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## ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisa berbagai bentuk perjuangan perempuan melawan pandangan yang berbeda ditengah masyarakat untuk mendapatkan kemerdekaan perempuan itu sendiri dalam novel “Divergent” karya dari Veronica Roth, pada tahun 2011. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan feminis dari Simone De Beauvoir (1949) dalam teorinya tentang kemandirian perempuan. Penelitian ini difokuskan pada bentuk *perjuangan perempuan untuk mendapatkan kemerdekaan* dan mengubah pola pandang masyarakat dari sudut perbandingan gender. Melalui pendekatan Beauvoir (1949), ada dua variable analisis yang ditemukan dalam penelitian ini pertama terkait mengenai perjuangan perempuan sedangkan variable kedua fokus menganalisis rintangan yang dihadapi perempuan dalam novel ‘Divergent’. Metode penelitian yang digunakan Peneliti adalah metode deskriptif kualitatif. Hasil dari penelitian ini ditemukan adanya perlawanan perempuan untuk mendapatkan kebebasan terefleksi dari perjuangan perempuan untuk mendapatkan eksistensi melalui kemampuan intelektualnya serta kemandirian sebagai perempuan yang mampu menjadi diri sendiri. Sedangkan dalam mencapai perjuangan tersebut terdapat beberapa rintangan untuk mewujudkan kebebasan. Rintangan yang pertama adalah sudut pandang masyarakat yang diikat oleh unsur budaya dan rasa takut untuk melawan diri sendiri.

Keywords: Divergent, Feminisme, Perjuangan Perempuan.

## **ABSTRACT**

*This research aims to analyze the various forms of women's struggle against different views in society to get independency in the novel "Divergent" by Veronica Roth, 2011. This research uses a feminist approach from Simone De Beauvoir (1949) with his theory about independence of women. This research focuses on the form of women's struggle for independence and changing the perspective of society from gender comparisons side. Through the approach of Beauvoir, (1949) there are two analysis variables found in this study, the first is related to women's struggles, while the second variable focuses on analyzing the obstacles faced by women in the novel "Divergent". The research method used by researchers is a qualitative descriptive method. The results of this study found that is women's resistance to freedom is reflected in women's struggles to gain existence through their intellectual abilities and independence as women who are able to be themselves. Meanwhile, in achieving these struggles there are several obstacles to realizing freedom. The first obstacle is the viewpoint of society which is bound by cultural elements and a fearness of herself.*

*Keywords: Divergent, Feminist, Women's Struggle.*

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# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Research

Nowadays, does not rule out the possibility for women to become leaders in society. The fact is that many women have become leaders in a public institution and have even become important people in a country. In the 21st century, it is not difficult for women to enter the public world to become leaders. Women have been able to carry out several activities that in earlier times were only reserved for men. The dichotomy that is becoming a barrier has begun to thin out because there are several women who have become leaders at this time. However, it is not easy for women to occupy positions as leaders for several reasons. The first is that a woman leader is still considered to lack power in leading something. Apart from the point of view of power, a woman cannot make decisions without the help of men in a public institution.

Discrimination that occurs when women become leaders will continue to occur because women are still considered subordinated even though they already have access to work in the public domain. The candidacy of Megawati Soekarno Putri to become the fifth president in Indonesia has drawn pros and cons since 1996 from party opponents when she was the party chairman. At that time, the position of women was not appropriate to become a leader of the country because there were men inside. This case is considered less professional for society if an agency or country is led by a woman who is feared what this country will become if the leader is a woman. This example proves that even though women already have access to public spaces, it does not rule out the possibility that women still get underestimation from men.

The women existence described by Simon De Beauvoir is two separate humans to find each other's truth "two separate beings, in different circumstances, face to face in freedom and seeking justification of their existence through one another, will always live an adventure full of risk and promise." (Beauvoir, 1949) Justice is needed by women when she becomes a leader, one of which is power, a

woman must have strong power to become a leader. This limited power makes it difficult for women to rise because of a lack of power and must be assisted by men in their leadership. In decision making, women cannot decide based on the perspective of women alone as a leader, such as in voting in an institute on.

Women find it difficult to get independence because it is constrained by several things that make it difficult for women to express themselves. The mindset and point of view of the community is one of the things that often make it difficult for women to gain independence. In society when submitting opinions and giving suggestions, what takes precedence is suggestions and opinions from men, even if there are several men who will provide input and there is only one woman or vice versa, what will be prioritized to be heard is advice from men. This discrimination makes it difficult for women to gain independence because society still thinks that women are only coordinated.

