

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Life Is Beautiful is a movie where the writer, director and main character are the same, Roberto Benigni. In this movie Roberto Benigni plays the role of Guido in which he displays a funny attitude, and always smiles. This movie is an originated movie in Italy, where *Life Is Beautiful* was published in 1997, and also this film using the production house of the Cecchi Gori Group in Italy, and Miramax Films from the USA / international. During this movie airing has received many awards both from the movie award *Life Is Beautiful* itself and the award received by Roberto Benigni as the main character. *Life Is Beautiful* is a movie that tells the story of an Italian Jew, and focuses on Nazis where the situation in this movie is very stressful. Not only that in this movie also includes the comedy carried by Roberto Benigni or Guido in his role, but not only comedy that makes the audience laugh, sad story is also highlighted in this movie, which makes the movie has a variety of genres. The story in this movie really makes the audience feel immersed in the story, the role of Roberto Benigni or Guido is very good starting from his role in pursuing the love Dora or Nicoletta Braschi, who is also his real wife in the real world. His role which suddenly became an impromptu king greatly invited the laughter of the audience, the comedy and the effort that Guido brought to the end he was able to conquer Dora's heart. They were blessed with a child named Joshua they lived in simplicity wherever they always went using their worn bicycle but Guido always taught his children that he must always do good and prejudiced. Finally, it was found out that Guido was a Jew who in ancient times the Nazis always looked down on their Jewish group at work, their

children were killed. Dora, Guido's wife also accompanied Guido, even though Dora was not of Jewish descent, but he remained loyal with Guido. His son who did not know anything was forced to be brought by the Nazis. Guido was forced to pretend to play the role so that his child was not afraid of what he was going through. Guido was a father who was willing to sacrifice for the sake of his son, he fought until he became a sacrifice himself to be shot by the Nazis, so that his son and his wife could escape and live. *Life Is Beautiful* Movie brings a good moral message that can be taken. And give a good impression to the audience.

Roberto Benigni is a great figure behind the success of *Life Is Beautiful* Movie. He was born on October 27, 1952 in Misericordia, Arezzo, Italy. He is an actor and director of a movie he plays. And he also became the best actor in the Academy Award in 1999. Roberto Benigni was born from a poor family whose parents only worked as tenant farmers in Germany during World War II. He is not a Jew but he is Catholic. He had also been an assistant magician, and in the end he joined a group which theater from the theater brought him to become an international actor who is very well known in the world. In the theater he often wrote several works which were eventually made into a movie. Roberto Benigni married a beautiful woman named Nicoletta Braschi whose wife he often invited to play movies, not least in the movie *Life Is Beautiful*. This movie has made him an international actor because it has brought him many awards and this movie is also included in the best foreign-language movie. So from the journey of his life in *Life Is Beautiful* is the best movie he ever made and he played with his wife.

Researcher use racial of supremacy as a phenomenon to be discussed in *Life Is Beautiful* Movie. Phenomenon racism has been widely used by 4 experts in several fields, both in the fields of politics, anthropology, sociology, and the field of psychology. In this study,

researchers used the phenomenon racism in the field of psychology. Therefore, in this study the researchers focused their research to reveal the racial of supremacy in *Life Is Beautiful* Movie.

In this research, researchers focus on examining the racial of supremacy in *Life Is Beautiful* Movie, especially on the Aryan tribe and Nazi ideology in Germany and using a sociological approach, especially sociological society. The purpose of this study are: First, to explain what racial of supremacy is. Second, to identify what indicators exist in racial of supremacy. Third, to find out the author's Address racial of supremacy in *Life Is Beautiful* Movie.

Racial is an ideology or a person's views in a particular group in which there is prejudice, or a discrimination whether racial, or social class. So that there is an injustice in society. Supremacy that is an ideology or a view that considers the highest class. This class is based on age, social class, race, or even part of a population. Racial supremacy is a view of someone against a group or someone based on the highest class. So when a person or group has a lower class then he or they will get a prejudice or a discrimination in terms of race, social class, or sex of a population of high class or higher status.

According from the description that has been explained about racial of supremacy it can be seen that in a social environment often occurs a lot, and can have a bad effect. And we as humans must be able to minimize the occurrence of this or eliminate the existence of differences in social class, ethnicity, nationality, religion and gender.

Based on the description above, I proposed to conduct a research entitled **“Protest Against Racial Supremacy in Roberto Benigni’s *Life Is Beautiful* Movie: A Sociological Perspective”**

B. Problem Statement

Based on the Background of the Study, the researcher is intended to analyzing several problems of How is Protest against Racial Supremacy in Roberto Benigni’s *Life Is Beautiful* Movie such as:

1. What are the indicators of racial supremacy in *Life Is Beautiful* movie?
2. How is racial supremacy depicted in the film?
3. Why did the director address racial supremacy in the film?

C. Objectives of the Study

Conducting the research, the researcher formulates the objectives of the study as follows:

1. To identify the indicators of racial supremacy in *Life Is Beautiful* movie.
2. To describe how racial supremacy is depicted in the movie.
3. To reveal the reason why the director address racial supremacy in the movie.

D. Benefit of the Study

The researcher mentions the advantages of the study as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The result of this study is expected to be able to give much information about Racial of Supremacy in real life and can be a good contribution for academic references. In addition, it is would be an additional object in literature.

2. Practical Benefits

The study is expected to increase knowledge and experience of the researcher. It can be applied for a real life to appreciate a contradiction in all aspects.

E. Paper Organization

The preparation of this paper consists of five chapters, namely:

Chapter I is an introduction consisting of research background of study, problem statement, limitations of the study, objectives of the study, benefits of the study, and paper organization.

Chapter II is a literature review consisting of the underlying theory and previous study.

Chapter III is a research method consisting of the type of the study, object of the study, type of data and data sources, techniques of data collection, techniques of data analysis, and data validity.

Chapter IV is the findings and discussion that shows the findings of the research and explanation.

Chapter V is closing which is consisting of conclusions, suggestions, and pedagogical implications.