

**THE IMPACTS OF MALE DOMINATION TOWARD FEMALE
CHARACTER IN JANE AUSTEN'S
*MANSFIELD PARK***

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ABSTRAK

Skripsi yang berjudul "The Impacts of Male Domination Toward Woman in Victorian Era as Reflected in Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park*" ini membahas tentang imbas dari dominasi pria terhadap sosok wanita yang terdapat dalam novel *Mansfield Park*. dalam penelitian ini penulis melihat bagaimana cara menindas wanita dalam tekanan kaum patriaki dan imbas dari tekanan yang dilakukan oleh pria tersebut.

Penulis menganalisa novel ini berdasarkan sudut pandang feminis. Penulis menggunakan teori kritik sastra feminis yang dikemukakan oleh Elaine Showalter, *Woman as Writer* sebagai acuan bahwa novel ini adalah hasil karya sastra penulis wanita. Penulis menelaah bagaimana penulis wanita menggambarkan ketertindasan wanita di dalam budaya patriaki yang didominasi oleh kaum pria. Untuk mendukung teori Elaine Showalter, penulis menggunakan teori *Sexual Politik* yang dikemukakan oleh Kate Millet.

Teori ini menunjukkan bahwa penindasan dari kaum patriaki yang dialami wanita disebabkan oleh adanya pembagian kedudukan antara wanita dan pria berdasarkan jenis kelamin (gender). Pembagian ini menempatkan laki-laki sebagai superior dan wanita sebagai inferior. Posisi pria sebagai superior di dalam masyarakat menjadikan dia berkuasa penuh terhadap kehidupan wanita dengan cara mengatur semua kehidupan wanita dengan sesuka hati mereka. Kekuasaan inilah yang membuat wanita tertindas oleh dominasi kaum laki-laki dalam masyarakat. Analisa diawali dengan analisa plot, karakter, latar, dan tema. Penelitian skripsi ini menggunakan metode kualitatif yang mana halnya dalam bentuk metode deskriptif, dimana data dan analisa yang diperoleh dalam bentuk kata-kata yang data utamanya di ambil dari novel itu sendiri dan sumber-sumber lainnya berasal dari buku, artikel tentang feminis dan pencarian menggunakan internet. Dengan metode ini penulis mendiskripsikan dengan cara apa pria mendominasi kehidupan wanita dan apa imbas dari dominasi pria tersebut.

CHAPTE R 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Feminism was born as woman movement since woman realized that they live in the patriarchal society and needed a movement for their own right as human being. Feminist criticism is a criticism that finds the equal for men and woman in political, economic, social, psychology, personal and aesthetical. Feminist criticism analyzes the powerless of women under male domination (<http://www.answers.feminis theory.html>). The powerless of women is caused by patriarchal virtues that are promoted by men. These, patriarchal virtues make men dominant in all aspects. Men have power to constrain woman as the result of their superiority. Men's superiority is the cause that makes woman lost their liberation in society.

Feminist Criticism appears to support woman in fighting male domination and authority in society. Feminist criticism is a type of literary criticism which studies about woman. Judith Fetterley, quoted by Graig E. Henderson and Christopher Brown in "Glossary Feminist Literary Theory" (<http://www.library.utoronto.html>) argues that "feminist criticism is a political act whose aim is not simply to interpret the world but to change it by changing the consciousness of those who read and their relation to what they read" (1996). Feminist literary criticisms analyze the

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presentation of woman in literary works. It includes biographical and historical studies of woman writers, woman readers, or woman's issues in literature and examination of the way women are depicted in literature. Feminist literary criticism finds how female and male are different in literature and literary works.

Patriarchal systems dominate and control all aspects of woman's life. It causes the woman become victim of patriarchal culture in which they are oppressed by men. Feminism struggles to fight the patriarchal system in getting the equality for women in all aspects of their life. Feminism actually has long been established since 1960. It appeared to deny and criticize marginalization, oppression and stereotype of women which constructed by patriarchal society. One of the medium of feminist critics is literary works. Therefore, the feminist literary criticism is needed to reveal that literary works contain imbalance representation of gender in patriarchal culture. It mainly shows the woman's oppression in patriarchal society.

