

**STRUGGLE FOR LIFE OF GRACE HART IN DONALD
PETRIE'S *MISS CONGENIALITY*:
AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH**



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Criminal is one of the serious problems in modern era. There are many criminal acts which are almost present in media today. They are murdering, plundering, violation, and bombing. Bombing is the criminal act being popular during the early of twentieth one century, for example, the bombing attacking in World Trade Centre in USA and in Legian, Bali.

However, based on the cases above security agent is built to protect the society such FBI. FBI stands for Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the federal agency that is responsible for safeguarding national security. Here, FBI duty is investigating all of the crime that will be happened in society. It is because the crime is unsuspected, when and where it can be happened. However, who has responsibility to safeguard toward the nation security is not only the security agents but also entire citizen both men and women.

In literature, women's struggle to exterminate criminal act becomes the appropriate theme in movie. Furthermore, the movie is created to describe the true story of human life especially in modern era, for example, *Miss Congeniality* movie directed by Donald Petrie. Petrie is an American film director. He was born in London.

The Major character of *Miss Congeniality* Movie is Gracie Hart starred by Sandra Bullock, this movie was released by Warner Bros Picture in 2005. *Miss Congeniality* is comedy thriller movie that has 100 minute

duration. However this movie was based on the Jane Austin's novel, first published on 28 January 1813 by T. Egerton, White hall Publisher ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miss Congeniality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miss_Congeniality))

Miss Congeniality movie is one of Petrie's interesting works to view. The movie describes a women who has modern view about woman. Here, Petrie shares that the real women are not the women who follow the traditional views that exist in society but the women who become their own selves. Traditionally, women are socialized into graceful to support the standard beauty. They need skill to protect their selves such martial art. The brave mentality and smart thought are necessary for women. Furthermore, it describes Women's Participation as the FBI members to exterminate criminal act especially bombing. Ironically bombing can be happened only by the sentiment person who is jealous toward other success ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miss Congeniality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miss_Congeniality))

Basically, women have spirit to exterminate the crime. They improve their self with skill and knowledge to face it. It is important to the women who love with the world peace. It is completely significant that women's participation to exterminate criminal act are necessary.

From the explanation above, it is reasonable for the researcher to analyze the struggle for life by means an "Individual Psychological Approach". It is for knowing, how Gracie Harts Struggles for life reflected in Donald Petric's *Miss Congeniality*.

B. Literary Review

The writer has not found the other writer who researches this movie. But the researches takes an essay to be the literary review. The Struggle for Being an Actress in “The Shakespears in Love” movie by John Madden: individual psychological approach by Hajar Sumantri. It is chosen by the writer to be the literary review. Because it has same about the research method.

For this research, the writer analyzes women’s struggle for life to exterminate criminal act by using an Individual Psychological Approach.

C. Problem Statement

The problem of the study is “How is Grace Hart’s Struggle for life reflected in Donald Petrie’s *Miss Congeniality*? “

D. Limitation of the Study

To carry out the study, the researcher will limit the study: the researcher investigated Grace Hart as the major character by using an approach of individual psychology.

E. Objective of Study

Based on the above problem statement, the objectives of the study will be :

1. To analyze the structural elements of the movie.
2. To analyze struggle for life of Grace Hart from individual psychological perspective.

F. Benefit of the Study

The benefits of this study are as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

This research will improve the study of literature as the modern art especially on Miss Congeniality movie and the elements.

2. Practical Benefit

To get better understanding of the movie, in literary field as references to other researches in analyzing the movie especially based on the individual psychological approach.

G. Researches Method

The research is using qualitative method. There are five elements involved :

1. Object of the Study

The object of the study is Miss Congeniality movie directed by Donald Petrie itself

2. Type of the Data and the Data Source

The data will be classified into two categories, primary data and secondary data.

- a. The Primary source is every data of the Miss Congeniality movie directed by Donald Petrie which related to study
- b. The secondary sources are from the other data. It can be from book, internal, encyclopedia, journals, magazine .

3. Type of the Study

This study will belong to qualitative research, which refers to researches based on qualitative data taken from the movie *Miss Congeniality* directed by Donald Petrie.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The method that will be used by the researcher for collecting the data is a library research, the techniques are as follows:

- a. Watching the movie several times, until the writer gets an adequate information as data to be analyzed.
- b. Reading same other resources related to the movie.
- c. Taking notes for the important parts both in primary and secondary sources in data cards.
- d. Classifying the data into categories and developing them into good unit.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

In this thesis the technique that will be used to analyze the data is descriptive analysis technique. The writer will describe the structural elements of the movie with individual psychology of literature in this case by showing the influence of Grace Hart Struggle in *Miss Congeniality*: individual psychological approach.

H. Research Paper Organization

The research paper will be divided into five chapters. Chapter I is Introduction, covering background of the study, literature review, problem statement, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, benefit of the study, research method and paper organization. Chapter II will be underlying theory, covering notion of individual psychology theory, basic principles of individual psychology. Chapter III will be structural analysis of Miss Congeniality movie, and discussion. Chapter IV will be individual psychological analysis and discussion. Chapter V will present conclusion and suggestion for this research paper.