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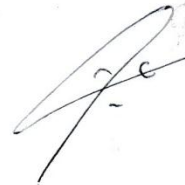
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Abstrak

Penelitian ini membahas tentang dominasi dari suatu klan dalam novel *Red Queen* karya Victoria Aveyard dan menggunakan teori sosiologi dalam sastra. Tujuan penelitian ini untuk mengidentifikasi indikator dominasi dari suatu klan, mendeskripsikan bagaimana penggambaran dari dominasi suatu klan, dan mengungkapkan alasan penulis membahas dominasi klan dalam novel *Red Queen*. Penelitian deskriptif kualitatif, terdapat dua data yang di gunakan untuk meneliti. Pertama adalah novel *Red Queen* karya Victoria Aveyard sebagai data utama, kemudian data pendukung atau sekundernya meliputi buku, jurnal online, artikel, internet dantesis. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan dua indikator yaitu diskriminasi sosial yang di akibatkan adanya dominasi klan dan penindasan oleh kaum yang mendominasi. Dua indikator tersebut digambarkan oleh pengarang melalui tokoh dan latar tempat cerita. Penelitian ini juga menunjukkan hasil bahwa Victoria Aveyard sebagai pengarang terinspirasi oleh beberapa kasus yang terjadi di negara Amerika Serikat. Kasus yang diakibatkan oleh dominasi klan, adalah Rasisme antara kulit hitam dan putih. Kemudian masalah penyerangan pada tanggal 11 september 2001 yang berakibat pada seluruh muslim dunia di anggap sebagai teroris.

Kata kunci : Dominasi suatuklan / Kelompok, Red Queen, Victoria Aveyard, Sosiologi ,dan sastra.

Abstract

This study discusses the dominance of a clan in the *Red Queen* novel by Victoria Aveyard and uses sociology theory in literature. The purpose of this study was to identify indicators of dominance of a clan, describe how depictions of a clan dominate, and reveal the reason the author discusses clan domination in the *Red Queen* novel. In qualitative descriptive, there are two data used for research. First is the *Red Queen* novel by Victoria Aveyard as the main data, then the supporting or secondary data includes books, online journals, articles, and internet. The sresult of this research shows two indicators, namely social discrimination which results in clan domination and oppression by the dominating people. The two indicators are described by the author through characters and the setting of the story. This research also shows the results that Victoria Aveyard as the author was inspired by several cases that occurred in the United States. The cases which is caused by clan domination, namely racism between black and white skin, and then the problem of attack on 11 September 2001 which resulted in all Muslim worlds being considered terrorists.

Keyword: The Dominance of clan, Red Queen, Victoria Aveyard, Sociologycal Approach, and Literature.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this era, many people known about the theory of domination which is proposed by Jim Sidanius and Felicia Pratto, in this theory a special human being is formed to make hierarchy or be measured in society. Every member of society has a different position in the hierarchy. Hierarchies can be either social or individual groups. Social Domination Theory explains that in social groups a hierarchical structure or social level will be

formed, dominance is a characteristic of highly social creature like animals and humans. Human is an individuals of the same species compete intensely with one another for food, mates, territory, or any other resource, including money. In highly social species, individuals establish social relationships with their family members, sexual partners, friends and enemies, and co-workers and competitors (Maestriperi,2012: 95).

Clan is social sphere that is clumped. There are grouped based on something they consider equal or equivalent. From the past to the present still found some societies which socialize with their environment based on their group. In fact, it resulted in the social disparities that could lead to the oppression of the weak and braced for the powerful. As for the problems caused by a single clan among others, it will create competition and inter-clan hating. That is who is considered strong and have a lot of allies who will dominate a social sphere of the clan. There are things that we should know anyway, that is not always the clan that dominates will forever have the strength and lasting the power. Even a weak clan also has the possibility to dominate the social life. The author raised topic the dominance of clan because she wanted to show that people who are considered weak, it cannot be a weak forever. They are considered some trivial, even low minority could turn into dominating (Fikalnasir, 2010:57).

