## **CHAPTER V**

## CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

## 5.1. Conclusion

The use of verbs and their semantic features in the discourse of hoax show the consistent finding of shared features like [-validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi]. These minus features always occur semantically in the verbs functioning as the governor of the clauses in the discourse of hoax because there are no meaning components of valid and verified information in those verbs. In short, these shared semantic features are the linguistic features of hoax found in the data.

There are verbs functioning governor like "menuding" in the data show the semantic features [+menuduh, -bukti, -validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi]. There is no reference of evidence, facts nor witness in the structure of information in this clause resulting minus evidence, minus validation, minus verification, and minus witness in the semantic features. These linguistic features prove this datum is a hoax.

The noun "China" and "Indonesia" function as the references of country's identity connected by the verb "menuding". The phrase "sumber virus Corona" is the reference of the source of false accusation represented by the above verb. The semantic relations of this verb and this phrase are grammatically connected with the noun "Indonesia" to construct the meaning of false accusation as the main material of false information in this hoax.

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The verb "membawa" shows the following semantic features [+menyebarkan, +menularkan, -validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi]. The verb "membasmi" shows the semantic features [+membunuh, +menghancurkan, -validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi]. The noun "rakyat +62" is the reference of "rakyat Indonesia". The phrase "imigran china" refers to the Chinese people intentionally come to Indonesia. These semantic features of two verbs are the linguistic aspects of the discourse of hoax which provoke hatred for the Chinese people in Indonesia. The semantic aspects in this datum show no valid information.

The verb "imbau" shows the following semantic features [+secara resmi diminta pemerintah, +diregulasikan oleh pemerintah, -validasi, -validasi, -validasi, -bukti, -saksi]. The verb "jauhi" has the semantic features as follow [+jauhi, +jaga jarak sosial, -interaksi sosial, -validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi]. These two verbs are grammatically connected with the noun "China" as the the target of hatred in this hoax. This noun functions as the reference of ethnic identity to be hated.

The noun phrase "senjata biologis" has the following semantic features: [+senjata virus, +virus yang dikembangkan sebagai alat pembunuh, -validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi]. The verb "bocor" shows the semantic features as follow: [+menyebar, +meluas, +keluar dari labortorium, -validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi]. The semantic features of this datum show no validation nor verification proving it as hoax semantically.

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The verb "menular" in this datum shows the semantic features: [+menginfeksi, +menyebar, -validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi]. There is no semantic aspect of information about validation, verification, evidence, and witness in this clause leading to the truth that it is a hoax. The verbs "dibeli" and "diantar" have the following semantic features: [+berasal dari China, +bersumber dari China, -validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi]. These semantic features from the verbs also show the lack of verification, validation, evidence and witness. These minus features are consistently found throughout the entire data.

The minus semantic features occur consistently in the entire data leading to the conclusion of semantic rule of hoax. These features [-validasi, -verifikasi, -bukti, -saksi] are the semantic rule of hoax found in the use of verbs. This rule occurs because the absence of references of valid information, solid evidence, true witness, validation, and verification in the clauses of hoax.

The transitivity found in the data shows that a convergent movement with the essence of hoax discourse since it functions as one of the constructions of discourse at the level of verbal group. The verbal group in the process of clauses in each datum constructs the formation of information of the essences of each discourse. This convergence in discourse movement occurs because this verbal group functions as one of the elements of discourse constructions. Therefore, this verbal group will also be included in the movement of discourse at the level of essence.

The semantic function of nouns in the movement of discourse is the references of the structure of identity. This structure of identity is the aspects being attacked by the hoax. Moreover, the verbs semantically function as the reference of verbal, material and mental process which constructs the essences of discourse of hoax.

The movement of Covid-19-related hoax discourse in divergence and convergence process through textual relations shows an impact on the society. The effects of hoax discourse are intensified by the textual relations with other texts or discourse in the same spirit.

The hoax always shows a convergent movement with false accusation. This structure of information is also convergent with provoking hatred, but it is also divergent with the process of validation and verification. These traits of movement of discourse occur consistently in the entire data in this research.

The traits of discourse movement of hoax in factual relationship show the use of lies and provocation. The movement of hoax always is nothing to do with informing the people in unbiased manner. In fact, the movement of hoax is always biased, uses lies as the information or a mixture between lie and truth. This type of movement of information meets the goal of provocation. Therefore, the factual relationship of hoax and truth is never convergent.