The existence of women can be seen when women are able to stand alone and not depend on men even though a woman needs a man in reality. The existence of modern women is how she is recognized and respected based on what she does to exalt her dignity because of her abilities and skills, but not because of heredity or who she is. The existence of women seen by RA Kartini made the decision to establish an educational institution or school for women which was used to raise women's awareness of the importance of education to fight oppression by one party to another. RA Kartini's decision to establish a school for women until now has had a big influence and from there women can get their independence to open up and gain more insight so that women are not oppressed by men, women already have the capital from the education they have learned during school for becomes a point of reference that not everything that is said by men is true. "No one is more arrogant toward women, more aggressive or scornful, than the man who is anxious about his virility." (Beauvoir, 1949)

Making women as leaders is not an easy thing to make a revolutionary change from the past until now. There are many boundaries and differences that make it hard for women to be trusted to be leaders. The thing that makes divergent feared by the rulers is because the divergent can control the entire faction which

makes the rulers not accept it so that some means will be done to destroy the divergent. The obstacle faced by the main character to become a leader in the novel divergent is the distrust of an institution or country to make women as leaders. This is what must be fought for in terms of leadership to achieve a justice that is needed by women so that women are more confident in leading an institution or country.

Furthermore the obstacle of the main character faced is something hard because she is a divergent where if a divergent is found in a faction she will be killed. The harsh reality faced by the main character was that she was a divergent who could not possibly become a leader. This fact shows that there are several struggles that the main character must do to show that the divergent is not a mistake or an enemy that must be destroyed. The obstacle faced by the main character after that is that women when she becomes a leader she will be limited in terms of making a decision where the decision is not only reserved for women as one party but women also have to ask the opinion of other people or their colleagues to make a decision because of the distrust of women as leaders.

The novel Divergent is a representation of twenty-one centuries women who are trying to get their existence as women. The main character who plays a role in the novel Divergent is a woman named Tris Prior, the son of Andrew prior and Natalie Prior. This novel Divergent tells how the division of society into five factions including the Abnegation, Erudite, Amity, Candor, and Dauntless factions, each of which has different units and objectives. The young generation who are 16 years old will be faced with a test to determine which faction they will be placed based on the test skills that have been passed and will be controlled by the faction rulers who are the leaders of the new generation.

“So today is the day,” she says.

“Yes,” I reply.

“Are you nervous?”

**I stare into my own eyes for a moment. Today is the day of the aptitude test that will show me which of the five factions I belong in.**

"Today is the day of the proficiency test which will show where I belong among the five factions" (Roth, 2011)

Veronica Roth the author puts the main character in this novel is a woman named Tris Prior. This shows that Veronica wants to show women's independence can happen even though Tris is a Divergent, where a Divergent is very feared because he can enter all factions and if caught they will be thrown out to be faction less. Tris shows the existence of modern women who deny men that not all women have to obey something that is wrong. "I duck my head, turning my fork over and over until the warmth leaves my chicks. I don't like to be chastised. Especially by my brother" (Roth, 2011) The independence that Tris will achieve as the main female character in this novel is Tris wants no factional differences between society and wants to erase the fact that every woman has the right to determine which faction they will go to. The teenagers will choose after turning 16 years old without having to join the faction of their parents' origin. Every oppression occurs by the leading faction will cause war against the weak.

Even though the new generation has access to a faction, they cannot move freely because the authorities still curb and distance themselves according to their competencies and they will be faced with competition which shows that they are fit or not in the targeted faction. The author chose Tris as the main character of a Divergent who changed factions from his parent faction. Within the new faction Tris faced violence both physically and mentally that a woman should not face. But thanks to the tenacity and perseverance of the main character in his faction he managed to save himself and erase the differences of factions that exist in Chicago society and move to other place.

