

Faction Oppression and Tris' Resistance in Veronica Roth's *Insurgent*

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Abstrak

Sifat ingin berkembang pada manusia membawa setiap orang untuk bersaing satu sama lain. Hal ini dipengaruhi oleh tekanan yang berasal dari dalam diri manusia dan rasa tidak aman pada individu, disana tercipta situasi kerjasama yang kemudian dirumuskan menjadi hukum dan peraturan untuk menciptakan masyarakat yang stabil. Dalam perkembangannya, beberapa masyarakat atau suatu kelompok masyarakat melakukan suatu tindakan yang tidak menguntungkan bagi manusia lainnya yang mengakibatkan tindakan penindasan dan pemberontakan. Studi ini dilakukan untuk menganalisa perilaku manusia terhadap konsep penindasan dan juga pemberontakan terhadap masyarakat atau individu yang memberikan tekanan hidup atau suatu penindasan. Seperti yang disebutkan oleh Barker dalam konsep oppression yang menjelaskan bahwa penindasan terjadi jika seseorang atau sekelompok orang membatasi perilaku individu atau sekelompok masyarakat lainnya. Studi ini diproyeksikan terhadap novel Veronica Roth "INSURGENT" menggunakan istilah "divergent" sebagai subyeknya. The study is written by focusing on two questions: (1) how is faction oppression reflected in Tris in Veronica Roth *Insurgent*? And (2) what are Tris' motif of resisting against the oppression in Veronica Roth *Insurgent*?. Analisis studi ini tentang seorang perempuan yang merupakan salah seorang dari divergent yang harus dimusnahkan sesuai anggapan Jeanine sebagai penguasa tertinggi dari faksi Erudite. Hingga suatu ketika perempuan tersebut harus merelakan banyak orang yang dia cintai untuk melindunginya dari pencarian Jeanine. Hidup secara nomaden yang dia lakukan adalah salah satu tindakan untuk mencari dukungan dari banyak orang. Hal ini bertujuan untuk melakukan pemberontakan terhadap pemerintahan Jeanine yang ingin melenyapkan orang yang dianggap sebagai Divergent. Hasil dari studi menunjukkan penindasan yang dialami tokoh utama dan juga mengetahui tentang motif pemberontakan yang dilakukan tokoh utama tersebut.

Keywords: *Penindasan, pemberontakan*

Abstract

Human nature wants to bring everyone to compete against each other. This is influenced by the human pressure and insecurity on the individual which has been created a situation of cooperation then formulated into laws and regulations to create a stable society. In the process of life, some people or a group of people perform an action that was not profitable to other humans which cause oppression and resistance. For that reason, this study was conducted to analyze the human behavior towards the concept of oppression and resisting against society or individuals who provide the pressures of life such as oppression. As mentioned by Barker in the concept of oppression, he explains that oppression occurs if a person or group of people restricts the behavior of individuals or a group of other people. The study is projected to Veronica Roth's novel "Insurgent" using the term "divergent" as the subject. The study is written by focusing on two questions: (1) how is faction oppression reflected in Tris in Veronica Roth *Insurgent*? And (2) what are Tris' motif of resisting against the oppression in Veronica Roth *Insurgent*. This study is about the woman who called divergent that has to be destroyed. It is agreed by Jeannie's perception who has a big authority of Erudite. She said that the people who are detected as the divergent, they have to move away from the life.

Until the day moment, the woman must give up a lot of people that she loves to protect it from Jeanine's search. Nomadic life that she did is one of the actions to look for support from the other people. This action is gathering people to resisting Jeanine's governance who want to eliminate people that are considered as Divergent. The results of the study show the oppression experienced by the main character and also know about the motives of oppression by main character.

Keywords: *Oppression, Resistance*

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the study

Social oppression is the socially supported mistreatment and exploitation of a group, category, or team of people or individual. Institutional Oppression occurs when established laws, customs, and practices systematically reflect and produce inequities based on one's membership in targeted social identity groups. If oppressive consequences accrue to institutional laws, customs, or practices, the institution is oppressive whether or not the individuals maintaining those practices have oppressive intentions.

In psychology, racism, sexism and other prejudices are often studied as individual beliefs that, although not necessarily oppressive in themselves, can lead to oppression if they are codified in law or become parts of a culture. By comparison, in sociology, these prejudices are often studied as being institutionalized systems of oppression in some societies. In sociology, the tools of oppression include a progression of denigration, dehumanization, and demonization; which often generate scapegoating, which is used to justify aggression against targeted groups and individuals.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the concept of "human rights" in general were designed to limit oppression by giving a clear articulation of what fundamental freedoms any system should allow to all of the people over whom it has power. Oppression means a person or grub of person who is give discriminating or pressure by someone else that they will be stress or until they are died, while oppression is almost same with colonize or racism. Condition of being oppress historically, oppression is institutionally recognized by many societyies such as in the United States is far from being a "righteous" nation. Many people do not realize how much we as a nation oppress the

poor, weak, homeless, and strangers among us. Additionally, most Americans are willfully ignorant to the oppression we cause overseas in poor nations with our cons meristic, capitalistic, and wealthy lifestyles.

