

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)