The movement of hoax shows the process of defying logics by using false information to induce fear and hatred. Since the goal of hoax in this pandemic of Covid19 is about provoking hatred, the movement of logic is defied in the movement of false accusation and fake information of those hoaxes. This is the

very process which nullifies the valid logics of these discourses. Therefore, those discourses of hoax move divergently with the true logics.

The movement of false accusation is convergent with the movement of false logics in this datum proving that discourse is a hoax. This rule of discourse movement seems to be consistent. The previous analysis on the data also shows the same traits of movement.

The movement of spirit of hatred in discourse can only be done by the movement of false logic which denies the true logical relationship of structural information and the movement of context of discourse. This relationship of false logics happens because of the goal of provoking hatred. The very spirit of discourse itself moves away from the course of true logics.

The discourse of hoax moves convergently with the dynamics of false logics and false information. Therefore, it also moves divergently with the true logics and true information. The larger context of Covid-19 pandemic functions as a macro context reduces the capacity of human cognition to process the logics of information in discourse. This point is the reason why this discourse of hoax is more effective under the influence of Covid-19 pandemic as the macro context.

All the data of hoax discourses show the movement of false logic to manipulate the information for a specific purpose like creating chaos and intensifying hatred. Only the false logic moves in the course of manipulating the information, the true logic moves in the course of distributing objective and unbiased information. Both different logics are divergent in any course of discourse and cognitive movement.

The cognitive movement of information in the discourse of hoax is based on the movement of false logic. The role of false logic in this case is manipulating the logical relations of information and reality. This process produces false reality or fake news. This course is the very point of divergence between false logic and true logic.

The relations of ideology in the movement of discourse are always convergent with the movement of spirit of discourse. However, the spirit of discourse does not require an ideology in order to function in the movement. Some previous data show that the spirit of discourse moves although there is no fixed and clear ideology in the movement of discourse.

The shift of discourse equilibrium is hard to gravitate to the spirit of hatred for the government and the ideology of anti-government because there is no monopoly of discourse on the Internet. People can compare those discourses since there are many dynamics of different of information to win the battle of discourse. This comparison can lead to validation and verification of information resulting the failure of discourse of hoax to control the people.

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The dynamic movement of discourse of hoax against the discourse of truth seems to undermine the ideological barrier in the relations of ideology. The main function of an ideological barrier is to reject any divergent information. It is the nature of ideology only accepts the convergent information unless that ideology operates and moves under the control of false logic for manipulating the information.

The equilibrium of these discourses nowadays is countered by many logical discourses fighting against racism and supporting diversities in Indonesia. Thus, the equilibrium of these discourse of hoaxes are not shifting to the extreme points of conflicts like the tragedy in 1998.

The developments of Internet really become the field of discourse warfare. The battles of many divergent and convergent discourses undermine the shift of discourse equilibrium into one grand-discourse. The grand discourse is the category of discourse capable of producing violent conflicts like the discourse of PKI (communism) and anti-Chinese in the past. This level of shifting on the equilibrium of discourse shows the reality that one dominant discourse can kill people and thousands of people, even more than those numbers.

Therefore, the development of Internet gives more room for the dynamics of divergent and convergent discourse and cancels one specific discourse to be a grand-discourse. The analysis on the data show the anti-Chinese ideology starts its movement again during Covid-19 pandemic. This movement shares similar trait as the tragedy in 1998. The similarity lies in the use of economic crisis as the macro-context to intensify the movement of discourse and the ideology toward the extreme point of discourse equilibrium. The extreme point of discourse equilibrium is a situation where counter-discourses have no effects and the grand discourse causes violent conflicts.

The dynamics of counter-discourse in divergent movement undo the domination of anti-Chinese ideology on the equilibrium of discourse. Many floating discourses undermine the dominant discourse leading to the failure of

equilibrium of discourse to gravitate to the boiling point. This type of equilibrium is different from the equilibrium of discourse of anti-Chinese in the tragedy of 1998.

The movements of counter-discourse on the Internet undermine and cancel the shift of discourse equilibrium to the critical point of becoming one grand discourse capable of producing extreme conflicts like the tragedy in 1998. The critical point of discourse is not reached. The equilibrium of discourse meets the balance of power and influence. Therefore, there is no significant change found in the data.

