

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In the first chapter, researcher describes the background on which the research is based. In addition to explaining the background, this section also discusses the identification of several problems that can be analyzed in the research.

1.1 Background of the Research

The world has history in every time and period. In this case, the most prominent is the change in civilization which includes human lifestyle and mindset. However, it is undeniable that it is influenced by how someone or group of people influence. As we all know that the world experiences several periods, for example like the first and second world wars. (Jonathan, 1999)

The first part of the world consists of countries with strong influence, usually the countries that have colonized in several countries or can also be called super-power countries. Countries that are in the first part of the world for example such as America and the Soviet Union, while the second part of the world are countries that are allies in the first part of the world, such as China. And for the third world which consists of countries that are colonized countries, such as Africa, Indonesia, Hong Kong, India, and Malaysia (Jonathan, 1999)

In this case, as the researcher mentioned above, about how countries those are in the first world class make changes to the world community both in their

own country and the people in the colonies. That is, the mindset, economics, technology and so forth. If talking about colonialism, it cannot be separated from the term colonial, where the colonizing countries will create a large group or settlement in certain regions of the colonies. This is what ultimately makes the influence of the habits or colonialism of the colonists strongly influences the pattern of living in the surrounding community (Jonathan, 1999)

Speaking of colonial which has been explained above, then today people have known or familiar with the term postcolonial namely the academic discipline with intellectual discourse methods that study, explain, and assess the cultural heritage of colonialism and imperialism as well as the humanitarian impact of colonialism in a country and settler settlements aimed at utilizing indigenous populations and their lands. Derived from the postmodernist school, postcolonial study analyze the politics of knowledge (creation, control, and dissemination) by studying functional relations: social and political power that enable neocolonialism and colonialism to survive - problem of image of colonizers and colonized (social , political, cultural) (Young, 2003).

The effect of the existence of post-colonial, it is the emergence of new ideologies which are influenced by post-colonial such as: mimicry, feminism, and ambivalence. The ideologies influence someone or group of people to do racism. Based on such matters, the researcher discuss several matters relating to post-colonial especially in this now day. Some things that the researcher discuss in this study are about racism in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel

Today, can say that all countries in various parts of the world have become independent. However, even though the influence of colonial still exists or still affects the mindset of some people or groups of people in looking at something until now, it means that there are still many people who are affected by this even though he or a group of people have traveled around the world. In conclude, that globalization still cannot erase this. As the researcher mentioned above, this research discuss post-colonial matters, namely racism. Racism is an ideology in which someone group of people believes that their race is superior (superior) than the race of other groups or races of other people, which often causes discrimination to groups or races that are considered minor (Hornby, 2015) It can also be interpreted as an act in which someone or group of people discriminate against a person or group of other people based on various things such as skin color, ancestry, residence, national origin, culture and others.

As a country that was colonized, even though Indonesia has become an independent country, Indonesian society is influenced by stereotypes about race where whites are better than blacks, so people commit acts of racism against each other. In Indonesia, racist attitudes or issues of racism can still be found in several regions or groups of people, for example just as happened in Papua in 2014 where at that time there was a shooting by the Indonesian security forces which resulted in several teenagers dying for no apparent reason (Lopez, 2020) The arbitrary treatment (unfair treatment) of Papuans in their home land is a form of racist attitudes that are intended. In addition, not only

Papua, some of the Indonesian people also carry out acts of racism against people of descent such as China or Arabia, for example just like the case of the hand phone "Xiommi" which was a trend among young people by making jokes that the hand phone that can transmit the virus only because it is produced by Chinese businessmen or in China (Walton, 2020) Not only that, recently in America the same thing happened, namely the killing of a resident named George Floyd, this is because the police gave him a arbitrary treatment (unfair treatment) because he was a black citizen and was also indicated because of racism (Levenson, 2020)

Many ways are used by people to criticize or inform this problem, where people show how this affects a person's mindset and social relationships in daily life. One example of how to criticize the effects of colonial system (racism) is a clearer writing, a written work, such as; novels, short stories even just an essay. This method is considered the best and a little sarcastic way for someone or group of people referred to or as an object in writing relating to racism. In Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel itself has a very strong message in criticizing the attitudes of people who are racist towards black people, there are several corners of the field that can be lifted from this novel a case of feminism and racism, but the researcher in this study the researcher will focus on discussing racism.

