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## ABSTRACT

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The major problem in this study is how the search for meaning of life in Ryan Murphy's *Eat Pray Love* by using existentialist criticism. It is conducted by analyzing the movie based on its structural elements and based on existentialist analysis.

This research is qualitative research. Type of data of the study is text and image taken from two data sources: primary and secondary. The primary data source is *Eat Pray Love* movie directed by Ryan Murphy released in 2010. While the secondary data sources are other materials taken from books, internet and other relevant information. Both data are collected through library research and analyzed by descriptive analysis.

Using an existentialist analysis as the theoretical framework, the research shows the following findings. First, based on structural analysis of this movie, it is evident that in this movie, Ryan Murphy wants to deliver a message that unusual experience may lead to the search meaning of life. Second, based on existentialist analysis, it is apparent that in this movie, Ryan Murphy illustrates how human beings make efforts to make their life meaningful by exercising the freedom to make choices.

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