

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents several aspects that need to be underlined for the initial steps of research such as: research background, research problems, research objectives, research hypotheses, research benefits, research scope and limitations, research significances, and definition key items.

A. Research Background

Discrimination is still a sensitive issue to be discussed today. Discrimination always increases every year and occurs in every country in the world. Skin colour are still a matter of debate for the people of the western world, especially Americans. Although the United States government has recognized racial equality, many still feel no racial equality (Alleyne, 2006). There are still many African Americans who experience racial discrimination from white people. As black owners, they are often seen as criminals, rioters, troublemakers, and even have to receive punishment for what they have never done. This case is proof that some people will only see in front of their eyes without knowing the truth (Guerin, 2005).

Discrimination is an act or practice that excludes, harms, and only differentiates an individual or group from other individuals. besides that, treatment can be unfair (Pincus, 1996). Presence of difficulty in some of the perceived, perceived, or perceived characteristics of any substantial impairment. These differences lead to unfair treatment. One quote states that “being black in US society means being prepared for anti-black action by white people at many places and times of the day, week, month, or year” (Feagin & Feagin, 2011). To be black is to undergo all kinds of racial treatment that is used from cradle to grave.

The quote above shows the many incidents of discriminatory treatment, of course race. Each minority group within a certain group of people from the majority group looks different in nature and form of race.

“The monitoring layer is not easy for them to accept” (Andrew J Fuligni 2010:4). An important term in understanding the concerns are issues related to different forms of diversity. Part of being sensitive is a problem for everyone. Incidents of objections also often occur and refer to policies in service that are unfair to the public or certain groups of people.

Finding Forrester is a movie by Mike Rich which was published in 2000. This film tells about the life of a black man who comes from the Bronx, U.S. named Jamal as a minority in his school. He faced an incident of treatment in the United States. The movie Finding Forrester tells how the act of caring happened. A figure that represents people who are victims of racial concern is Jamal Wallace. Jamal Wallace is of African-American descent. Jamal and several of his black friends felt the same way. Various acts of injustice and painful treatment are received in their lives. Jamal expressed his feelings about the unfair treatment of the people around him in his novel A Season of Faith's Perfection. A Season of Faith's Perfection is a diary written by Jamal addressed to Mr. Crawford and Mr. Forrester that inspired the sale of rights. Jamal wrote the novel to get answers for the acts of racial concern that befell him.

Movie Finding Forrester presents some interesting story plots to review. One of them is how a student treats her teacher as he should when there is no injustice. This film also presents the true story of racial depiction in modern life and various responses in the struggle of black people against racial treatment. Discriminatory actions are still often carried out, both individually and institutionally. Therefore it is important to discuss current racial events, intended to gain valuable lessons about the importance of respecting others despite their different traits and bodies.

Several reasons the researcher chose the object of research with a literary work in a movie entitled Finding Forrester. First, the film is adapted from a true story. It has awards, such as winning the Dallas-Fort Worth Film Critics Association Awards at the New York Times Bestseller! In 2001, the

award for writers received the Lincoln Prize. This film is a literary award initiated by schools, libraries and education in Illinois, USA. The second is the Movie Finding Forrester, which tells how black people are discriminated against, and everything is told in a diary by a teenager named Jamal Wallace. In addition, this movie means that the fact is that until now the public does not care and only thinks that black people are troublemakers and criminals who sooner or later will end up living in prison. The third is to see how some of the characters are affected by racial hatred and can survive the struggle against deep-rooted assumptions.

Most of the previous studies have discussed discrimination or some of them have discussed racial discrimination. However, there are no researchers who have discussed objects with similar studies from these previous studies. Therefore, the researcher took the initiative to discuss Mike Rich's Movie, Finding Forrester. This research is updated regarding the objects, theories, and approaches taken. As a researcher, it is possible and important to make observations by watching and studying the contents of objects. Then find out the importance of the content in the object of study of the film. So, the issue What kinds of racial discrimination are portrayed in movie Finding Forrester and How do Jamal efforts against racial discrimination in movie Finding Forrester. Then to answer these problems, the researcher used the theory of discrimination put forward by Fred L Pincus (Pincus, 1996). This study is used to analyze the picture of inequality that occurs in racial discrimination that continues in the life of multiculturalism, which has given birth to a life full of races.

After the explanation of the background above, the writer will take this film to be submitted as a research with the title “An analysis of Racial Discrimination Faced by Jamal In *Fiding Forrester* Movie”

B. Research Problem

Based on the background presented above, the problem will be discussed in this research are:

1. What kinds of racial discrimination are portrayed in movie Finding Forrester ?
2. How do Jamal efforts against racial discrimination in movie Finding Forrester ?

C. Research Objective

Considering the research problems above, the objectives of this study are:

1. To describe the kinds of racial discrimination faced by Jamal in movie Finding Forrester.
2. To explain Jamal's efforts against racial discrimination in movie Finding Forrester.

D. Research Significances

This significance of the study can contribute to an understanding description of the objectives of the study conducted. The study results are what the researcher wants to share with the readers. Based on the topic and the problem, the study will be of great benefit for both theoretical and practical aspects:

1. Theoretically

Theoretically, this study is expected to reveal the portrayal of the kinds of racial discrimination and the black people's struggle against racial discrimination in Movie Finding Forrester by Mike Rich. This study expected can enrich the reader's perspective on the dangers of racial discrimination by Fred I Pincus' theory. In addition, it is because of the importance of raising awareness of racial discrimination to reduce the potential for future acts of racism or violence.

2. Practically

Practically, this study can provide new information and insight to readers regarding the contents of the movie "Finding Forrester". Then can

recognize the emergence of racial discrimination issues and respond correctly to how to struggle against the back. Furthermore, the researcher hopes that this research can foster interest in reading for Readers of a literary work. It is hoped that this study can be an additional reference for future researchers who want to research topics and objects of similar problems.

E. Research Limitation

In order to avoid confusion and expansion of understanding or deviations in this study, this research will be focus to some points, so there are some limitation.

1. This research is limited to one main character named "Jamal".
2. This research is only limited to examining the main character's actions against racial discrimination obstacles and his efforts or solution in movie Finding Forrester by Mike Rich.
3. The study focus is a discussion on the kinds of racial discrimination and how do Jamal struggle against racial discrimination. The theory of racial discrimination is proposed by Fred L Pincus.

F. Definition of Key Terms

The meaning of the description of the keyword terms is a few words that are important to note because they are related to research. There are several technical keyword terms in this research. The terms used in the context of the following definitions used in this study need to be defined..

1. Racism: Racism is the belief that humans are grouped into races and then added the belief that these races have different intrinsic values.
2. Racial: Race is assumed to be a form of biological, natural, categorization of the human species.
3. Discrimination: Discrimination is an act or practice that excludes, harms, and only distinguishes between individuals or groups of other individuals.
4. Violence: Treatment is carried out using physical attacks and inflicting injuries, both physically and psychologically.

5. African-American: The groups of people who predominate in terms of different skin color or race.
6. Movie Finding Forrester is a American drama movie written by Mike Rich and directed by Gus Van Sant. It is a movie about the inspirational relationship between a street-wise black teenager and a Pulitzer Prize-winning.