In this novel also told how racism's actions affect the characters in the novel and how literary works become the conveying his message and aspirations and the impact on each person who reads it. Racism can lead to

other dishonorable acts, for example, such as discrimination. Meanwhile, this act of discrimination also has a negative effect on someone or group of people who experience it.

Previous racist themes adopted from the novel has been analyzed. Jarrar's (2020) research is an example. The research discusses how racism in real life in America that contained in the novel. The research used racism theory. The result of this study is discovery; how American society hates African Americans, racism is still present in every section of American society and lastly, the reaction and media coverage may portray the incident in a more objective way towards black people. (Jarrar, 2020)

Furthermore not only that. The others previous racist themes adopted from the novel has been analyzed in the writings of Ratri. In her work, she focuses on the depictions of racism reflected in the novel as well as the actions of racism and discrimination. The research used critical race theory. The results of the research are Unfair treatment and discrimination experienced by the black people and the black people always blamed just because they are black and considered as bad and evil in society (Latri, 2019)

This research has same theme that is talk racism and use the same novel as data source. Of course this research has different focus. Researcher in this research focused more on the effects of racism itself in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel. The effect itself like shocked, trauma, insecure and so on. The effect related with psychology aspect.

Based on the phenomenon above, the researcher chose to do this analysis because the researcher wanted to show the other side in novel. This analysis discussed the effects of racism acts on characters in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel. This is very interesting and significant to know because it turns out that in modern time acts of racism is still just happening. Also, it is still experienced by people even those who do not live in developed countries.

1.2 Identifications of problem

In this research, based on the background above, the researcher identified several problems that would be used as material for further research.

1. The postcolonial influence on the racism ideology of modern society in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel.
2. Cases of racism that continue to occur in the midst of society despite living in an independent country in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel.
3. Resistance made by those who get racism by using literary works in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel..
4. The forms of racism found in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel.
5. The effects of racism to character's mental health that found in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel.

1.3 Limitation of the Problems

Researcher imitated the problem into two things which will be studied in this study. Namely at point;

1. The forms of racism found in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel.
2. The effects of racism to character's mental health that found in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel.

1.4 Formulation of the Problems

The identification problem, and the limitation of the problem, the researcher can present a number of problem statements in this study as follows;

1. What forms of racism found in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel?
2. What are the effects of racism to character's mental health that found in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel?

1.5 Objective of the Research

In this study based on the formulation of the problems this research aims to prove;

1. Show the forms of racism found in Angie Thomas's *The Hate U Give* novel *The Hate U Give* from the racism issues.
2. Show the the effects of racism to character's mental health that found in Angie Thomas's novel *The Hate U Give*.

1.6 Significance of the Research

1. Theoretically

In this research, theoretically it has some purposes. First, this research was conducted to provide knowledge of racism. Second, it is hoped that readers will better understand racism, what are its effects and the importance of being wise so that they are able to control themselves. And finally, it is expected that this research can be used as a reference for students, all of researchers or everyone who is learning to be institutionalized in education so as to minimize racism in the midst of society, especially educated people.

2. Practically

Practically, this research can be used as a reference or reference in criticizing racism in the midst of society, especially encouraging people, especially students, to be more capable of living in diverse cultures both as a state and so as to suppress racism.

1.7 Definition of Keys Terms

Racism : Racism is an ideology in which someone or group of people believes that their race is superior (superior) than the race of other groups or races of other people, which often causes discrimination to groups or races that are considered minor.

Post-colonial Approach : Post-colonial is an academic discipline with intellectual discourse methods that study, explain, and assess the cultural heritage of colonialism and imperialism as well as the humanitarian impact of colonialism in a country and settler settlements aimed at utilizing indigenous populations and their lands.

Discrimination : Discrimination is an act of unfair service to certain individuals or groups of society, where this service is made based on the characteristics represented by the individual or community group, namely by distinguishing others based on ethnicity, intergroup, gender, race, religion and belief, political currents, physical conditions and so on.