

## **An Analysis of Women's Emancipation in the Novel *Girl in Pieces* in Obama's Era**

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### ***Abstract***

*This thesis contains an analysis of the emancipation of women in the novel entitled *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow. The method used in this research is qualitative method. The purpose of this study is to find out the type of female emancipation in the novel *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow in the Obama era in 2016 and to find out the impact of women's emancipation. Data is taken from the novel *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow. From results of the data analysis found that there are two types of emancipation found away the five types of emancipation, namely, the emancipation of women fostering progress / society. The positive impact of women's emancipation is that women can become independent and independent from men. And the negative impact of the emancipation of women is the absence of gender identity or the loss of gender identity during the Obama period.*

**Keywords:** *Emancipation, Women, Obama's era*

### ***Abstrak***

*Skripsi ini berisi tentang analisis emansipasi wanita yang terdapat pada novel yang berjudul *Girl In Pieces* karya Kathleen Glasgow. Metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah metode kualitatif. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk menemukan jenis emansipasi wanita pada novel *Girl in Pieces* karya Kathleen Glasgow di zaman obama tahun 2016 dan menemukan dampak dari emansipasi wanita. Data diambil dari novel *Girl In Pieces* karya Kathleen Glasgow. Hasil dari analisis data ditemukan bahwa ditemukan ada 2 jenis emansipasi dan lima jenis emansipasi yaitu, emansipasi wanita membina kemajuan/masyarakat. Dampak positif emansipasi wanita yaitu wanita dapat menjadi seorang yang mandiri dan tidak bergantung dengan lelaki. Dan dampak negatif dari emansipasi wanita yaitu tidak adanya identitas gender atau hilangnya identitas gender pada masa obama.*

**Kata Kunci:** *emansipasi, wanita, era Obama*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In the society, one can see differences in wealth, power and status. Some people have higher status, power and greater privilege than others. Emancipation is one of woman's struggle in women's rights in the society. Sometimes society does not show how emancipation is, and the society shows how the lives of women if they do not have power, authority and education. Women's Emancipation is the process of escaping women from low socioeconomic position or from the legal restraints that limit the possibilities for growth and progress. Actually, Equality is not given, it is processual. And this is not quantitative, it is qualitative. The Women's Emancipation makes equal pay, authority, salary and getting work without woman's objectifications. It means that world more freedom for woman. (Jacques Ranciere : 2017).

Half of human lost the emancipation in their life. Some people just do what was in their position like the rich people have a good life and poor people have a bad life for saying their opinions and nowadays people ignore the emancipation in life even if it was in life and in this novel tells us about how the woman actually young girl in seventeen years old who finds her way to get the right in life and her voice back as long as she is struggle in her life. Mrs Michelle Obama build a foundation in America because of this situation, there are low education for poor people, woman's objectification, sexuality everywhere. And because of depression they choose drug and suicide for their life. In this book said that one in every two hundred girls between the ages of thirteen and nineteen self-harm. Over 70 percent of those are cutters (Glasgow K: 400). And literature helps people grow, both personality and intellectually as theirs provided and objective's base on the knowledge and understanding.

The basic material of literature is experience, through literature, an authoress in the novel *Girl in Pieces* tries to begin her debut with expressing her ideas about what she ever experienced in her life time or what happening around her from natural phenomena in the lives of the people or her life too or the life of community. It is the same like in the novel "*Girl in Pieces*" that tells us about how women should be and find the way what should be doing if you are in the edge of world. Experience the girl And Michelle said that caring of the girl nowadays from suicide, drugs, self-harm, object of sex, mental illness, cut themselves, burning, poking. It can be the result of many things, such as sexual, physical, verbal, or emotional abuse, bullying, helplessness, sadness and addiction. Woman's emancipation in the novel is forgotten in society and she as the main character show us how the woman in mental illness survive her life when woman in the novel has a terrible life and has a black life, and this novel portrait of half women life in American, and because of that make Obama's Wife make Global Girls Alliance and because of the survival and struggle of woman is forgotten by woman itself, so this proposal is entitled "An Analysis of Women's Emancipation in the Novel *Girl in Pieces* in Obama era.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

