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This study aims to examine racial injustice in *Go Set a Watchman* novel by Harper Lee. This issue raised due to the dominance racial group and racial differences between white and black. Racial injustice which happens can occur in the aspects of social life, Social conditions prevailing in the *Go Set a Watchman* novel is a racial injustice committed by whites against blacks. The objectives of the study are to describe how racial injustice is reflected in Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* novel and to explain the causes of racial injustice in Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* novel. The data are taken from the words, sentences and dialogues in *Go Set a Watchman* novel. The data are collected by reading, remarking and separating the words, sentences and dialogues in the novel. This research uses Marxist Criticism and the theory of marxist by Antonio Gramsci.

The result of the study shows that racial injustice that occurs in *Go Set a Watchman* novel by Harper Lee happened in three aspects, there are 1) injustice in economic life, 2) injustice in political life, and 3) injustice in legal process. The causes of racial injustice in Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* novel happened in four aspects, there are racial prejudice, slavery, disparagement, dominance and power.

**Keyword :** Racial Injustice, Marxist Criticism

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi ketidakadilan ras yang ada dalam novel *Go Set a Watchman* karya *Harper Lee*. Masalah ini diangkat karena kelompok ras yang dominan dan perbedaan ras antara kulit putih dan kulit hitam. Ketidakadilan ras terjadi karena adanya perbedaan status sosial, kondisi sosial yang terjadi dalam novel *Go Set a Watchman* adalah ketidakadilan ras yang dilakukan kulit putih terhadap kulit hitam. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mendeskripsikan bagaimana ketidakadilan ras terjadi dalam novel *Go Set a Watchman* karya *Harper Lee*, dan untuk menjelaskan penyebab terjadinya ketidakadilan ras dalam novel *Go Set a Watchman* karya *Harper Lee*. Data diambil dari kata-kata, kalimat-kalimat dan dialog-dialog dalam novel *Go Set a Watchman*. Data diambil dengan membaca, menandai dan mengelompokkan kata-kata, kalimat-kalimat dan dialog-dialog dalam novel *Go Set a Watchman*. Analisis penelitian ini menggunakan kritis Marxist dan teori pendekatan Marxist oleh Antonio Gramsci.

Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa ketidakadilan ras dalam novel *Go Set a Watchman* terjadi pada empat aspek, yaitu ketidakadilan dalam aspek ekonomi, ketidakadilan dalam aspek politik dan ketidakadilan dalam proses hukum. Penyebab ketidakadilan ras dalam novel *Go Set a Watchman* terjadi karena empat aspek yaitu prasangka ras, perbudakan, peremehan, kekuasaan dan kekuatan.

**Kata Kunci :** Ketidakadilan Ras, Kritik Marxist.

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