Many of United States laws are set up to favor the middle and upper classes and oppress the lower and homeless classes in the United States. I believe united nation is very guilty of the Old Testament prophetic charges against nations who oppress the poor and orphaned. Having worked for years with homeless children and youth (most of whom are homeless because they were abandoned or abused severely), have seen the way our nation's laws oppress them. (<http://www.franciscan-anglican.com/Homelessness.htm>)

One of the literary work that will analyze is *Insurgent* by Veronica Roth it is the second book which published in Katherine Tegen Books; 1st edition (May 1, 2012) *Insurgent* is a science fiction young adult novel by American novelist Veronica Roth, the second book in the *Divergent* trilogy. As the sequel to the 2011 bestseller *Divergent*, it continues the story of Tris Prior and the dystopian post-apocalyptic version of Chicago. Following the events of the previous novel, a war now looms as conflict between the factions and their ideologies grows. While trying to save the people that she loves, Tris faces questions of grief, forgiveness, identity, loyalty, politics, and love.

Veronica Roth was born in a Chicago suburb and studied creative writing at Northwestern University. She and her husband currently live in the city that inspired the setting of the *Divergent* Trilogy. Veronica Roth is the #1 New York Times bestselling authors of *Divergent*, *Insurgent*, *Allegiant*, and several

stories written in the world of *Divergent*. Now a full-time writer, Ms. Roth and her husband live near Chicago. And the book got the New York Times bestseller, indie bestseller list, favorite book of the year, amazon.com best book of the year, NRP best book of the year.

Insurgent itself was nominated one of best seller of the year 2012 by the New York Times. There are also some comments about this work:

"the good book that read it can make me become sensation of pulse beat. And the as the writer tells that the main character as a young women adult with the kompleks situation "

_Melisa Marr

The novel writer best seller in New York Times

" the plot is difficult to guest because many conflict that happens in this story"

_Hollywoodcrush.mtv.com (Roth 2012 *insurgent* cover)

Insurgent begins after *Divergent* ends. Tris has killed her friend Will, stopped a nasty simulation, and started a whole series of unfortunate events that will change the city forever. But first, Tris and her friends need to hide. They find refuge in the Amity compound. Tris's first action, after her wounds are tended to, is to cut her hair, Lifetime Original Movie-style. With her new shorter haircut, Tris feels that she is not a Dauntless. Enough to track down her boyfriend Tobias's father, Marcus, and try to figure out exactly what he's up to. The answer: he's not telling.

Divergent is the term for people who are considered dangerous of fifth faction. Therefore, Erudite as the ruling faction wanted if divergent culled from all factions. In this case, Erudite does want to follow this oppression to destroy *Divergent* but they cooperated with the dauntless faction that is a faction of law enforcement, which has forces to military action. While her boyfriend's dad distracts Tris, Peter sneaks into her room and tries to steal the hard-drive which consist of simulation data. Hey, people still use hard drives in the future. Not everything is in the cloud. Anyway, she catches him and beats the snot out of him. As punishment for

violating Amity's rules of peace, she's injected with super happy juice, (peace serum)

As soon as it wears, Erudite arrives with a band of Dauntless. They are looking for Tris and company. Tris and her buds escape the Amity hideaway and find themselves on a midnight train to factionless-ville. At the faction less safe house, Tris finds out that Tobias's mom, Evelyn, is still alive and has a plan of her own to take over the city. Confused by all these different motives, Tris goes to the Candor headquarters to find out what's going on. The tables are turned when she is injected with truth serum and forced to confess everything, like the fact that she killed Will. This shocks her friend Christina, who loved Will and had no idea Tris shot him.

Tris considers jumping out the window and ending it all but decides not to. She reunites with her Dauntless friends Uriah, Marlene, and Lynn, who are living at the Candor compound. The reunion is short-lived because a bunch of dauntless traitors, headed by Eric the Dauntless leader, attack the compound. Tris gets caught by Eric but stabs him in the gut.

Jack Kang is the head of the Candor, sets up a peace treaty meeting with Jeanine. Tris and her friends spy on them. Jack ends up meeting with Max, one of Jeanine's henchmen, and Lynn shoots Max. Lynn's sister is shot, and Peter ends up turning traitor. He helps Jeanine escape. Back at the compound, Tori and Zeke arrive and tell everyone that they were not actually traitors, just spies. Tori call a meeting in which three new Dauntless leaders are elected: Tori, Tobias, and Harrison. They kill Eric, so that Jack Kang cannot accede to Jeanine's demands, and then they reclaim the old Dauntless headquarters.