In this novel by Victoria tells the story of a girl named Mare who lived and grew up from family with low economic limitations and a slum environment. People live in the region are differentiated into two types of clans. The first clan is a group of red-blooded humans who are considered weak, poor, and have no cane in life. The average young male population of the red clan who has no permanent job is required to make soldiers on the battlefield. While the women, they can follow sewing and trading courses in the royal city. Then the second clan is a group of silver-blooded men. They have a power that the red clans do not have. The silver clan loves luxuries, studying, partying, even govermental sovereign's are also under the control of silver-blooded men. They are silver clans belonging to the descendant of the kingdom and upper classes.

The readers have a positive assessment of the work by Victoria Aveyard. Red queen has its own place among fans of fantasy stories that imply messages like this. The author makes an interesting story for the readers especially for young adult. On the other side, there are some readers who feel less satisfied with the plot, and fewer characters involved in the story. (Epic Read Team, 2016:33).

According to the author, Victoria Aveyard is young adult and fantasy fiction American writer. Certainly, a lot of fans were waiting for her work of fantasy novels. From the

beginning of this novel to the release, in 2015 her novel already prints hundreds of copies, and also has been translated into several languages. One of which is Indonesian language. In review of the interest of readers and enthusiasts of film fantasy, Victoria Aveyard finally got an offer to make the story of her novel introduction into a movie. The offer came from Gennifer Hutchison, a writer and producer on *Better Call Saul* and *Breaking Bad*, was hired in 2015 by Universal Pictures to adapt the novel into a feature film. Than Pitch Perfect 2 director Elizabeth Banks was in talks with the studio to direct and produce the project. (White Caitlin, 2015:124)

As a good writer, Victoria has an appeal in the story her writes. Her fantasy young adult stories, in choosing because she wrote it following the times, and unforgettable writers ignore the message through the story in telling through characters used of modern novels. There is some reason why the author raises the dominance of clan issue. For the first, this novel is written by Victoria Aveyard in 2015 in New York.

The relation to the approach that using of researcher is sociological approach. That is because the issue chosen by the researcher has a relationship between the theory of literary sociology and what happens in the real world.

Based on the above explanation, this research to identify the indicators, to describe how is depicted, and to reveal the underlying reasons why the dominance of clan specifically addressed by author in Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen*.

2. METHODOLOGY

In analyzing Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen*, the researcher uses descriptive qualitative research. The object of the study is the dominance of clan which is reflected in Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen* (2015), published by Harper Teen in 2015. It is analyzed by using Sociological Approach. The type of data that the researcher needs to do the analysis is text; there are two data sources which are needed to conduct this research. They are primary data sources and secondary data sources. The primary data source of the research is Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen* which published in 2015. The secondary data sources are taken from other referential data which related to the study, such as books, thesis, convincing articles in websites, internets, online journals, dictionaries, and any other source which can support this study. In conducting this study, there are some steps of collecting data are as follows: Reading Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen* repeatedly. Then,

the researcher also searching the internet to get several information and articles related to the object of the study and reading some related books to find out the theories, data, and information which are required. Identifying the problem and finding the data. Therefore, the research's problem statement and objective of the study can portray with clearly. Taking notes of important information in both of primary data and secondary data. After that, it is important to classifying the data into categories, and exposing the issue of optimistic life in details in the novel using sociological approach. In the last step describe the conclusion to get the last result.

3. FINDING AND DISCUSION

3.1 Social Background in American of 21th century.

The social background of United States of America society especially New York in 21st century, during 2015's until 2018's there are American economic aspect, religious aspect, politic aspect, cultural aspect and language aspect.

3.1.1 Economic aspect

The success of The United States of American economy from industrial factors evidenced by the world's leading brands that belong to it. It is also shown by becoming one of the largest exporter and importer of goods and services in the world. The income of the people of the United States is not only from industrial progress. It comes from developments in technology, plantation, education, and energy. This helps to boost the country's economy.

3.1.2 Language aspect

In this 20th century English American was probably more popular than English from English itself. This is due to many factors. Among other than the United States into a superpower, the United States has disseminated the American version of the English language through cultural exchanges and art that often occur such as through movies, music and others.