It seen a feminist movement that is growing in the middle of society to make gender equality. Feminist movement is also a movement that erases the pattern of thinking about women only second sex in the community. Many of the novels that raise the issue of feminism in every story, novel Divergent by Veronica Roth novel shows the feminism side of the story. Divergent novels have been analyzed by many researchers, such as:

The first research is an international journal from Iraq, the researcher by Rosheed (2019) entitled "Audibility Regained : The Subaltern's Echoes in Veronica Roth's Divergent" The researcher analyzed about The subaltern was



under postcolonial influence because of the faction division. The result of this journal is that slavery is a way to see the correlative power between who is in power and who is oppressed. The powerful will oppress the oppressed because they have wider access. Living in a faction means being ready to follow all the rules, which exist in that faction and ready to be oppressed by the faction ruler. (Rosheed, 2019)

The second research had already done by Darmawanto (2018) The researcher has done analyzing "An Analysis of Feminism Issues in Veronica Roth's *Divergent: A Reader Response Study*" The result from analysis to figure out the concept of feminism issues in Veronica Roth's by Hook. In his journal Darmawanto explained that humans have the same role. Unfortunately, women are seen as weak and women are dependent on men. Gender equality which has been formed for a long time raises various issues on feminism. Feminist views such as radical, social and liberal. (Darmawanto, 2018)

The similarity between the two studies raises the same data source as the researchers, but of course the research they do is different and can be used as a reference. The significant difference from both researchers is the research focuses on woman struggle to get their independence without faction. This researchers used feminist approach by Simone De Beauvoir. In Beauvoir's theory, there are two concepts to be explored, such as the various forms of women's struggles and the last one is what kind of obstacles for woman faced to get independency.

## **1.2 Identification of the Problem**

While reading *Divergent* novel, there are several problems face throughout that is needed to be answer, there are:

1. *Divergent* does not have any choice which faction they are.
2. Various point of views of society are wrong about woman as second sex.
3. The forms of women's struggle to get the independency in novel *Divergent* by Veronica Roth, 2011.
4. The obstacles faced by the main character to get the independency in *Divergent* novel by Veronica Roth, 2011.

### **1.3 Limitation of the Problem**

Limits are needed to make an analysis does not far from the topic of discussion and make analysis focus to what being discussed. The researcher know that the problems above are interesting to be discussed or revealed in this research, but the researcher only limits this research on:

1. The forms of women's struggle to get the independency in novel *Divergent* by Veronica Roth, 2011.
2. The obstacles faced by the main character to get the independency in *Divergent* novel by Veronica Roth, 2011.

### **1.4 Formulation of the Problem**

Therefore researcher will solve the following question:

1. How the forms of women's struggle to get the independency in novel *Divergent* by Veronica Roth, 2011?
2. How the obstacles faced by the main character to get the independency in *Divergent* novel by Veronica Roth, 2011?

### **1.5 Objective of the Research**

An objective from a research we make to know that what is the reason from faction about the embodiments and sexual differences in feminist? To address each question above, the researcher purpose are to:

1. To explain how the forms of women's struggle to get the independency in novel *Divergent* by Veronica Roth, 2011.
2. To know how the obstacles faced by the main character to get the independency in *Divergent* novel by Veronica Roth, 2011.

### **1.6 Significances of the Research**

#### **1. Theoretical Significance**

Through this research, the researcher hopes that the readers can take moral lessons from the *Divergent* novel. because the story in the novel is a story that is



based on the life of the researcher, the imagination of future life and the reality of human daily life. The purpose of conducting research on this novel is to find out how the story of a novel goes.

## **2. Practical Significance**

In this "Divergent" novel there are many conflicts that make the reader curious about what is happening, which is why the purpose of this research novel is to explore the background where the story took place, how they solve many problem in their city, what the theme is, what message is conveyed, and what path is the path or reverse flow.

### **1.7 Definition of Key Terms**

To facilitate knowledge and to prevent misunderstanding in clarify the term used in this analysis, the definition of key term as following:

1. Woman struggle : The women's role in social fields and having bravery to take men duties. In the family life the role of women is very influential and even heavy housework has been done by women. (Walby, 1990)
2. Woman independently : Woman independently is women who are able to stand alone are women who are able to try hard to demand justice. Division or grouping in a society makes women excluded and not promoted. (Braidotti, 1995)
3. Feminist : Feminism is said to be a movement to end the oppression of women who fight for equality for women in the political, economic, cultural, private and public sphere. (Hooks, 2000)

## **CHAPTER II**

### **REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE AND THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

Researcher presents some theories underlying the topic of the study in this chapter. Information in this second chapter is a background of feminism approach, and theory from the experts in the form of points in this chapter.

#### **2.1 Feminist Approach**

Men and women can be classified into those two categories because there is gender construction in society. The feminist movement is a perspective that prioritizes men in society and excludes women as second sex. Feminist approach is how the development of women from time to time to fight for their rights with various forms of struggle. Various social aspects often eliminate the value of the contribution of women in society. Various women's struggles have been discussed in many books and one of them is Simone De Beauvoir in the book entitled woman *The Independent Woman: Extracts from The Second Sex*. There are many aspects that limit women in their work, such as women's struggle to get education, the women's role in social fields, and woman existence to get the right on public.

