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## **Dictatorship of the Proletariat in George Orwell's Animal Farm Novel (1945) : A Marxist Analysis**

### **Abstrak**

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis tentang *Kediktatoran kaum buruh* oleh Animalia yang terdapat dalam novel *Animal Farm* karya George Orwell, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk memahami dan mencari tahu tentang apa itu *Kediktatoran kaum buruh*, faktor apa saja yang mempengaruhi munculnya kediktatoran kaum buruh dan bagaimana pengaruh kediktatoran kaum buruh terhadap Animalia yang terdapat dalam novel *Animal Farm* karya George Orwell. Penelitian ini menganalisis masalah defense mechanism menggunakan *Marxist Analysis*, jenis penelitian ini adalah penelitian kualitatif, dimana peneliti mengambil data dari novel berupa narasi, monolog dan dialog. Teknik pengambilan data yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah teknik deskriptif: Hasil dari penelitian yang di dapat oleh peneliti adalah: 1) Perjuangan kelas merujuk ke perlawanan antar kelas. Dan kemudian merujuk ke masalah lain. 2) Guna dari kekuatan kelas dan perjuangan kelas dari kaum buruh untuk menunjukkan keadi dayaan mereka melawan Tuan Jones pemilik modal.

**Kata kunci:** dictatorship of proletariat, marxist analysis, animal farm.

### **Abstract**

This research aims to analyze The dictatorship of proletariat by Animalia, reflected on George Orwell's *Animal Farm's* novel using Marxist analysis. The fact and effectto Animalia according to The Dictatorship. The type of this research is qualitative research. The researcher took the data from the novel include the narration, monologue, and dialogue. The techniques of collecting the data is using library research, and the technique of the data analysis is using descriptive analysis which comprises procedures: data collecting, data display, and conclusion. The results of Dictatorship of proletariat and the result of this research show: 1) Class struggle leads to the resistance and dictatorial. Soon the dictatorial leads to problems , 2) the use of power and class struggle gives strength to Animalia to gain their superiority ahead of Mr.Jones the landlord.

**Keyword:** dictatorship of proletariat, marxist analysis, animal farm.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

In this research, the researcher takes issue about the dictatorship of the proletariat that occurs in *Animal Farm* In recent years the society mobilization has change periodically, There were plenty of reason why the mobilization never stops. Human are much more sophisticated. Nowadays, Rapid progress of democracy led human to think out-of-box and gave them freedom of act. As Ronald Dworkin says that "The freedom of expression is seen not only as a means for realizing a

democratic society, but also as an end in itself. This essential or constitutive justification of the freedom of expression is related to the moral responsibility of individuals. Individuals as morally responsible agents must be free to receive and express opinions.” (Dworkin,1996.p.200). Decades before freedom of speech was not given freely for mankind,, Silence was overwhelming in order to defending them of being treated horrible by the absolute power . The absolute power refers to Dictatorship, The dictatorship is held by someone or people who maintain their position by the power.

As civilization rises there are many kind of power and position we could find in this world many kind of discriminative reason or ideas that blocked the proletariat to seek their own freedom popped out from those who have a power and position in order to find their own ideal perspective or purposes. The aim of this research paper is to acknowledge and persuade people to stop the social class activity that could be a complex issue to human as their relationship flow in society related to Marxist analysis. As we know how the proletariat social class stratification is just a cruel pattern that broke humanity and also give us a clear view a bond that created by common struggle that being discriminate by position and power . Both power and position has change the world specifically. The absolute rule of bureaucracy strives to obtain for itself permanency. The forcible suppression of all opposition is its guiding principle. Almost everywhere it must do this to prevent its power being forcibly broken. It is otherwise with democracy, which means the rule of majorities. But majorities change. In a democracy no regime can be adapted to long duration The reasons why researcher analyzes this novel is because this novel is very interesting to analyze from Marx point of view and *Animal Farm* has many of problem statement can be analyze especially Dictatorship of Proletariat.

Based on the background above, the researcher proposes to conduct a research entitled “Dictatorship of the Proletariat In George Orwell’s *Animal Farm* Novel (1945) :A Marxist Analysis.”

## **2. METHOD**

There are two types of data sources that are needed in doing the research. They are primary data and secondary data sources. The primary data source in this research is the novel of *Animal Farm* by George Orwell's (1945). The sources of secondary data are taken from other sources related the study, such as: website, dictionary, and some books which support the research. The researcher uses some steps to collect the data. The technique of collecting data are reading novel and note taking, the steps are as follows: Reading the original *Animal Farm* Novel several times, determining the events of novel. Taking notes of important things for both of primary and secondary data sources. Classifying data by determining the relevant data, technique of data analysis.

