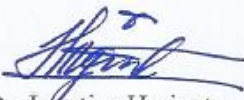
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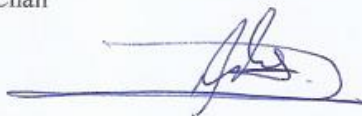
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ABSTRACT

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Nowadays, racial segregation issues still take place as a part of society even though the idea of equality is promoted to society. For example, lately in Indonesia the topic of segregation becomes the trending topic especially in relation to the politics. In the United States, the racial segregation against minority groups still remains as a controversial issue until now. In 2016, the racism issue was on high concern in public as represented in cases involving US police who shot and killed black people. Those series of cases raise back the awareness of racial segregation back then in 1950 which becomes the greatest momentum of conflicts in the history of racial segregation (Rbedi, 2016).

This study examines the social power represents in Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches. This study further investigates types of social power used, and how the gap

between majority group and minority groups reflects in the speeches. It employed critical discourse analysis with socio cognitive approach was applied. The data were taken from three speeches of Martin Luther King Jr.: “*I Have a Dream*”, “*Our God is Marching On*”, and “*I’ve Been to the Mountaintop*”.

The result reveals that five types of social power were used in the speeches (French & Raven, 1959; Raven, 1965, as cited in Raven, 2008). The gap between majority and minority group was reflected in their social status and roles in society.