

ABSTRACT

Thus research is focused on the equivalence of gender in reaching for president, status of woman president and also action to woman president. The purposes of this research are *first*, to know the view of kyai NU Jawa Timur concerning equivalence of gender between woman and man in reaching for president position. *Second*, to know how to positioning woman president according to kyai NU Jawa Timur. And *third* is to know the action of kyai NU Jawa Timur to a woman president.

Thus research uses the qualitative approach. The basic theories used are symbolic interaksionisme theory. The methods used to collect the data are indepth interview and also information from the relevant document with the problems. The informan in this research are kyai becoming the official member of PWNU Jawa Timur. While to reach the result of research, sample is taken purposevly.

The result of this research are *first*, the view of kyai about the equivalence gender in reaching for president position highly varied. Some kyai express it is true that there was gender diffraction absolutely between woman and man in reaching for president position. However there is also some kyai expressing equivalent absolutely.

Second, the view of kyai about the status of woman president also highly varied. From some kyai expressing that there are gender diffraction absolutely in reaching for president position, in the reality, they have viewed that the status of woman president have good validity according to Islam law and also state law. And there was also which have viewed that the status of woman president null and void according to Islam law. Besides there was also having a notion that the status of woman president cannot defined because of president position cannot be compared to kholifah position and also judge/ qadli. While, kyai expressing that there are absolutly equivalence gender in reaching for president position, express that the status of the woman president is validity either from state law and also Islam law.

Third, the view of kyai concerning action which must be done to woman president is similary enough, that is have to obeying to the chosen president. Nonetheless, the reason of each kyai vary enough. There is expressing that the chosen president have to obey, and so for all of she's command, including becoming judge in marry. Besides there is also expressing perforced to be obedient because of condition of Indonesia state which non Islam state and do not wear Islam's order. Besides there is also expressing to have no other choice because of the process of power switchover with coup d'etat/ rebellion can place whoever as new leader, man and also woman.

Fourth, factor owning major effect to way of kyai approach is the social condition and cultural condition of local society and also the difference of generation.

Key words: Kyai, Gender, President, Leader, Religious Interpretation.