

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of The Problems

Women's issues have been happened to and experienced by millions of women from around the world. Some social issues such as domestic violence, discrimination, sexual assault, etc. pushes women for struggling to solve those issues through feminism movement or such a campaign. Many people believe that feminism is about women trying to dominate men, when the actual fact is about equality of the sexes. Women have suffered with social and political oppressions for centuries and although we have come a very long way, there are still so many injustices still occurring regularly.

Feminism refers to any actions, especially organized, that promote changes to society to end patterns which disadvantage or women. It does not mean that one gender should be raised in power above another. Feminism talks about equality, where all people, all genders can get equal chances. People who speak against feminism are scared of change. They are scared of the idea of everyone being treated the same, instead of one gender having control over another. That is why feminism is interesting to be analyzed, especially with certain images that related to feminism term.

As feminism theme novel and set during modern era, with clear characters. The *Female Persuasion* provides both struggle and romance story that bring its reader in its world. The problem in this novel begins from the character named Greer Kadetsky, she is a freshman at a small college. One evening, she attends a fraternity party and one of the fraternity party boy, Darren Tinzler, engages Greer in a conversation, but when he makes a sexual advance, Greer rejects him, and Tinzler reacts violently. As the weeks go by, Greer hears about at least six other women who have been harassed by Darren Tinzler, and after he commits yet another assault, the university holds disciplinary hearing. Tinzler gets off with a slap on the wrist, and Greer wants to take a stand, but the other girls are

ready to move on and don't want to dwell on the injustice of the situation. One evening, one of her friend invited her to know Faith Frank, a feminist writer. One night, Faith offers Greer a position at the company, sort of women's foundation, which will connect speakers and the country to discuss some of the most important issues facing modern feminism. Greer accepts it. The story continues with revealing the issues which experienced by each character in the different place, Greer and Faith have their own story to struggle their own life story.

Throughout the story, I find the reflection Feminism theory in the main 2 characters and others. Greer has a new life with new her Job in Women's Foundation to discuss more about important issues facing modern feminism with Faith. Faith, who has ready to run new women foundation, Loci. Relating to the fact above I am interested in studying the novel to get deeper understanding about feminism and I choose online archive of liberal feminism theory which consists some experts that will be used to analyze the major character to reach feminism.

Those social psychological aspects relate to the 2 main characters and others attract me to conduct a research about this and gain deeper knowledge of it. It is interesting to analyze it. Therefore, this study will present deeper analysis about feminism in this novel.

B. Identification of The Problems

Based on the background of the problems above, the problem is identified they want to get the freedom, independent, and spread awareness those are reflected in the story. Therefore, I assume that liberal feminism is reflected in Meg Wolitzer's Novel The Female Persuasion.

C. The Limitation of The Problems

According to the identification of the problems above, the problems of this research are limited to feminism based on some theories. The applied concepts are through intrinsic approaches, such as showing and telling method, characterization, plot, and setting, as well as an extrinsic approach which is social psychological, feminism.

D. The Formulation of The Problems

Based on the limitation of the problems above, the problems in this research can be formulated accordingly to prove the images of liberal feminist in Meg Wolitzer's novel *The Female Persuasion*, which become the assumption of this research. Therefore, the problems in this research are formulated as follows.

1. What are the characterizations through telling and showing method in this novel?
2. What are the setting and plot in this novel?
3. What are the aspects of Feminism love through characterizations, setting, and plot in this novel?
4. What is the theme that can be developed through intrinsic and extrinsic approaches?

E. The Objectives of The Research

Based on the formulation of the problem above, the objective of this research is to prove the assumption the images of feminist's in Meg Wolitzer's novel *The Female Persuasion*. In order to achieve that objective, the steps which are supposed to be done in this research are as follows:

1. To analyze the characterizations through telling and showing method.
2. To analyze the setting and plot of this novel.
3. To analyze aspects of feminism through characterizations, setting, and plot in this novel.
4. To develop the theme through intrinsic and extrinsic approaches.

F. Methods of The Research

This research is conducted by using qualitative method, the kind of the literature research, the feature of interpretative research and analysis by using collecting datum which are in the form of novel entitled *The female Persuasion* as the primary resource and other related and supportive literatures as the secondary resources.

G. Benefit of the Research

This research is expected to provide benefits for them who are interested in learning and obtaining a deep understanding about the novel *The Female persuasion*, because it is done through a new perspective, that is using social psychology as the extrinsic approach, particularly based on theory about feminism.

H. The Systematic Organization of the Reasearch

In accordance to the title of the research above, the order of the presentation is written as follows:

CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION

It consists of : the background of the problems, identification of the problems, the limitation of the problems, the formulation of the problems, the objectives of the research, the framework of the research, The methods of the research, the Systematic organization of the research.

CHAPTER II: FRAMEWORK OF THEORIES

It consists of: intrinsic and extrinsic approaches. Intrinsic approach includes characterization (showing and telling methods), setting and plot. The applied extrinsic approach is social psychological approach which includes feminism.

CHAPTER III: ANALYSIS OF THE NOVEL *THE FEMALE PERSUASION* THROUGH INTRINSIC APPROACH

It consists of: characterization of the characters, plot, and settings of the novel. The concepts above must appear in the number of sub-chapters.

CHAPTER IV: IMAGES OF LIBERAL FEMINIST

It consists of: a brief explanation of this chapter's content, analysis of the reflection of feminism in Greer, Faith and the relation of feminism with other characters, setting and plot. The concepts above must appear in the number of sub-chapters.

CHAPTER V: CONCLUSION

It consists of: an evaluation from the previous chapters and the implication of the evaluated result. The chapters above are followed by references, scheme of the research, research poster, curriculum vitae, and other required attachments.