3.1.3 Cultural aspect

The United States does not have an indigenous culture that goes on for generations. The culture of the United States is almost entirely influenced by the culture of Europe and some countries brought by immigrants. Among the cultures encountered were ways to dress, food, art that developed in the United States in the 21th century.

a. Fashion

c. Literature

- b. Repast/Cuisine d. Art

3.1.4 Politic aspect

American politic only has two political parties to represent the container as the emergence of a presidential candidate. Both of political parties are democratic parties and republican parties.

3.1.5 Religious aspect

America has a large number of religions brought by immigrants who moved to become residents of the United States. Some religions in the United States include Christianity as the majority; Jews also have a high percentage of ownership in America, Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam.

3.2 Indicator the dominance of clan

Having understanding the theory and story, the writer found some indicators the need to dominance of clan through dialogues and narration. They are:

3.2.1 Discrimination

Discrimination is one of the consequences of caste domination that occurs in people's real lives. Discrimination is an unbalanced treatment of every individual, or groups based on something. Usually categorical or typical attributes such as race, religion, or social class membership (Theodorson, cites in Danandjaja, 1979, p.115-116). In the novel explained the attitude of discrimination of the majority against minorities based on social class. This was shown in Mare's conversation as the main character and her friend named Kilorn.

He doesn't understand what the Feats are about. This isn't mindless entertainment, meant to give us some respite from grueling work. This is calculated, cold, a message. Only Silvers can fight in the arenas because only Silver can survive the arena. They fight to show us their strength and power. "You are no match for us. We are your betters. We are gods". It's written in every superhuman blow the champions land
(Red Queen, 2015. p. 8)

3.2.2 Oppression

Oppression is also one of the consequences of the dominance of clan, namely the dominant people will feel more powerful and limit all living space for the weak or minority. Oppression can be against individuals and socially. As shown in this Red Queen novel, When Gisa and Mare tried to enter the Silver's area.

They were both caught by the safety of the Perak people.

"I'm just a stupid kid!" Gisa yells,

trying to kick the one holding her.

They chuckle together in a horrifying sound. I lunge at Gisa, trying to pry her away, but one of them pushes me back to the ground. The hard stone road knocks the air from my lungs, and I gasp for breath, watching helplessly as another twin puts a foot on my stomach, holding me down (Red Queen, 2015. p. 55)

3.3 Depiction of Dominance of Clan

In the *Red Queen* novel, the Dominance of Clan depicted through the characters and setting of place. The following below is the detail analysis about the how Victoria Aveyard depicts the dominance of clan in *Red Queen* novel.

3.3.1 Through Characters

The characters is the people used in a narrative or drama story, which by text readers have certain moral qualities and tendencies like which is expressed in speech and what is done in action (Abrams through Nurgiyantoro, 1995: 85), He or she is the actor who develops events in fiction so that the event is able to form a story (Aminuddin, 1995: 79). Where the characterization has the scope of the person displayed in a fiction and depiction. Through characterization, the reader can deep understand the character of the characters. Victoria describes the dominance of clan with the following characters:

- a. Disposition of Characters
- b. Dominant Character
- c. Stubbornness character

3.3.2 Through Setting of Place

The setting of place describes the location of the event told in a story. The setting of place is usually related to the social setting, because each region has different customs, culture, norms. In the *Red Queen* novel, Victoria Aveyard portrays the dominance of clan through the setting of place. There is kingdom which used by Victoria to depicts the issue. Kingdom is a place in which interaction took place. The kingdom is a depiction of luxury, power and leadership that is caused by domination. The dominance of clan is formed due to differences in clan levels. A stronger clan will master and a lower clan must submit to a more dominating clan.

3.4 Victoria's Concern on The Issue

Portray in the *Red Queen* novel, there is many characters to represent dominance of clan. Among them were all members of the silver who were all considered descendants of the gods and must have become nobles. Humans who have super powers will be considered as silver. Apart from the power they have to show their clan's differences, namely by looking at the color of the skin and the color of the blood of the silver and the

red. Goddesses descendants are creatures that are loved by gods with silver colored blood, while humans with red blood and do not have super powers are creatures that are cursed by gods to become weak creatures. So that, the silver felt right to oppress, and then he makes the red people as slaves.