Feminism is a problem that continues to be a hot issue today. Feminism is also a change movement that aims to fight for women's rights which has always been subordinate. The lack of freedom of women in the public sphere makes women feel oppressed because of the differences in treatment between women and men. Furthermore, feminism rejects the injustice resulting from a patriarchal society, rejects history and philosophy as male-centered disciplines. Here are some responses from some experts on the feminist journey to date.

The first was put forward by Tuttle (1986) through her famous book entitled *Encyclopedia of Feminism* which first appeared in 1986. In her book Tuttle explains that feminism in Latin is called *femina* which means "having the qualities of females" in this concept explaining that women demand sexual equality through the women's rights movement.

The next expert who discusses feminism is Braidotti (1995) a philosopher who comes from Italy. The concept of feminism according to Braidotti in the book *Nomadic Subject* in 1995 explains that women are not only seen by what people think but also by what women experience in social reality. This is related to Nomadic Theory which explains a continuous subjectivity or even a total change that will continue to change. In another sense, women are bound by social norms that limit them from carrying out certain activities.

The last is the concept of feminism from Beauvoir (1949) which discusses the existentialist concept of feminism in the book entitled *The Second Sex* in 1949. Simone De Beauvoir reveals that women who are aware of their freedom will be able to freely determine their path of life, so that according to Beauvoir women can go. Working and maximizing self-actualization, women can become intellectuals and do not have to worry about their abilities when viewed from their biological limitations. From different reviews of feminism, feminism is divided into three waves, including:

In the first wave of feminism, feminism included focusing more on political inequality, especially in fighting for women's suffrage or emancipation in the political field. This early flow of feminism began in 1792-1960 which began with the writings of an 18th century philosopher and feminist named Wollstonecraft (1792) In her work entitled *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman: With Strictures on Political and Moral Subjects*, Wollstonecraft inspired the women's movement and struggle until it continued in the 20th century when women succeeded in achieving their suffrage (political rights). In his book, he writes that women are not naturally inferior to men, but look like that only because they have not received much education. He promotes that men and women are considered equal in every dimension of life, especially in their socio-political matters.

Meanwhile, the second wave of feminism according to Thornham (2006) is familiar known as the women's liberation movement or commonly known as Women Liberation. This movement is a revolutionary collective movement, as seen since its emergence in 1960 - 1980. It can be said that this is the period that

emerged as a reaction of women (feminists) to their dissatisfaction with various discriminatory practices. The second wave has a broader focus, ranging from the role of women in the family, women and religion, women and the media, to women and poverty. Moreover, it is known that legally and politically, this was actually achieved by the first wave of feminism but in practice it was not maximally realized.

Furthermore, the third wave of feminism, also known as post feminism. This flow began in 1980 until now. This genre is so popular and has been widely used as a reference by modern feminists. However, many feminist figures think that third wave feminism is different from post feminism. This is because post feminism is a movement that rejects the second wave of feminist ideas. Judging from the ideas and ideas, for example, the third wave of feminism brings diversity and changes such as globalization, post feminism, post structuralism, and postmodernism. In this case, the third wave of feminism is strongly influenced by postmodernism, which is the originator of the birth of the third wave of feminism.

The influence of postmodernism on third wave feminism can be seen from four characteristics. These four characteristics, such as offering a revolutionary approach to social studies (questioning the validity of modern science and the presumption of objective knowledge), ignoring history (rejecting humanism and sole freedom), questioning the rigidity of reading between the natural sciences (humanities, social sciences, arts and literature, philosophy and theory, image, and reality), as well as focusing on alternative discourses (postmodernism tries to look back at what has been discarded, forgotten is considered irrational, insignificant, traditional, rejected, marginalized and silenced).

Based on all existing feminist waves and their development, the researcher focus this research on one wave. The focus of this research is to follow the third wave of feminists about modern feminists that exist today. The selection of the third wave of feminism in this study is because in the third wave, woman as feminism can already enter the public sphere but remain subordinate. Because women have already had opportunities in the public space, they still need a struggle to achieve complete independence. The effort for independence in the

public room aims to get women's independence with the concept of woman existence from Beauvoir.