The method we use in this study is qualitative research. Bachri (2010) states that qualitative research is research aimed at describing and analyzing events, incidents, phenomena, activities, social perspectives, perceptions, actions, faith or belief, people mindsets both individuals or mindsets in group. Quantitative research is scientific research systematically arranged against parts and phenomenon and their connection in it. So based on the definition above this study determined that exactly method to do the study in this research is using qualitative research. This study will be using the phenomena in United State in under the age of adult happened (suicide, drags, cutting, self-harm, girl interrupted) and how emancipation consists in novel *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow. In collecting the data, there are some steps to get the best result for the study such as:

1. Reading the entire novel to get the understanding about the problem and the study itself.
2. Understanding the relevant study from many different sources such as books, journals, internet, news, and the other documentation that the writer could find.
3. Identifying the sentences related about emancipation about girl in pieces in review of that novel

## 3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this research data analysis and finding, It takes some points in analysed of *Girl in Pieces* Novel about women's emancipation in Obama's era. The fourth Chapter shows us about: the first is any tragedies of women cutter, violent, and self-harming in America and build the Global GirlsAllience crested by Obama's wife or first lady, the second is impact of emancipation is in Obama's era. Why people forget how women should be, and the discrimination in women objectification. This research finds some references from the dialogs in the novel *girl in pieces* and related in the real world and tragedy in Obama's era and it show which are related to the object of the study. This research shows us the data. The writer has read the book or the novel and found some related to the problem. After analysing the data, it was found that there were two kinds of women's emancipation in the novel *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow. There were women's emancipation (empowered women) foster the progress of family/society and emancipation ensures global gender equality. Than, the impact of emancipation were negative impact and positive impact. The negative impact of women's emancipation was lost gender

identity and the positive impact of women's emancipation is women can be independent women.

### **Kinds of women's Emancipation in The novel *Girl in Pieces***

#### 1. Empowered Women Foster the progress of Family/Society

Every women have same plain in life and women want their life better and will be planned by their own self and make a progress to the future. They make a picture of future life creatively. Women have to make a better life in the future. In the Novel *Girl in Pieces* tells that charlie did not speak up and tell whar in her mind and what happen to her. Everyone in the hospital try to make her speak up and write down her feelings, Casper wants her to speak up,

*Casper says, "I'd like you to write down what you say to yourself before you harm."(Glasgow.K:2016:35)*

Casper is doctor in the hospital therapy, she said that in the room care. Casper want them to write what happened to them actually charlie, because she is the one that will not speak or write anything. If we get some trouble, we have to write down what felt and what is main of this happened to us. The doctor makes them write and speak every single day. Because, we can explore what is in our mind. And the quote above tells us everyone can speak eventhough you are men or women, foor or rich, young or old, everyone can speak for better life.

*My brain starts to circle, circle, even as I keep drawing Blue. There are things happening that I don't want to think about, not right now. Words happening, like. underpass and attic and underpass and hurting me. Sasha sniffles. Francie clears her throat.*

*My pen writes OUT. GET IT OUT. CUT IT ALL OUT put a big red X over the drawing of Blue's face, crumple up the shove it under my thigh. paper,(Glasgow.K:2016:36)*

In the quotes above charlie try to write when She sees Blue write something in the paper and make her write to and think about what happened to her. She a trauma about her suicide case baccuse in the novel tells that she gets trouble when she does not act anything but world balme her in unfair condition like, (1)she blamed by ellis's mother when ellis's mother gets some drink in ellis room, and allis did not plead her in her boyfriend foul (2) Charlie show her father die in the attic.(3)she gets harassment in underpass by the fucking man. And (4) she hurt herself for forgeting what happened to her. The society make her find her life, when her friends try to make her speak up.