One night, Tobias has a meeting with Evelyn, and he brings Tris along to analyze the situation. Tris analysis: Bad News, Dead Ahead. But Tobias ignores her, which causes a huge fight. When Jeanine later activates a simulation that causes Marlene to jump off the building and kill herself. Tris decides to turn herself in to Jeanine. If Jeanine wants the Divergent, the Divergent is what she's going to get. Jeanine runs a few tests on Tris, finding out that her brain is different from non-Divergent brains, then decides to execute her. With the help of Peter, Tobias saves Tris from execution,

and they gone. They go to Tobias's old house in the Abnegation sector. When Evelyn reveals her plan to eradicate the Erudite, everyone is all gone except Tris. Tris is like, "No revolution tonight, honey; I have a headache"—meaning that she pretends to be too scared to go. She decides to assist Marcus instead, who wants to get the top-secret data from Jeanine.

With the help of Johanna Reyes, the Amity representative, and some sympathetic Erudite—like Cara, Will's sister—Tris and Marcus reach the top of the Erudite building where Tris was being studied. Unfortunately, they're too late. Tori stabs Jeanine, despite Tris's protests, and the Dauntless/Factionless assault on Erudite succeeds. They all go back and celebrate, and Evelyn reveals her true plan: to eliminate all the factions. Before this sinks in, Tobias shows up with Marcus and Johanna. They've got a video they recovered after hacking into the computer system. In the video, a woman who calls herself Edith Prior says that the outside world is in danger, and everyone in the city was placed there as some sort of experiment to save humanity.

Although her novel typically on women. Veronica does not identify her work as feminism. This novel is interested to be analyzed the motif of the resisting and what kind of the oppression. The conflict between the main character as the writer with the society and the faction is complicated. Such as when Tris chose the dauntless and she know that she is divergent than the faction looking for her for killed.

In line with the background of the study above, the researcher formulates the statement of the problem

1. How is faction oppression reflected in Tris in Veronica Roth *Insurgent*?
2. What are Tris' motives of resisting against the oppression in Veronica Roth *Insurgent*?

RESEARCH METHOD

Research methodology that used in this analysis here must be qualified as an applying in literary appreciation the thesis is used descriptive –qualitative and used library research the descriptive method of this study can be elaborated as follow

1. Data

This study used the novel of Veronica Roth entitled *insurgent* that

published in Katherine Tegen on (May 1, 2012) as the main data in the analysis . the data are from of quotations,dialouge which indicate and represent aspect of resistance and the way it is expressed.

2. Data collection

The method of collection data is used in this thesis is the library method. It does not used statstistic method. Library method research used an approach in annalyzing this study. The kind of the libraray method are intensive or closly reading to search quotation to analyze literary element both intrinsic and extrinsic. The reference are taken from library and contributing ideas about this study from internet taht supported the idea of analyzing.

3. Data analysis

Some steps of how the data analysed will be discribed as follows:

- a. Clasifying data base on the statment of the problem. The clasifying is discussing about the oppressinging itself, the oppression supported by Robert L. Barker. He argued that the oppression is "The social act of placing severe restrictions on an individual, group or institution." the main character expirience and her resistance on it
- b. Describing the reason of the main character resistance. Quatation clasified the reason of the resistance by the main characterin the novel. The resistance it self-supported by the major from David B. Loughran, there are three type of resistance. First, is appearance second is speech and the last is action.
- c. Describing that oppresion experience of the main characters in this novel. In this case quatation that showed oppresion expirience that was done by the main character

- d. Describing of the main character's resistance against oppression by the faction. in this case quotation that showed oppression experienced that was done by the main character.
- e. Drawing the conclusion based on the analysis

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

There are two purposes as result of analyzing two statement o the problems above, they are mention

1. To depict Tris experience by faction oppression in Veronica Roth *Insurgent*
2. To describe Tris' motives of resisting against the oppression in Veronica Roth *Insurgent*

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

This chapter deals with concept which are used to analyze the problems of the study. From the titled of the study "Faction Oppression and Tris's Resistance in Veronica Roth *insurgent*" it can depict the resistance that the main character as an action against the Erudite faction. This study viewed by Marxist Feminism that will be elaborated further in this chapter. Moreover, passing the social movement of resistance in Chicago is also help to understanding and analyzing the literary work. Since feminism discourse cannot be separated from the culture of the society, therefore historical approach hopefully can be useful to reveal the couse of thia resistance.