### **2.1.1 Woman Struggle**

Women as second sex make it difficult for women to express themselves and how women survive. A form of resistance from a woman also involves a form of politics that overrides the voice of women. To fight it, the woman should have critical thinking to make the argument approved "The unripe woman struggles with these traps. She begins to let herself go, but just as quickly she tenses up and kills the desire in herself... But the woman struggles in the blurry night; she "worries" because she does not do anything in imagination all possibilities are equally real" Beauvoir (1949) Women's struggles start from their own willingness to show who they are in the public sphere. The willingness and determination of women make women fight on and on until they reach the point of achievement.

Women are placed as subordinate in the society and treated unfairly under the patriarchal system. In society, everything is preferred toward the men. The environment also believes the man is the head of family. "And the mother herself is resigned to it: she knows very well that the struggle against man is unfair" (Beauvoir, 1949) Women are considered weak creatures therefore men think that all men's work cannot be done by women. In fact, men's work can be done by women. Economic dependence is also one factor for men to have to work and support their families. Women's limitations make women have a narrow space, after many women fight for their rights then women can be free to move. Nowadays, not only men can make a living for family, even women can also become a family bone.

### **1. Intellectual**

If you hear the term intellect, it relates to someone who is highly knowledgeable, clear-minded and also considered a great figure. Someone is said to be an intellectual if he has intelligence in thinking and is able to compete. Intellectual girls break the assumption that men are always above women, they show that women are also able to compete equally with whom. Besides that,

women who have intellectual values know what is right but not only for her but also for the needs of the public. Intellectual abilities are supported by someone's education so that women are able to become independent and appear confident.

Beauvoir (1949) explained "It is difficult for men to measure the enormous extent of social discrimination that seems insignificant from the outside and whose moral and intellectual repercussions are so deep in woman that they appear to spring from an original nature" Intellectual ability a person has different from birth, but not all can guess whether a woman has the same intellectual ability. Intellectual is a collection of a person's ability to acquire knowledge and be able to adapt. Educated people will have higher intellectual value. Even though women become subordinate in today's life, it is not a barrier for high school girls because they will be the mentors for their children.

## **2. Independence**

Independence is a condition where a person can do something according to his will, without binding rules. In general, it is women's duty to take care of the household so that women's activities outside the home are less likely to receive support. Of this makes it difficult for women to move in the public sphere in expressing their opinions. "..... Desire and love the resistance and independence of the desired and loved woman; married, he respects in his wife the spouse and the mother, and in the concrete experience of married life she affirms herself opposite him as a freedom" (Beauvoir, 1949) this explained that women want freedom but are respected in the midst of society. Independence from women consisting of two, such as women should to be self and women should be existence.

The first to be self, is something that is difficult to do if someone does not have high self-confidence. Sometimes women just think that men deserve to control everything. "This inability to be self-sufficient brings on a shyness that extends over their whole lives and even marks their work. They think that brilliant triumphs are reserved for men" (Beauvoir, 1949) This is explained by Beauvoir to be self which will certainly be more meaningful for women in their achievements



in the public sphere. To be self makes women more valuable because it can erase a little thought that women cannot do without men.

Beside to be self another reason to make the woman become independence individual is to be in existence. In this era of globalization, the function of women has begun to develop compared to the past, more and more women have careers, women with higher education, and even some women participate in the world of politics, society, and so on. Women do not want to be seen as weak people so they will try to show their existence to the world to reduce gender inequality. "There is no other justification for present existence than its expansion toward an indefinitely open future. Every time transcendence lapses into immanence, there is degradation of existence into" in-itself" (Beauvoir, 1949) which is why Beauvoir wants her to have an intention that comes from within himself to show his nature in the midst of the public.

### **2.1.2 Obstacle from Woman Struggle**

The women's role in social fields, it is having bravery to take men duties. In the family life the role of women is very influential and even heavy housework has been done by women. "Were equality of the sexes concretely realized this obstacle would be in large part eradicated; but man is still imbued with his own sense of superiority, which is a disturbing conviction for the woman who does not share it." (Beauvoir, 1949) There are many obstacles faced by women to express themselves both in society and in public spaces. The first thing is the view of society which views women as only subordinates which will become secondary.

According to Beauvoir these is the kind of woman subjectivity these function is explain that women can stand alone in this era. Women who are able to stand alone are women who are able to try hard to demand justice. Division or grouping in a society makes women excluded and not promoted. Women have great potential and greatness to advance the common interests together with men, as noted earlier as an example of many women who have become leaders in the midst of society so that social justice for all humans can be carried out well in the current era.

