

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1. Conclusion

The result of analysis shows that eight cartoon picture in CreepingSharia web-blog portray Islamophobia. The analyzed texts, pictures, and colors in the cartoon pictures and then the writer related them to the signification process, the cartoons clearly reveal concept of Islamophobia such as Islam is religion of violence and Islam legalizes men to oppress women. The cartoon pictures not only intend to make negative perspective and attitude towards Islam, but also to make non-Muslims disrespect and even hate Islam.

The signification process of the all cartoon pictures based on the value, association, and conventional. From the term of value, the signification process of the cartoon pictures based on the metaphors in the sentences or the phrase in the cartoon picture that discredit Islam. Meanwhile, in term of association, it can be seen from the things, devices, and events that related to the Muslims in order to make chaos to the non-Islam countries and to provoke negative attitude towards Islam. In addition, in term of conventional, it is represented with the traditional clothing and Islamic culture that is depicted in the cartoon pictures.

Islam was depicted as a religion which is related to terrorism, radicalism, violence as at the cartoon picture “Flight 911”, “Islamic Bath”, “Religion of Peace ?”, and “KILL, KILL, KILL”, they all depict Islam is inherently with terrorism attack, suicide bombing, killing the non-Muslims, war, and even one of

the cartoon depicted Islam as the mastermind of 9/11 tragedy. Consequently, People will always be highly wary to Muslim wherever they are because Muslims are suspected as terrorist that can make catastrophe anytime.

The other four cartoon pictures depicted Islam is a religion that legalize to oppress, to bridle, to beat women. Women will always be blamed for mistakes whether they are not guilty such as at the cartoon picture “The Scarlet Letter” in which a woman must get 200 lashes whereas she is a rape victim. These four cartoon pictures show that women are inferior to men. Men will always have control over women and women must obey their men or husband. If they do not obey the men, the women will be punished. Moreover, there is also one of verse on holy Koran that explains about women. For the people who do not know well about the verse, it can make misperception that leads to negative perspective towards Islamic teaching itself. The argument is often accompanied by selected quotes from the Koran. This is by far the most common way to substantiate claims about women oppression and even the violence nature in Islam.

Typical negative perspectives that explicitly frame about Islam is to make Islamophobia as violent include news about rape, sexual abuse against children, violent acts caused by a culture of honor, violence within arranged marriages, threats against public individuals and physical violence against non-Muslims. The overall oppression, subordination, patriarchal structures, social gender systems, and the supposed sexual abuse of women are used to prove that hatred of women is at the core and the problem of Islam.

In western countries, Islamophobia has advanced into an accepted concept that implies hatred or animosity aimed at Islam. The western society feel threatened with the Islam occupation by the possibility of their country may be Islamized and the secular republic and the free country will be transformed into Islamic states. Muslims living in west countries are seen as “an enemy within”.

The western countries implement freedom for their citizen, highly respect the human rights, and oppose to violence and women oppression. For instance, the western countries legalize gay and lesbian marriage, free-sex, drinking alcohol, an etc. Those freedoms are really contrary with the Islamic teaching. In line with Islamic teaching, Muslims are allowed to fight against immoral people and things that are contrary with Islamic teaching. Therefore, Muslims always consider western countries and its citizen are the “enemy of Muslims” that need to be wiped out in any necessary way such as annihilation, bombing, terrorism, and so on. Therefore, the term of Islamophobia will always exist and be imposed to western society in order to make negative perspective and attitudes towards Islam.

5.2. Suggestion

As the Islamophobia is increasing all over the world especially western countries, it is important for Muslims to plan strategies to reduce that Islamophobia, negative perspective and attitudes towards Islam and Muslims. Muslims have to prove that Islam is really tolerant and peace religion. Indeed, Islam teaches not to do immoral things but Islam teaches us to respect each other. If anyone does mistakes, we have to warn in a good way not with violence. It is

really necessary to be known that true Islam does not teach violence, radicalism, even terrorism. In addition, there is no women oppression at all. Islam only wants the women to obey his men or husband so that the women can reach heaven later on. Islam only teaches goodness not wickedness.

On the other hand, this research uses Roland Barthes' semiotic theory as the main approach to analyze the sign in eight cartoon pictures in CreepingSharia web-blog. The writer decided to use Roland Barthes's semiotic theory because his semiotic theory is the most rigorous theory and appropriate for the data in analyzing sign and interpreting meaning. The writer used various references in order to interpret the eight cartoon pictures. The writer suggests that use valid references and related theories to make objective interpretation. In addition, if the next English Department students wants to conduct a study about semiotic of Roland Barthes, the writer also suggests, if necessary, to add commutation test in analyzing the data for more valid interpretation.