CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter presents the conclusion of the research and the suggestion for impending research on social actor representation. The first section is the resume of the answers to the research problems and inference regarding to the research. Meanwhile, the second section is the suggestions for upcoming research.

5.1. Conclusions

This research probes the representation of the Egyptian and Syrian governments in accordance with the civil wars transpiring there. This research examines two research problems, i.e.(1) how BBC and CNN represent the Egyptian and Syrian governments in the news articles, and (2) what ideologies lies in the texts. According to van Leeuwen's social actor classification (2008), it was found that the Egyptian and Syrian governments are more represented in inclusion rather than in exclusion. It is signaled by the gap wide between the occurrence of inclusion and exclusion. Not to mention exclusion is only discovered in the text representing the Syrian government. It means that the text represent the Egyptian and Syrian governments are more represented in activation-participation-personalization rather than in passivation-participation-impersonalization.

Meanwhile, in accordance with Halliday and Matthiessen's (2004) Transitivity analysis, it was found that material process and verbal process are mostly

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used in representing the Egyptian and Syrian governments. It is indicated as actor, goal, and sayer are types of participant with the most appearances in inclusion. Second, in accordance with the analysis, it is found that (im)partiality, democracy, and consumerism are the ideologies appearing in the text.

Based on the findings above, it can be deduced that representation of social actor is a crucial aspect to probe how media construct the image of particular social actors through the choice of language. This lexicogrammatical choices causes different effects. Representation itself is the ramification of social construction of reality in linguistic form. The construction of reality must be influenced by the ideologies harbored. Therefore, representation and ideologies are inseparable. Ideology has become one of major component in CDA because ideology has become the life value for particular society.

5.2. Suggestions

There are several suggestions which are expected to expand the scope of the upcoming related research. The first, this research probes the representation of social actor by using the approach of van Leeuwen (2008). For the upcoming research, it is suggested that further research would examine the representation by using other approaches or to probe another representation such as social event representation.

Second, this research is also used Systemic Functional Linguistics in which Transitivity analysis to attain better results. For the impending research, it is advised to use other tools of Systemic Functional Linguistic such as Thematization and

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Nominalization. Therefore, the representation can be probed from the other perspectives.

Third, the research solely chooses four texts from two sources as the material of analysis. It would be much better for the upcoming research to choose more texts from a myriad of sources to make the result more accurate. Moreover, the research is expected to compare the representation of two social actors from two different resources. Although the sources are different, yet they are still on the same page. Therefore, it is worth trying to take the data of analysis from the sources with very different backgrounds.

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