## **1. Point of View From Society**

The point of view of women's society is difficult to express themselves in the public sphere so that exclusion will continue to occur. In addition, in the view of society it is also influenced by cultural elements. Cultural conditions vary from country, city and region to the belief that men as leaders will remain leaders forever but there are also cultures that believe that men are not always able to be leaders. Sometimes cultural elements that make women move in the public world. From a cultural perspective it also makes it difficult for women to express themselves. From this created the various struggles faced by women.

The fear of women to move a lot in the midst of society is because of the cultural elements that bind every society. "Woman" in English used alone without an article captures woman as an institution, a concept, femininity as determined and defined by society, culture, history. That means "The problem of woman has always been a problem of men." (Beauvoir, 1949) This statement makes women think that culture will be an ongoing obstacle for women to reach the public sphere. A reduction in cultural understanding that idolizes men in this era modern today allows women to move to manifest themselves in society.

## **2. Frightened**

Fear is an emotional response to a threat. Fear is a basic of survival mechanism that occurs in response to a certain stimulus, such as pain or a threat of danger. Fear often makes people unwilling to try and doesn't want to do something that failed by them. Someone who can resist his fear is someone who can go beyond his own limits. Various kinds of fears make the main character in this novel as the main focus. There are many factors that underlie fear, the two dominant factors are from within yourself and from outside yourself. the biggest factor that occurs when we experience fear is against yourself then external factors participate in inhibiting the will.

Barriers that occur to women create potential for discrimination against women when women enter the public space. Beauvoir, (1949) expressed raising an individual with a form of human communication and interfering with his freedom. Then the individual will assert their self and then will rebel against their



self in order to survive. To give opinions and create views in the public sphere about women as subordinates. From this there will continue to emerge statements that women always have shortcomings in managing public spaces so that they need men as their main companions. The view of women is contrary to the issue of human representation which shows that women are only represented as supporters. In addition, this obstacle makes women believe that the difficult response makes up the obstacles that will continue to exist.

## **2.2 Review of Previous Studies**

There are many researchers that have contributed to the development of this research. The research focuses on the problem of women's struggle against the construction of patriarchy. In this thesis, the researcher reveals the phenomenon of struggle faced by female figures in fighting for and getting this freedom. In the journal reference below the researcher collects several articles that also have intersections with the object being studied. There are several journals that are used by researcher as references taken from trusted journal sources, such as Academia Edu, Google scholar, Sinta, and soon.

The first research had already done by Septiawati and Darma (2014), in their researches entitled. "Handmaid as The Object of Sexism in Gilead Society; Feminist Analysis in Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale". They have analyzed of sexism in Margaret Atwood's novel The Handmaid's Tale through the handmaid's characters. The focus of the objective is to find how handmaid has become the object of sexism in Gilead society. In order to analyze the text, this study uses Kate Millet's theory on sexual politics. The analysis finds out that there are three ways Gilead oppressed the handmaids. Firstly by taking over their properties, money and occupations, and secondly after they lose their power, Gilead takes control over their bodies and exploiting it, and finally is limiting their activities so they can be kept on domestic roles. These ways are implemented on system, by using religion, sociological and psychological approach and economic as the vehicle. Every handmaid character shows resistance upon the oppression. Handmaid character shows resistance upon the oppression. The similarity from

both researches equation are both using a feminist approach but using different variables and different research objects.

The second research had already done by Suba. Ramkumar (2019) in their research entitled “Feminism in Khaled Hosseini’s A Thousand Splendid Suns”. This journal discussed sexual harassment by men against women. The result of this research is that Afghan women who are harassed and then oppose the practice. So that the main focus in this research is how to bring change for women in the midst of society. The female as main characters in the novel show their feminism in survival as typical of Afghan women. The similarity with this research is the same using a feminist approach in fighting for women's rights with different research objects.

The third research had already done by Toisuta and Handojo (2017) in his research entitled “Katniss as A Representation of Girl Power in Hunger Games Trilogy” This study was about the representation of girl power in Hunger Games trilogy. The Hunger Games trilogy shows how woman that are represented by the main character, they want regardless others people opinion. It shows that Katniss as some action through her characteristics in the story that against the culture and society. She is able to do anything without thinking about what man or woman should do. This thesis aimed at showing girl power characteristics that are being represented by Katniss. Therefore, I will analyze girl power characteristics in Katniss by using girl power concept. The both of this researchers have in common is to discuss how the feminist movement is in society and how to show the power of women. This research used qualitative descriptive method to collect the data.

