

## ABSTRACT

Situation comedy is a comedy program with the selection of settings, stories, dialogues, and actors adapted to everyday environmental situations that require special techniques so that comedy elements can be delivered successfully and maximally.

Analyzing and comparing the situation comedy program from Indonesia called *Tetangga Masa Gitu* with those from the United States called *Friends*. *Friends* is a sitcom that is famous for its success from its first release in 1994 and until now throughout the world. In this research, the aspects that are analyzed are the aspects of the manuscript; compare and explain the similarities, differences, and characteristics of the two sitcoms in the same 3 episodes, namely episodes 1, 2, and 3 of season 1.

This research uses descriptive qualitative method. Descriptive qualitative is a method used to describe an analysis in a narrative manner with a deep description not only on the surface by identifying important points according to the research theme using television theory, humor, and mass communication.

*Tetangga Masa Gitu* sitcom proved to be more difference from the sitcom *Friends* in the aspect of using fewer humor techniques but longer duration, the style of language used in the dialogue, and the packaging of the story. Even so, there are several aspects that become similarities, such as the use of facial expressions which are supporting elements in conveying messages and displaying the negative side as a joke. In these two sitcoms, they have characteristics that distinguish them, such as in the sitcom *Tetangga Masa Gitu*, in the initial duration of each episode, a comparison of the marriage ages of the two neighbors is shown. The hallmark of the sitcom *Friends* is the amount of dialogue that is conveyed explicitly.

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