3.5 Discussion

Based on the novel analysis, the researcher discusses the finding as reflected on the *Red Queen* novel. The dominance of clan gives us an understanding that the dominating attitude in a social life will damage a harmonious relationship between humans. A dominant group will surely master and oppress the group which is considered weaker. Even the dominating group will make rules that benefit the dominant group and increasingly suppress the weak.

In this research, It is related to the approach used by researchers sociological approach is a public issue written for later reading by the public. Due to the occurrence of movements that encourage the emergence of literary works, the process of receiving literary works in society, and the cultural patterns chosen to influence people's interest in reading these literary works (Swingewood, 1972: 43). On the other side, an approach of the sociological approach is also considers literature as a mimesis of author's social life (Wellek and Warren, cited in Damono, 1978). It related to literature as mimesis of author's social life and sociology of literature work, there is relation between of the novel with background of author's social life.

Based on the information of Victoria Aveyard social life as writers in the article weekly, *Red Queen* novel is partially inspired of social life in the country of author. In her country almost in all life in this world, this way of life is very entrenched. Like on the other countries in the world, those in power are human beings who have the power and position both politically and wealth. Those people who have the power to seize victory and rescue themselves to always be rulers. Even their desire to always and continue to control the world by hiding behind the word leadership. The rulers always want to run for leadership. Even though their desire is to only want to master and make themselves feeling standing on those who are weak and low. It is not surprising that many countries are increasingly backward and poor with the conditions of the leaders and rulers of the government getting richer because the rulers also only listen and help the rich and have a big influence on the wheel of power. Victoria feels that many countries still exclude their sense of equality as social beings and fellow human beings on this earth.

Many people in power are socially dominating groups and also the dominance group. Victoria also understands the evidence of the dominance of clan that occurred in America in the 1990s. That is the racism that is done by American society. Black Americans are treated very poorly by dominating citizens, namely white people. Besides that, racism also happened to Muslims in America. Muslims are also discriminated against. Moreover, after the 11 September 2001 incident which is considered an attack on the city of New York, it is carried out by a Muslim. As a result of this incident all Muslims were considered terrorists.

4. CONCLUSION

After analysis the data based on the previous chapter above, the researcher found three conclusions. First is biography of author the novel, Victoria Aveyard. Victoria is an American writer of young adult and fantasy fiction genre. As an author and screenwriter, she uses her career as an excuse to read too many books and watch too many movies. She is known for her fantasy novel *Red Queen*, Aveyard wrote the novel a year after graduating from University of Southern California's screenwriting program in 2012. Sony Pictures teamed up with her to write spec screenplay *Eternal*.

Second, the researcher found conclusion is the social background of American society for sociological approach at 21st century which include the American economic, religious, politic, culture and language. American society experienced good development from a few centuries ago. Economically, they are able to provide significant progress with the proof of the American state is very influential on the development of the world economy. The American country was formed from a collection of immigrants who were eliminated from the European continent. American society includes a variety of tribes. Native inhabitants of the American continent are Indians. With so many immigrants becoming American citizens, the religion of American society is also very diverse. Starting from Jewish, Protestant, Communist, Catholic, Islam to Atheist or not having a religion. The percentage of American people to the development of the times, also affects the development of the percentage of adherents of religion in America. The more religions and types of tribes inhabit America, the more diverse the language of American society. Then America determines the national language, namely American English. Even so, many words that are pronunciation and writing are different from British English. Besides, there are also the political developments that occurred in the United States. This

country only has two parties in the presidential election. It was named the Republican Party and the Democratic Party.

Third the researcher found before there were changes made by Nelson Mandela who defended the dark skin color, American saga racist against skin color and religion. The white community that dominates the American continent and black people are immigrants. Whites are very oppressive to black people. After that there was racism against religion, especially in Islam. All Muslims are considered terrorists. This happened due to a plane crash at an office building that killed many Americans. This incident was considered as an attack on non-Muslim citizens by American Muslims. Even these events also affect the Muslim world.

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