CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter provides the conclusions of the present study and the suggestions for upcoming studies. The conclusions of the present study are based on the findings and discussions presented in the previous chapter.

5.1. Conclusions

This study examines how the issues of KPK and Polri are reported by *the Jakarta Post*. More specifically, this study investigates the discursive construction through nomination and predication strategies used by *the Jakarta Post* in presenting news of KPK and Polri. This study also sees whether or not these strategies are affected by historical aspect.

Based on the analysis of nomination strategies, proper name is the most frequent linguistic device used by *the Jakarta Post* in referring to social actors of KPK and Polri issues. The use of proper name in nomination strategies is aimed to let the readers examine which person *the Jakarta Post* talks about. The findings indicate that after naming Abraham Samad and Bambang Wijojanto a suspect, proper names of Budi Gunawan that are mentioned by *the Jakarta Post* change, from 13 to 31 times, meanwhile, proper names of Abraham Samad and Bambang Wijojanto are mentioned at the exact number as before, six times. The omission of Abraham Samad and Bambang Wijojanto shows that *the Jakarta Post* lessens their negative nuance as the suspect in contrast to Budi Gunawan. Thus, the strategy signals that *the Jakarta Post* prefers to characterize Abraham Samad and Bambang Wijojanto as positive and Budi Gunawan as negative.

Regarding the analysis of predication strategies, it is found that explicit predicate is the most frequent predication strategies employed by *the Jakarta Post*. It is used to represent KPK and Polri social actors by revealing their actions. Explicit predicates that are used to represent Budi Gunawan mostly contain negative judgment. In contrast, explicit predicates that are used to represent Abraham Samad and Bambang Widjojanto mostly contain positive judgment.

Taking historical aspects into account, this study finds that nomination and predication strategies are interrelated in investigating how *the Jakarta Post* represents particular social actors. Both of these strategies are used by *the Jakarta Post* to portray the image of Abraham Samad and Bambang Widjojanto as positive while Budi Gunawan as the negative one. These positive and negative presentations are commonly used in

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political issue. The choice of words by media in the nomination and predication strategies is a part of social practice. It is not only a device that is used to describe social actors and their actions but also to express their tendency that is affected by particular factors and values. Therefore, this study reveals that by using nomination and predication strategies, *the Jakarta Post* expresses its political standpoint which is to support Abraham Samad and Bambang Widjojanto along with KPK. In other words, it indicates that Budi's action contradicts *the Jakarta Post*'s ideology that supports anticorruption movement that is in line with KPK's mission.

5.2. Suggestions

There are three suggestions to be considered in conducting further studies with the same approach. The first is the selection of the discursive strategies. This study focuses only on two out of five discursive strategies. It is advised that further studies focus on other types of discursive strategies apart from nomination and predication strategies. It will be worth of trying to use argumentation, perspectivization, and mitigation strategies to get more in-depth analyses that can also be used to support the results.

The second is about the news articles. The data of the present study are collected only from *the Jakarta Post*. It will be worth of trying to collect news articles from different media such as Jakarta Globe, Tempo, or Sindo so further studies can see whether or not there are differences in presenting the same social actors between different media.

The last is about the number of news articles. This study chooses five news articles with the publication date that are extremely distant as the object of investigation. It will be more interesting if further studies choose more news articles which are published in a more close time to be analyzed so the findings may yield different results.