Concept of oppression

Robert L. Barker argued that oppression as: "The social act of placing severe restrictions on an individual, group or institution. Typically, a government or political organization that is in power places these restrictions for mally or covertly on oppressed groups so that they may be exploited and less able to compete with other social groups. The oppressed individual or group is devalued, exploited and deprive of privileges by the individual or group which has more power." (Barker, 2003)

Concept of resistance

In the society, resistance can be described as an act against or opposition to a condition that makes a person or group feels threatened by modifications or transformations that change the status in society. Some people who fight against the system or policy, they express their feeling by oral expression or they just feel uncomfortable and sometimes unconsciously rejected. Through the action, they act to get changing for the society.

According to The literary critic and theorist Paul de Man suggests one answer in a well-known, it perhaps somewhat obscure statement from his 1982 essay 'The Resistance to Theory': 'What we called ideology is precisely the confusion of linguistic with natural reality'.

Base on Paul De Man The resistance to theory is a resistance to the rhetorical or topological dimension of language, a dimension which is perhaps more explicitly in the foreground in literature (broadly conceived) than in other verbal manifestations or to be somewhat less vague which can be revealed in any verbal event when it is read textually. Since grammar as well as figuration is an integral reading. It follows that reading will be a negative process in which grammatical cognition is undone, at all times by its rhetorical displacement. The model of the *trivium* Contains Within itself the pseudo dialectic of is own undoing and its history tells the story of this dialectic (Paul De Man, 17)

The major definition from David B. Loughran, there is three type of resistance. First is appearance it can representation that the person who seeing someone doing resistance or not when they dress and doing their hairstyle. Second is speech it can be seen when someone who criticizing government or person, the media of the show their argument can be seen on television, or radio station. The third is action, this form is showing that a manner

or an action that they are against rules of the government or systems that can be disturb them. (Ploughman, 1998:59)

There are five terms. That it has relation with the resistance from ameliorative and pejorative connotations such written bellow;

1. Civil resistance , non-violent resistance is the political action that use nonviolent resistance by civil groups to change of the power, force , police, government for example; demonstration, vigils, petitions, go slows , boycotts, emigration movement and it can to change of the government roles.
2. Mutiny is the kind of the crime that it consist of the group or the members of military to oppose authority. It is mean that they are doing rebellion for some authority or their superior. The situation can be realized when the leader or the rules of the group is not balance in all the members of this group.
3. Resistance movement or freedom fighter is the organized of the civil population of the country against the legally established government. A resistance movement used both violent and non violent method, usually operating under different organization and the action is different geographical areas within a country
4. Revolt is the social movement who refuse to be controlled and used violent action against the authority.
5. Revolution refers to a basic change in the power or organization structural that take the short period of time. Revolution it self have occurred

through human history and widely change in terms of methods, duration, and motivating ideology.

Conclusion

In this chapter, the conclusion of the study of faction oppression and tris resistance in Veronica Roth's *Insurgent* is stated. Base on the analysis of this study there are two conclusions, which related with statement of this problem: the depiction of tris experience in the faction oppression in the novel.

First, the study show the event was depicted Tris experience on faction oppression. The main character who is Tris and some other supporting character that had been oppress. Tris is divergent with the experience that should be resisting to the faction. Veronica Roth show up certain illustration of oppression background and how Tris resistance to the erudite faction.

Oppression happens when erudite faction wants to destroy Tris who is Divergent. She tries to protect herself from faction's pursuer by changing her appearance. It also happens when people who are Tris's loved died because they helped Tris from faction pursuer. They are who follow the oppression carried out by factions Erudite, Tris faction tried to hide herself in Amity. Erudite experience oppression caused many deaths. The person she loved who was trying to protect herself died as a result of attacks carried out by Erudite. After it emerged, Amity and Erudite factions attacked again to seek its existence. However, it is already known, and eventually moved into Tris' factions, Condor. It is to seek justice that would be done by Erudite oppression.

Second, the study describes Tris's motive of resisting against the faction oppression. The first is self-rescue motive. It saves herself from destroying by faction. The second is identity motive (appearance). It is use to hiding herself from faction pursuer. And the last is Tris' affection motive to her family and all of her friends especially her closest friends. Tobias, Caleb and Peter assist in Tris' rebellion do. Starting from the sympathy of friends nearby

and feel the oppression of the Divergent, then they are all willing to help Tris in the resistance. Rebellion which she did include the uprising that refuses to be controlled and used violence against authority. Revolution refers to a fundamental change in power or organizational structural took a short time. Revolution itself has occurred throughout human history and a lot of changes in terms of methods, duration, and motivating ideology. She was also included in the second-level category in the levels of feminism. Because she had dared to fight the powers that an oppression action to Divergent.

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