

# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

Obamacare (The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) is an insurance that was founded by Barack Hussein Obama the 44<sup>th</sup> President of The United State of America. It was established on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in America with the aims to improve the welfare of the society in the field of health and to give more access to society to affordable and quality health insurance. In 2014, Obamacare has become a controversial issue and many Americans consider that this insurance fails because of the increased health care bill from the insurance that he founded, so the debt continues to accumulate. Thus, Americans conduct a public debate to find out the possible solutions of this issue, and it was one of the hot news in The US since July 2017.

On Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, CNN (Cable News Network) as the television program from United State, aired the second debate shows about Obamacare. In the show, there are four figures involved in the debate. The first is Bernie Sanders the independent senators who have good experience and intelligence in politic, the second is Amy Klobuchar the senator from Democratic (US) who became the partner of Sanders in this debate. The other two are Lindsey Graham and Bill Cassidy the famous senator as the representative of the Republican. The writer chooses the second from three debates, because the most interesting discussion occur in this part, it showed the rising conflict about health insurance and the planning to repeal and replace the system of Obamacare.

Yandle (2018: 16) stated, “The economy’s foundation of U.S for growth seems to be much healthier (now) than in early 2017, at the federal level, the health care industry is also heavily regulated, and healthcare is generally a highly regulated industry in many states.”. In addition, U.S is the big country and a country that influences other countries, the economical condition in that country can affect other countries because Obamacare has cause certain effect to their economical condition. If the economical condition of U.S maybe decline or has certain problem, it will affect the economic conditions of other countries.

So, it is important to conduct this research related to Obamacare debate to see how this program defended by Democratic party but actually be affected being attack by Republican party. Moreover, in this debate there are four speakers involved, we never know which ones who convey good ideas in good structure. Therefore, the writer wants to analyze each speaker based on structure rather than content.

Freely and Stainberg (2009: 6) defined “debate is the process of inquiry and advocacy, a way of arriving at a reasoned judgment on a proposition. Individual may use debate to reach a decision in their own minds; alternatively, individuals or groups may use it to bring others around to their way of thinking”, that means debate is the process of problem solving in the form of discussion forum and done by group or individual, than it makes decision to convey individual thought and it influences others through argument support / not support the issue. Thus, debate can be said as a formal discussion of an issue at public meeting or in a parliament that the speakers express opposing views and then there is often a vote on the issue.

Debate is something interesting to examine especially the language, because the speakers are producing sentences in spontaneously, or we can see the people nature when they deliver their arguments. One interesting aspect to discuss is grammatical cohesion. Based on Halliday and Hasan (1976), grammatical cohesion is the linguistic structure that lies on sentence and sentence is the highest structural unit in grammar. The structure of grammar will occur to connect within a sentence. Moreover, the use of grammatical cohesion is to see how a text is constructed and in this research shows how a script of Obamacare debate text be constructed by using grammatical cohesion.

## **1.2 Research Question**

Referring to background of the study, the research questions are:

1. What are the types of grammatical cohesion found in the text of Obamacare debate?
2. How are the grammatical cohesive devices used by speakers in the text of Obamacare debate?

## **1.3 Research Objective**

Based on the research question, the objectives of this study include:

1. To identify the types of grammatical cohesion found in the text of Obamacare debate.
2. To explain the grammatical cohesion used by speakers in the text of Obamacare debate.

## **1.4 Uses of The Study**

### **1.4.1 Theoretical Uses**

This research is hopefully useful to develop the understanding about cohesion in discourse, especially in grammatical cohesion. It gives the description and explanation about the types and the use of grammatical cohesion which are used by the speakers in the Obamacare debate text. In addition, it is hopefully given the new innovation, and there might be a new finding by using the debate as the object.

### **1.4.2 Practical Uses**

This research is helpful for literature students in giving some knowledge about grammatical cohesion and as additional reference for the students in studying the discourse analysis about cohesion that found in debate text of Obamacare, and also for further researches related with the same field that is going to discuss the same object or topic, and give more understanding for the researches about how to interpret the language utterance in the debate and in the daily utterances. In whatever discourse used especially political discourse, the use of grammatical cohesion is very important to convey the message as well as possible based on the structure, because it affects the way we accept the information.

## **1.5 Scope Of The Study**

This study aims to find the grammatical cohesion. Moreover, the writer limits the research in some points in order to avoid the discussion to be wide. This research focuses on analyzing the usage and variable types of grammatical cohesion

defined by (Halliday and Hasan, 1976) which introduces four types, there are: reference, substitution, ellipsis, conjunction. The researcher chooses Obamacare in debate text to analyze deeper by using grammatical cohesion that appear in the sentences which are produced by the speakers.