*Thinking about it fills me with anticipatory shivers, like how I felt in the Care room, which is unacceptable, Casper says, a trigger and I can see some of the others now, like pale Sasha with her sea-blue eyes, beginning to frown. Blue and Jen S. wait, faces blank, sparks in the air. I think I want to tell them, I think I want to talk. I feel a humming in my chest and I think I might have some words, maybe, though I'm not sure how to order them, or what they Would mean, but I open my mouth-(Glasgow.K:2016:49)*

In the quote above, she starts to talk with them even if it is just little. When you run through day by day with spirit and she wants try to speak. Charlie life is complicated because she cannot express her feelings. She keep it in her mind and one person who can understand her, Ellis. But the improvement of the therapy, she can explore it to the world step by step. She try to speak about her life too. She cannot speak because she know that woman like her is not deserved by the other person.

*“Her son died of a combination of pills and alcohol. His body was found in an alley in Brooklyn. Alexander. He'd flunked out of school, he was bipolar, she'd lost touch with him and even hired a detective, but she couldn't trace him. She'd cancelled shows, stopped painting”.*  
(GlasgowK:225:2016).

The quote showed that someone die because of drugs and drink alcohol. It means that in the America people are dying because of society and drugs without controlling their parents even if in the America was postmodernism system. This is because of low education about how threat child or teenager better when they are in depression or mental illness. In this situation connected by the main character that she want to cut herself. Charlie looks at that tragedy that make her stop drinks and drugs. She know s now that society teach us about negative and positive impact. She try to make her life better.

## 2. Empowered Women Ensures Global Gender Equality

Women's emancipation make women do what men should do. In the novel *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow there was some quotes that charley wants to make life better with doing some jobs, she leaves her mother to get up from the dark life. Life can be better if we get new life with new paper. We need equality gender in life like selery, freeing in choosing what we want, and sexual aquality.

Charlie need some new society in life she move into Tucson. She want to find how more hurt is life after treatment in the hospital.

*I have to run to catch up with her. I start to say what Casper and I rehearsed. I try to make it sound believable, because I know what the alternative is. "I'm going to follow rules, Ma. Whatever you want. Get a job and stuff, okay?" Glasgow.K :(2016:98)*

In the quotation above, we take some opinions that she wants to get through it by doing it herself. When she wants to be independent. Women can be independent because some reasons, there are: life is hurt if you do not care about it, you will lost everything, people are not always stay with us, we choose our path forward. In the postmodernism we go throught evrything in our life. Doing what we want, we get the job to be get better in life without depend ourselves to other one, not about people but also our perent too. We need a good job and good planing too.

*"But I also Realize that I'm Getting really far dawn the ladder of Casper's rules and all of a sudden I'm flooded with despair. I get up and pace around the room. I try the breathing exercises, but I just gasp, I can't slow down. I'm too keyed up. Mikey said move forward and I went backward big-time and oh, fuck, here comes the tornado."(Glasgow.K:236:2016)*

In the quote above we take some opinions, that she realized that she has emancipation in herself. She realize that she shall not to hear what roles of men and she can do everything without law of men. She make the decision to not allow what her friend said. Because she has no idea in running her life, so she find her life first by instruction, but the instruction became so heavy to her and like we do in some jobs or others. We need to know our value firts and what kind of job we did. In some situation, we have to move from the heavy condition, there are any roles in that job or other which no low addition in it, example we are as a teacher, we teach the student and then the head master in tht school led you to do hard job without paying, and it comes repeatly to you. So you need to move from that situation. Because now we know what we should do in that job even if it is for kindness.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

There are some conclusions we found in the problems at story of Charlie life's in the novel. When she faced the problem the life became up and down. To make struggle of women's emancipation it take some conclusions there are:

1. Types of women's emancipation into five categorizations but in this novel we get two . There are first is empowered women foster the progress of family/society. Better education will show us better life too. The second is empowered women ensures global ensures global gender equality. We are as a woman can be anything we want. All of the selelry is aqual as they do their job defend on how hard it is, not because gender.
2. The impact of women's emancipation have two impact there are positive impact and negative impact. Positive impact is women can be independent, the negative impact is lost gender aquality.

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