The technique the researcher used in analyzing the data is descriptive qualitative analysis of content. The analysis concerns with the structural elements and analysis of the novel on Dictatorship of the Ploretariat reflected in George Orwell's *Animal Farm* (1945) novel based on a Marxist Analysis.

## **3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The result of the research is based on Marxist Analysis by Karl Marx. In the discussion of the analysis, the researcher analyze the Class Struggle of the major characters the Animalia in facing the problem in order to find out the result of the problem *statement*. To make it easier in studying this play, the researcher devides the analysis into three parts.

The first part presents the analysis of Historical Materialism theory of Marxism. The second part shows the class struggle of Animalia. The third part presents how Animalia overcomes the class struggle using the term of dictatorship and soon turn into dictatorship of the proletariat.

### **3.1 Analysis on Animalia Historical Materialism**

Historical materialism here means an event that occurs in the past , in Marxist point of view is a system of thought that emphasizes the relationship between politics and economy. The fact is the primary purpose and motivation of people existence is economic in other word economic is based and most crucial factor in

people life. "Marx states that peoples' story, action and believe is determined by economic condition" (Bressler, 1999: 213). In the Animal Farm novel there is a clash between two class ,Mr.Jones as bourgeois a and animalia as ploretariat. Bitter history between one and another especially for Animalia. As a class that has no power both in politic,education,and economical aspect proletariat is the one who opressed by bourgeois and capitalism. As the old major told

*" Man is the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give a milk, he does not lay an egg , He is too weak to pull the plough, He cannot run fast enough to catch rabbits. Yet He is lord of all animals.He set them to work, He gives back to them the bare minimum that prevent them from starving, And the rest he keeps for himself" (AF,p.4).*

Soon after The Old Major died , His speech is monumental. As Animalia begin their forward thinking to start the resistance.

*"Three nights later old major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of orchard. This was early in March during the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlookon life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place.They had no reason to thinking that it would be within their own lifetime, But they saw it clearly that it was their duty to prepare it." (AF,p.10)*

It is clear, that from Historical Materialism some events would start from little spark to soon change into a straight fire.

### **3.2 Class Struggle**

A crack between one class to another , A clash between class usually occurs when a great man fail to handle their responsibilty and disappointment of tribe or people that clearly mistreated. In the name of social class movement the rich is in the top of the piramyd and the poor hits the rock bottom. This class created the whole new situation ,when the poor is in the bottom of Class Piramyd they resist. As Rummel said that "The statuses of wealth, power, and prestige are the components of social space mutually ordering and ranking people. These are continua along which people desire to move, with consensus as to the desired end. Relative status ranks, status disequilibrium, and incongruence have consequences for conflict and social interaction among *individuals*". (Rummel,TCH,p.24). Class sruggle face by



the Animalia a moment after The Old Major broadcasting his idea through Animalia meeting.

*“ Why do we continue in this miserable condition ? Because nearly the whole of the produce of our labour is stolen from us from human being.”*  
(AF,p.4) .

His idea inspired the beginning of the rebellion to make a coup . A coup against Jones’s Farm. But it happen after The old major dies. *“ So that when evening came the animals still unfed, at last they could stand it no longer”*(AF,p.13).

### **3.3 Dictatorship**

In the Animal Farm Napoleon is a brief example of dictator , He with three of his stray dog over powering the Animal Farm by their brute and propaganda that made by squealer. Propaganda that succesfully brain washed the entire farm because of their intelligence .

*“As for the pig , They could read and writing perfectly. The dogs learn fairly well, but were not interested to read anything except seven commandment”.* (AF,p.23).

Three dogs appears as Napoleon brute , Power that intimidate the whole farm.

*” Silent and terrified, The Animals crept back to the barn,In the moment the dogs came bounding back. At first no one had been able to imagine where these creature came from-They were huge dogs , and fierce looking as wolves , They kept close to Napoleon”* (AF,p.39)

It appears that Napoleon single handedly control the farm by his power. The power he gets from connection , brute and propaganda. Day after day snowbell blatantly spread their propaganda toward the farms dweller , Napoleon gain his power and superiority among them.