The fourth research had already done by Suwardi (2010) in his research entitled. “Feminism as Literary Criticism (It is Development, Figures, and Themes)”. He had analyzed of feminist literary criticism means that readers should criticize a literary work or literature and with a special awareness, they should be aware that, there is sex which has relations to culture, literature, and our life in general. And this creates the differences between them including the differences on the researcher, readers, characterization, and some other factors

which influence the writing activities the similarity from fourth research is how to describe and how to use feminist approach in literary criticism.

The fifth research had already done by Winarti and Kusuma (2017), in their research entitled "Women's Struggle in A Midsummer Night's Dream: Beauvoir's Feminism Perspective". The research aims at describing the women's struggles in the play based on the theory of Simon De Beauvoir regarding the situation of married woman to see the phenomenon found in the work better. This research used qualitative descriptive method. As the result of the analysis, it can be concluded that there is a gender awareness which has been presented by Shakespeare in A Midsummer Night's Dream. He shows that there is gender difference in the play presented by the male and female characters in a restricted patriarchal society of Athens. The similarity from this research is same to using feminism approach and using theory by Simone De Beauvoir with different object of the research.

The last research had already done by Awaliah (2017), in her research entitled "Gender Issues in Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre". She had analyzed of gender issues reflected in Jane Eyre written by Charlotte Bronte. Jane Eyre centers woman as the second sex under the domination of men. Woman autonomy is part of gender issues which becomes a concern of feminist. The result of the research shows that gender issues in the novel did exist and were reflected both through male and female characters and through classification of gender manifestation of woman and men. Both studies have common feminists from different perspectives through their reflected character and point of view from society.

All the previous researches, they explained how to develop feminist theories through culture and everyday life. Besides that, previous research explained about women who can defend themselves and women's struggle through feminist movements. This previous research used a variety of novels as research objectives related to the feminine approach. Deference from previous research and this research tells about the woman's struggle and how the obstacle to get independence to play characters which will become dominant by every faction and will rule over the whole city. In this research researcher discusses the

feminist side from Divergent novel that tells about how the main character role was taken expertly by Tris and how Tris saved her city by removing factions.

### 2.3 Theoretical Framework

To answer several questions by analyzing the kinds of woman struggle and women's independence through the novel Divergent. The researcher wants to give a brief explanation of the feminist approach of the Divergent by Veronica Roth novel in this chapter. The novel will use the main theory from Simone De Beauvoir to discover what forms of woman struggle. The concept of women's independence will be added through the theory of Simone De Beauvoir which will also be added to find the forms of women's independence. With using the theory of researchers as a reference in this research so, this research can be arranged to identify how the struggle of women with their independence can be answered in this research.

