

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Problem

As God's creatures on this earth, of course we are the same creature in God's eyes. We are the same no matter what our rank on earth is. However, many of his creations still have the nature and attitude as if they are the most superior to the others. They do not hesitate to insult people who are different from them. This treatment is known as discrimination behavior. According to Theodorson and Theodorson in (Madula, Kuncara, & Asanti, 2017) discrimination is unequal treatment of a person or group is usually caused by differences in race, color, religion, ethnicity or social classes. Discrimination, which has often been a major conflict, is racism. Racism means racial discrimination. It is about people who feel that they are superior to those of a minority or different from them. Racism also occurs due to differences in skin color from different races. Racism that often occurs is the racism of black people who are African-American citizens in the United States. In the past, black people did not have the right as ordinary citizens like now, they were treated like slaves and were always oppressed by white citizens. Whites feel they are superior and blacks are inferior. In 1876 – 1965 in the United States, there was a law called Jim Crow's law which applied the segregation law for black people. The law not only made black people treated as slaves and considered worse than whites, but they also did not get the proper public facilities like white people. Public areas, schools, and other facilities were set up separately for blacks and whites. However, the law was abolished by the Civil Rights Act in the 1970s.

Even though the law is no longer valid and has disappeared today, there are still many cases of racism that black people experience. Many films take real issues as stories that are shared with audiences as an act of struggle against discrimination. I chose the film *The Hate U Give* to research because in my opinion, there are a lot of hidden messages that are interesting to study that focus on the problem of racism that black people get in a small town in the United States. The film *The Hate U Give* is the film directed by George Tillman Jr. in 2018 and the film is based on novel with the same name that written by Angie Thomas in 2017. In this research, I use the movie script *The Hate U Give* written by Audrey Wells in 2018. This film starts with a girl aged 16 years old named Starr Carter who lives with his family in a housing that is almost all black residents named Garden Heights. Although living in a black neighborhood, his parents insisted on sending Starr to a private school in Williamson, where the predominantly white population. Even so, Starr has an ordinary life at school. The conflict started when Starr went to a party and there was gunfire at the party.

After the shot, Starr is driven home by Khalil, her childhood bestfriend. On their way home, suddenly their car was stopped by a police officer who was on patrol. They stopped and the police asked them to open the window and turn off the music. Starr saw that the policeman was armed and he tried to record the incident to prove if something happened, but the policeman told him to stop recording until his cellphone fell off. Khalil is asked to get out of car and show driver's papers. When the police were returning to the patrol car to check the identity of Khalil, Starr looked for his cellphone which had fallen in the car and took out several items, one of which was a hair comb. Khalil's head went into the window and tried to comfort Starr by combing his hair, suddenly three gunshots hit Khalil. The shot came from the policeman and left Khalil dead on the spot. After the incident, many defenders of justice wanted Starr as a witness to tell the truth about what happened to the public. Instead of punishing the policeman, the grand jury did not issue any punishment but only gave him a suspension. This is what makes black people angry and protests because there have been many cases of death by the local police and the perpetrators have not been tried fairly.

The Hate U Give is very interesting to discuss because there are many hidden messages about racism experienced by black people in Garden Heights. It can be seen from the problem in the film that there is an inequality of justice due to the stereotype of white people against blacks that black people are often involved in violence, fights, and high drug cases. The police will immediately handcuff, step on or even shoot black people who violate traffic or even if they do not violate. This issue is a story experienced by Khalil Harris in the Garden Heights.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

Based on the research background above, I identify the main problem is racism experienced by Khalil whom got killed by the local police in Garden Heights. I assume that the treatment of the police that does not have a balance of justice to Khalil's death case is an issue of racism.

1.3 Limitation of the problem

In this limitation of the research, I analyze a racism in Khalil Harris's death case in Garden Heights. In this research, I use Neubeck's theory of types of racism to analyze the forms of racism that reflected in the movie.

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

According to the limitation of the problem above, I formulate the problems as follows:

1. Do characterizations, settings, and plot can prove the racism in *The Hate U Give* movie script?
2. What form of racism does reflected in *The Hate U Give* movie script?
3. What are examples of racial discrimination in *The Hate U Give*?

1.5 Objectives of the Research

The objectives of this research are to answer the questions above. In order to achieve this goal, I made the following steps as follows:

1. To prove that characterizations, settings and plot can prove the racism in *The Hate U Give* movie script.
2. To analyze what forms of racism that reflected in *The Hate U Give* movie script.
3. To analyze the examples of racial discrimination in *The Hate U Give*.

1.6 Methods of the Research

I use qualitative methods to analyse this research. According to Bogdan and Taylor (1984) qualitative method is research method that use descriptive data as a tools to analyse the written or spoken text by the sources. In qualitative method, there are some types of ways to collect data. In this research, I use the document study as a way to collect data. Document study is one of types of way in qualitative method that use file, book, journal, and another documents to support the research. I use movie script of *The Hate U Give* that written by Audrey Wells as the main source of my research.

To analyze the form of racism reflected in the movie script, I use Neubeck's theory of the types of racism. In Neubeck's theory, there are 2 types of racism, namely Institutional Racism and Personal Racism. With that theory, I chose a form of racism which was the main problem in the movie script.

From the theory that I use, to analyze this research I collect data by analyzing dialogues that contain conflicts in a movie script.

1.7 Benefit of the Research

Every research must have benefits for its readers. In this research, the benefits that can be obtained are as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefits:

This research is useful for people who are doing research and want to study sociology more deeply, especially in the issue of racism.

2. Practical Benefits:

This research is useful for people because the problems in this study are closely related to what black people in America are currently facing. The events that occur in this film are very similar to the case between the late George Floyd and the local police. This has made people all over the world angry and made a Black Lives Matter movement, which means that the lives of black people are important. Hopefully more and more people will stop committing acts of discrimination, especially racial discrimination against anyone and anywhere.

1.8 Systematic Organization of the Research

In this research, I organize the term paper into four chapters as follows:

- CHAPTER I **Introduction** In this chapter, I explain about the background of the problem, problem formulation, problem boundaries, objectives, research benefits about Injustice in Criminal Justice System and Racism of Black People in Movie Script *The Hate U Give* analysis and research writing systematics.
- CHAPTER II **Framework of Theories** In this chapter I explain the theories that I use to analyze. I use the theory of Neubeck about the form of racism. I analyzed this research by examining the dialogue between the characters who had conflicts related to the issue of racism in the movie script. In determining the form of racism that occurs in the movie script, I use Neubeck's theory to analyze.
- CHAPTER III **Intrinsic Analysis** In this chapter I explain the intrinsic elements contained in the movie script, as follows:
- a. Settings
 - b. Characterization
 - c. Plot
- CHAPTER IV **Extrinsic Analysis** In this chapter I examine and analyze the data by using the theory Neubeck about types of racism forms. I will analyze the dialogue to find issues related to racial discrimination contained in the movie script *The Hate U Give*
- CHAPTER V **Conclusion** This chapter contains the conclusions of all the research that has been analyzed. This chapter also contains suggestions for problems that exist in the problems in this study.