The literary works of Jane Austen's are regarded to enrich the feminist ideas that try to challenge the patriarchal system long before the feminist started to fight. One of his literary works is the novel entitled *Mansfield Park*. This novel exposes a woman who is a subject of abuse. She is compromised and subordinated by rules that composed by society especially by men. This novel is about women weakness that oppressed by society. It is Victorian typical woman, and the main character is Fanny Price. She lives with her uncle and aunt because her parent is poor; her father is a sailor, is disabling and drinks heavily. Thus Fanny lives with her uncle and aunt. She is pressured to take a role, and she knows her uncle's daughters Maria and Julia. They

are shallow and rather cruel girl and being fashionable. Fanny grows up shy and deferential. In her lives, Fanny always feels pressured from the patriarchal society.

Mansfield Park was written between 1811 and 1813, although it did not appear in print until 1814. Explanation above becomes the motivation for writers to analyzing men superiority toward woman, the writer analyzes how female are oppressed by patriarchal virtues and the impacts from that oppression. In doing the analysis, the writer applies feminist criticism proposed by Elaine Showalter, woman as a writer and also supported by Kate Millet's theory. Therefore the writer chooses the title **The Impacts of Male Domination toward Female Character in Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park*.**

1.2 The Identification of the Problem

The problem of this research is about male and society domination and the impacts of male domination toward female character as reflected in Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park*. In this novel, Fanny as main character, she gets discrimination from male and her society. Male domination in society makes men have power to control Fanny's life. Male authority is the cause of patriarchal oppression that faced by female character in this novel. Before getting the impacts, the writer finds out male domination toward woman in this novel. They are limitation of woman expression in education and limitation woman expression in working, it happened with Fanny as main character. In this novel, male domination makes man have power to control woman's life in all aspects. In general, as a woman in this novel, Fanny Price gets

discrimination in education from male authority and her expression in working is also limited because the men assume that woman doesn't have ability to do something. In this novel, man always considers woman as the second sex after the man. Here, the writer analyzes male domination toward Fanny they are limitation of woman expression in education and working. The writer also analyzes the impacts of male domination toward woman in this novel, they are society ignorance, submissiveness and unrespectable treatment is happened with Fanny as main character.

1.3 Objective of the Study

There are two aims want to be reached out by the writer. First, the writer wants to find out the contents of woman issues, one of them is oppression towards woman which is done by men in the Victorian patriarchal system in the Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park*. The second is to find out the impacts of oppressions that faced by woman. In finding out these, the writer uses feminist literary criticism proposed by Elaine Showalter and Kate Millet.

1.4 Limitation of the Study

In this research, the writer will focus on these two questions:

1. How do men dominate woman in *Mansfield Park*?
2. What are the impacts of men domination toward woman in *Mansfield Park*?

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

Mansfield Park is one of great novel which become depiction about the impacts of male domination toward woman in Victorian Era. In the novel Jane Austen describes how women efforts to assimilate with patriarchal domination which is represented by the rule of the female character In London. The male character and society struggle to maintain the origin of them self.

The novel shows how the woman suffers from the oppression and the offensive treatment of male. The female character tries to keep survive among any harmful situation in relation to is position in the family.

The writer emphasizes the analysis into two points: first, the writer focuses on how man dominated woman (especially in the case of education and working place) it is seen that the character of Fanny Price's doesn't opportunities to get higher education level, As well as a man does. In patriarchal society the rule of women are restricted. The women must stay at home and learn about everything about house work a keep her husband and children. That way, Edmund and her family thinks that Fanny doesn't need high education. The second, in working the men provide chance for women in the work field. But Fanny still gets discrimination from men in giving opinion about the problem of the company. Edmund and his family don't except Fanny's opinion, although they have same position in working place.

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