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Securitization theory, which is employed as a framework analysis, is the basic theory that underpins the analysis in this study. Securitization developed from Copenhagen School (COPRI – Copenhagen Peace Research Institute) of security studies pioneered by ARTe: Art & Expression Presents



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LEADER

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Introduction

A person who leads a group, community, organisation, or even a country is called a leader. The artist took a satirical joke and turned it into a photograph to create this masterpiece. This piece was inspired by the political instability in Malaysia between 2020 and 2022, when the Prime Minister was replaced three times in a short amount of time. Party hopping shows how immature each leader is because they care more about their own position; even though they say they are trying to save the country (Yusainy, 2022). This kind of political behaviour is bad for everyone and should stop.

About the artwork

In this piece of photographic artwork (Figure 1), the artist makes extensive use of symbolism in order to convey each messages contained within the work. This is because the artist wants the people who view the work to draw their own conclusions about the meaning of the messages conveyed by the piece, making use of their existing knowledge as well as their own personal experiences.



Figure 1: 'Leader' artwork

Trash bin

A trash bin is associated with something filthy and rotten. In this work, the trash bins represent all of the dirty things that occurred throughout the chronology of the change of leaders in the government at the time. The trash bins also bear the word "leader," which alludes to the behaviour of leaders in general. The trash that floats refer to people who come in and out as well as the absurd statements made by leaders on a regular basis.

Hibiscus

The government of Malaysia chose the hibiscus because it met all their requirements: it was already well-known across the country, it had an attractive colour and shape, it was given the same nickname everywhere in Malaysia, it was readily available everywhere in Malaysia, and, most importantly, it was not a national flower of any other country in the world at the time (Jabatan Penerangan Malaysia, 2017). The prime minister of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, designated the hibiscus as the country's official flower on July 28, 1960. The five petals of the hibiscus were chosen to symbolise the five branches of government that make up the Rukun Negara principle, and the flower's reputation as a symbol of harmony and cooperation led to its selection as the national flower. Thus, hibiscus is used to indirectly refer to Malaysia.

Seat



The "seats" in this work are parliamentary seats, which are fought over very fiercely every time there is an election. This is because the leader of parliament, who was chosen by the people through the election process, sits in this seat (Suruhanjaya Pilihan Raya Malaysia, 1957). During the campaigning period, all campaigns and strategies are carried out. After getting the seats in parliament, the support of those who have seats gives them the power to choose the prime minister. Each of the contested territories is represented by a chair in this painting, and the chair is empty and waiting to be occupied by the victor.

Person

The man who wears the head covering and a suit with a hibiscus on his chest, represents the dubious politician.

The editing process



Figure 2: Editing process.

The artist edited this digital picture using the software programme Adobe Photoshop. The only thing that was changed in the beginning was the colour, and it was done so that the effects would be more vibrant. The artist also decided to change the image original background with clouds because he didn't want anything in the background to draw the attention away from the main message he was trying to convey. The last thing was to add noise to the picture to make it look like an old picture to show that this problem has been going on for a very long time.

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