ABSTRACT

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Career women in Indonesia have a problematic position. Career woman becomes an interesting issues to be discussed since it opposes the term “homemaker”. The society also always portrayed career woman as merely negative one. Society attitude influenced the career woman in performing themselves. In doing narrative and telling the life story, people cognition takes prominent roles. People cognition show their identities, social and cultural world. From this fact, narrative will be different across culture and language.

Labov’s narrative structure theory was used as the approach in analyzing the data. Labov’s theory provides six segments of narrative based on its informational function. The data of the research was obtained from the life story of a career woman. The researcher interviewed the career woman about her personal experience by guidance of Mc. adams list of question. During the interview process the data was recorded and then transcribed. After that, the data was structured by Labov theory. The researcher found two big stories and then devided into sub stories.

After analyzing the data, the researcher found that in general the career woman life story follows Labov’s narrative structure theory. However, in the sub stories some features was present or absent. This finding shows that different shared knowledge of certain culture will have different narrative.

Key Terms: Career woman, Narrative, Life story ,Labov’s Narrative Structure.