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## **ABSTRAK**

Penelitian ini dilakukan oleh peneliti dengan tujuan untuk mengetahui jenis konflik social dari Depresi Besar di Amerika Serikat oleh American Society di abad ke-19 yang tercermin dalam "Mice and Men" oleh John Steinbeck dan untuk mengetahui dampak dari konflik selama Depresi besar di AS untuk American Society di abad ke-19 yang tercermin dalam "Mice and Men" oleh John Steinbeck. Pendekatan yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah analisis sosiologis berdasarkan sosiolog Jerman Max Weber. Menurutnya ada tiga - components dalam teori stratifikasi, lebih luas dikenal sebagai Webrian Stratifikasi atau Tiga Sistem Kelas, mereka adalah kelas, status dan kekuasaan sebagai tipe ideal yang berbeda. Dia mengembangkan pendekatan multidimensional untuk stratifikasi sosial yang mencerminkan interaksi antara kekayaan, prestise dan kekuasaan. Kelas, Status dan Partai memiliki banyak efek tidak hanya dalam wilayah mereka masing-masing, tetapi juga memiliki banyak pengaruh besar atas daerah lain juga. Peneliti menggunakan metode kualitatif. Data primer diambil oleh peneliti adalah "Mice and Men" dan didukung oleh data sekunder yang buku dan sumber internet. Temuan penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa konflik terjadi karena kekuatan ketidak seimbangan oleh kelas atas yang digambarkan oleh karakter Curley sebagai putra Boss dari peternakan. Ini menunjukkan dari sikapnya terhadap para pekerja peternakan. Ia menentang setiap orang besar di sekelilingnya untuk mennunjukkan posisinya. Mereka sebagai kelas bawah tidak bisa melakukan apa-apa karena mereka tidak memiliki kekuatan untuk menentang kondisi ini dan kelas atas yang dominan oleh Boss dari peternakan yang mempunyai kekuasaan. Dia memiliki monopoli untuk memperkerjakan seseorang untuk bekerja di peternakannya karena ia berpikir bahwa pekerja peternakan adalah pembuat masalah dan ingin menipunya.

**Key Word: Konflik sosial, Great Depression and Sociological Approach**

## **ABSTRACT**

*This research done by the researcher with the purpose to find out kinds of Social conflicts of the Great Depression in the US by American Society in 19<sup>th</sup> century as reflected in “Mice and Men” by John Steinbeck and to find out the impact of conflict during the Great Depression in the US to American Society in 19<sup>th</sup> century as reflected in “Mice and Men” by John Steinbeck. The approach which is used in this thesis is a sociological analysis based on German sociologist Max Weber. According to him there are three –components in theory of stratification, more widely known as Weberian Stratification or Three Class System, they are class, status and power as distinct ideal types. He developed a multidimensional approach to Social stratification that reflects the interplay among wealth, prestige and power. Class, Status and Party have a great deal of effect not only within their individual areas but also have a great deal influence over the other areas as well. The researcher uses qualitative method. The primary data is taken by the researcher is “Mice and Men” and supported by the secondary data that are books and internet sources. The finding of this research shows that the conflict happened because of the imbalance power by upper class which is described by the character of Curley as son of Boss of ranch. It shows from his attitude to the ranch workers. He battles every big people around him to approve his position. They are as a lower classes cannot do anything because of they do not have power to oppose this condition and dominant upper class by Boss of ranch which affected by the power he has. He has monopoly to hire someone to work in his ranch because he thinks that ranch worker is a trouble maker and want to deceive him.*

**Key Word: Social conflict, Great Depression and Sociological Approach**

## **MOTTO AND DEDICATION**

### **MOTTO:**

*Every struggle in your life  
Has shaped you into the person you are today*

***BE THANKFUL***

*For the hard times, they can only make you  
**STRONGER***

### **DEDICATION:**

This thesis proudly dedicated to beloved family and friends



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