Chapter 5

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGESTIONS

This chapter presents the answer of the research question and conclusion drawn from the discussion in previous chapters. This chapter also presents the writer's suggestion for further research and language users in general.

5.1 Conclusions

The present study contains the analysis of text of Indonesian law of marriage. Using Fairclough's framework, this study aimed to find how the women and men are represented in Indonesian marriage law. This study also aimed to reveal the ideology behind the representation.

It is found that marriage law put women in the lower position than men. Women are identified as the one who is powerless. This is illustrated by assigning women to the lower level in transitivity and thematization analysis and placing women in negative characteristics. On the other hand, men are represented as the one who have power, privilege, and strength. It is evidenced in the finding in which the men are frequently portrayed in positive view. Additionally, in terms of lexical choice there is a tendency of viewing men from positive perspective and women from negative perspective. This findings lead to revelation of the ideology underlying the text, i.e patriarchal ideology. The ideology means that men have

power and privilege over women. The ideology can cause the act of discrimination toward women.

It can be further said that Indonesian law of marriage is basically neutral. However, there is a slight of gender inequality existing in the text. It may lead to the assumption that there is a tendency of government subjectivity in case of regulating the husband-wife roles, either in the family or in society.

Male domination in the marriage law appears to reflect male domination in other aspects of life in Indonesia. Women are generally associated with domestic activities. There are even new laws that regulate how a women should behave, e.g law on provincial regulation in Aceh and district regulation in Tangerang.

5.2 Suggestions

As law is one of important things in life, it is necessary to be critically analyzed. There are some suggestions to apply in further research. First, it is recommended to analyze more than one topic of law. It will be useful in revealing the government perspective toward people's life. Secondly, it is suggested to apply more analyses in the framework of Critical Discourse Analysis, such as nominalization, passivization, and so forth. Therefore, it proves that linguistics is valuable in contributing the government.