### **3.4 Dictatorship of Proletariat**

The expression “Dictatorship of the Proletariat”, that is the dictatorship not of a single person, but of a class, excludes the inference that Marx thought of dictatorship in the literal sense. The proletarian class struggle, as a struggle of the masses, presupposes democracy. If not absolute and pure democracy, yet so much of democracy as is necessary to organise manes, and give them uniform enlightenment.

As stated in Nahuel's Book *The Revolutionary Dictatorship of the Proletariat* "...the working class by itself can exercise state power directly only within the framework of state institutions of a type different from those of the bourgeois state, state institutions arising out of sovereign and democratically elected and centralised workers councils (soviets), with the fundamental characteristics outlined by Lenin in *The State and Revolution* — the election of all functionaries, judges, commanders of the workers or workers and peasants militias, and all delegates representing the toilers in state institutions; rotation of elected officials; restriction of their income to that of skilled workers; the right to recall them at all times; simultaneous exercise of legislative and executive power by soviet-type institutions; drastic reduction of the number of permanent functionaries and greater and greater transfer of administrative functions to bodies run by the mass of the concerned toilers themselves" (Nahuel,2014, p.73).

The dictatorship by proletariat emerge as Mr.Jones kicked out of his farm , The Animal took all the facility and begin their reign as Animal Farms. But his may lead to a new problem when the animal can not run the entire by their own. The product should be distribute , rule should be made and in order to fix all the problem The Pigs Such as Napoeon and Snowbell choosen as leaders of animal farms because they could behave themselves like human being.

However it resulting on duality , Especially when both have their different idea on building the farm to be a better farm like it was, The farm separated by two side Napoleon and Snowball.

*"The whole farm was deeply divided on subject of the windmill. Snowball did not deny that to build it would be a difficult business it will helpful to cut the work of animals labour by three day a week. – But on the other hand , argued that the greater need of the moment was to increase the food production-The animals formed themselves into two faction and two slogan " Vote for snowball and the three day-week , and 'Vote Napoleon and the full manger'" (AF,p.36).*

But it turned out that Napoleon was plotting to kick Snowball out of the farm and it works. A moment later on Napoleon ellected as a president when the farms proclaimed a republic.

*“ In April , Animal farm was proclaimed a Republic , and it necessary to elect a president . There was only one candidate, Napoleon, who was elected unanimously.” (AF,p.84).*

Unfortunately this might produce another problem as Napoleon made one commandement

*“All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others” (AF,p.97).*

When the Animals had achieve what they want they are double-crossed by Napoleon. Napoleon dictate the animal through propoganda and brute. In chapter IV The farmer around Animal farm such Mr.Pilkington worried that triumph of Animalia against Mr.Jones could be hear among all of his animal. He concern that someday his farm would lead to coup just like Jones’s Farm.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

The researcher deduces several conclusions after analyzing *Animal Farm* novel using Marxist approach. First, based on the data that have been gathered and analyzed the dialogs and monolog in the novel. The George Orwell employs some complex plots which combine real event story based on the russian revolution in the past that makes the story more alive, and as well the plot and story is easy to read even for children despite the story have a up and down rhytm, it makes the novel are very interesting to read, with the unique characterization and contradictive to each other, George Orwell narate the actual condition of post-imperialism in russia with elegance.

Based on the problem statement and the analysis of the previous chapter the researcher writes the following conclusion. Social class struggle happened because class is made to define who people are.. It made the society system divided into majority and minority. The result of the divided society class was made the minority class discriminated by the larger community or majority of the society.

George Orwell Animal Farm novel frame the russian post-imperialism and satirically written to describe the struggle between class , Marxist , Stalin and

Lenin in the late 80's. Intrigue between one character and another portrayed very good by George Orwell. The dynamical story that shows a coup from the beginning to the end of Imperialism capitalist portrayed by *The Animalia* is well-organized. Common struggle that lead them to think much harder to achieve freedom is somehow admirable. Nonetheless after the end of Jones's reign. The animalia lack of capability in managing the farm and their dependence to the Pigs capability to run the farm resulting a new order that makett he Animalia suffers.

The result of this new order by the pigs impact the lifes of farm . They controlled by the pigs that extremely over ruled the farm by its commandement. according to this novel is that dictatorship is not acceptable in this new modern world. As the equality endorse by George Orwell to let people know that Equality between proletariats is also consider as critical needs to them, In case of the bad situation that might happen if the proletariats are choosen to lead the community.

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