

## **ABSTRACT**

*This research was conducted based on the problem of the kiai leadership style of the Islamic boarding schools in the Kauman Semarang who still maintain the salaf system in the middle of the city. This study aims to analyze the leadership style of the kiai Raudhotul quran Islamic boarding school kiai to answer the following questions: 1) how is the leadership style of the Kiai Raudhotul Qur'an Islamic boarding school? 2) how is the impact of the kiai's leadership style on the progress of the Raudhotul Qur'an Islamic boarding school?*

*Qualitative design is used in this study. Observations, interviews and documentation are used to collect data.*

*It was found that: 1) the leadership style of the Raudhotul Qur'an Islamic boarding school kiai is a combination of charismatic, paternalistic and transformational leadership styles. 2) this leadership style makes Islamic boarding schools more advanced both in quantity and quality.*

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