The actualization of discourse of hoax happens in many racist actions causing the negative social boundaries between native Indonesians against the Indonesian Chinese. The hatred for the government also occurs during these years. However, the counter discourses provide the facts undermining the social impacts of those hoaxes. Therefore, there is no extreme actualization of discourse happen.

The continuity of the movement of anti-Chinese and anti-government discourse in the form of hoax utilizes false information and false logics will remain occur in the balance of equilibrium. This balance is caused by the effects of the counter discourse which provide facts and logical information. There is no absolute legitimacy reached by these hoaxes caused by the movement of counter discourse.

The below mind mapping shows the summary of this analysis. It starts from *Basis* (The basis of the discourse), *Relasi* (the relation of the discourse),

Equilibrium (the Equilibrium of the discourse), Aktualisasi (the actualization of the discourse), and Keberlanjutan (the continuity of the discourse).

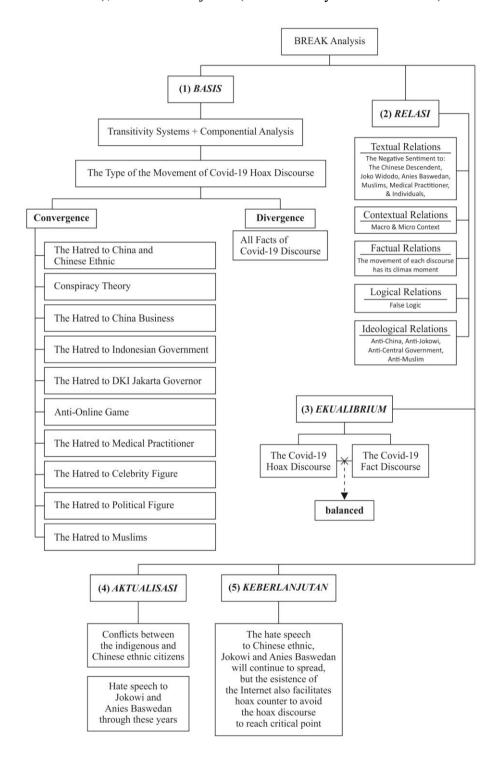


Figure 7: The mind mapping of the research

## 5.2. Suggestion

The analysis on Covid-19 discourse of hoax in this research is still limited to some data. There are many other hoaxes of Coronavirus that can be helpful for the next researchers. The next researchers doing further analysis on these discourses should apply Transfiguration of e-135 to improve BREAK analysis.

The reason for this suggestion is about the point of absolute range of legitimacy of discourse on the equilibrium of discourse has the potentials to be a new concept or a theory. The absolute legitimacy on the equilibrium equals to reaching the critical point or the boiling point of discourse. In the case of racist and hatred discourse for the Chinese, this critical point of discourse of hoax occurred in 1998 as a violent tragedy of bloodshed killing many Indonesian Chinese.

In 1998, there is no Internet like today resulting no counter-discourses for the movement of hoax about the Chinese in Indonesia as the cause of economic crisis. This discourse of hoax gained its absolute legitimacy on the equilibrium intensifying the hatred for the Chinese. As the consequence, the Chinese people were hunted in many areas in Indonesia. The hoax discourse about the Chinese people being the cause of massive economic crisis reached its critical point or boiling point on the equilibrium of discourse because there is no counter hoax.

The aspects of absolute legitimacy and the critical point on the equilibrium of discourse can be a new concept, but this research does not go that far in the analysis. The development of a new concept or theory requires much deeper and more complex test and examination on the data and the potentials of new concept.

Therefore, e-135 and its Transfiguration should be applied by the next researchers for this reason.

The transfiguration of e135 provides much more complex discourse comparison, deeper ideological analysis, more complex logical tests, and wider spectrum of conceptual test and examination than BREAK analysis. Therefore, it results a new theory or a new concept in the final analysis. This research does not go that deep in the analysis. This is the reason why the next researcher should apply e-135 and its transfiguration on the hoax discourse of Covid-19.

The next suggestion is the analysis on nominal group since the discourse of hoaxes use nouns as the discourse structures of identity during the movement of the spirit of hatred and lies in those hoaxes. The next researchers should apply this analysis.

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