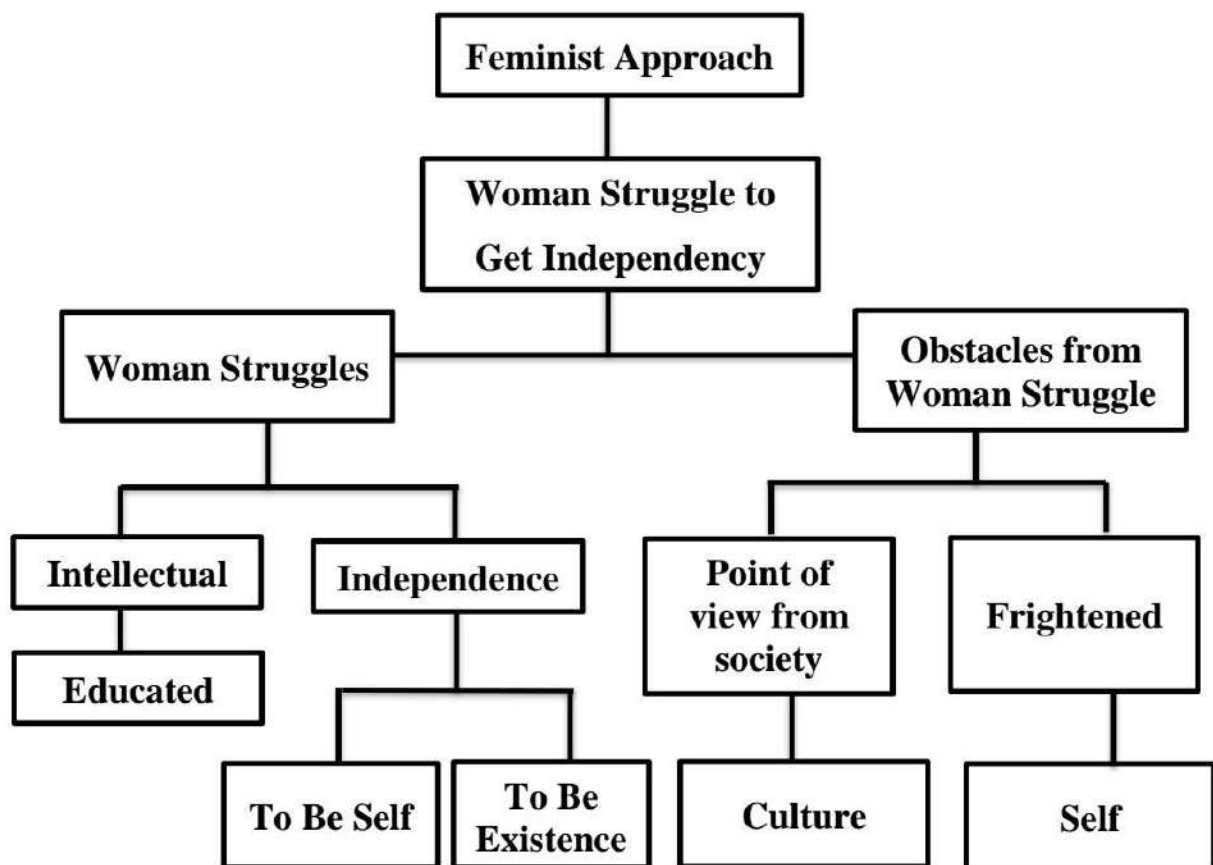


Figure 2.1 Theoretical Framework

## **CHAPTER III METHOD OF RESEARCH**

### **3.1 Research Design**

This study used descriptive qualitative research methods as a method for researching. Qualitative descriptive research is a description of data analysis in literary works through texts, sentences, words and paragraphs. In this study, researchers found some information to analyze data to interpret the data through available facts, also through theory from experts.

Creswell (2014) said that qualitative research is a type of research in which researchers rely heavily on information through general questions, objects or participants on a broad scope, and data collection that makes data collection through words or texts from participants, then explains and analyzing the words after that doing research subjectively to the object of the research.

### **3.2 Object of the Research**

The object of this research is a woman struggle to get independency. Through a feminist approach this research used Simone De Beauvoir main theories about feminism. This research sets two problems as what problems occur to be discussed in the next chapter. Women's struggle that occurs through the first faction differences is leaving the family for freedom, after that it is to provide more opportunities and prioritize the interests of men.

The second focus in this research is how the struggle of women with their independence to maintaining equality of rights through the elimination of differences in the factions that exist in his faction. All the characteristics of women through women's struggles and independence in demanding equality without any clear differences are reflected in the novel "Divergent" as a source of object of this research and as a source of data for this research.

### **3.3 Method of Collecting Data**

Data collection method is an important part to making the research to be structured. Data collection focuses on the text of a literary study that describes the life of a society in the social environment itself. Aside from being a form of document, data collection is also important to collect data as evidence in every research. The following are some steps taken by the researcher in collecting data according to the needs of this study, such as:

1. Reading.

The first thing to do is to read, feel, and imagine what is in a literary work or in a novel. Read more than twice to make the story easy to understand. After that understand what is in the novel to attract deeper meaning. Read the novel that will be the object of research several times to better understand the story in the novel.

2. Highlight the point.

Highlight the text is important to shows the data about the forms of women's struggle and how women's independence in society. This highlight serves to make it easier to find an outline of the target to be discussed.

### **3.4 Method of Analyzing Data**

The first analysis conducted in analyzing some of data is checking the validity of all data using various available sources. Creswell (2014) said that in analyzing research using qualitative data analysis involves efforts to find the meaning of a data and then move it into the form of words or images.

To retrieve important parts of a data to focus on the problems that exists in research. A phenomenon is that originate from the novel "Divergent" which is related to the struggle of women through their independence in the community environment. After searching the data is collected and then adjust to the formulation of the problem.

### **3.5 Method of Presenting Data**

After analyzing the data, the next step is to presenting the results of the research. There are there are two kinds of presenting the data in result analysis: the first is informal method and the second is formal method. Ratna (2007) stated that any activities to collect, present the study result, and analyze the data, and it is carried out in systematic way and used the formal and informal. This research, researcher presented the analysis by using informal method to present the analyzed data. In other words, the results were presented by using words and sentences, or explains by verbal description. In presenting the results of this research, researcher used informal method. This method is used because all data is presented in descriptive form using words and sentences.