

AN ANALYSIS OF ECONOMICAL ASPECTS IN OBAMA ERA AS REFLECTED IN THE NOVEL "A TORCH AGAINST THE NIGHT" BY SABA TAHIR

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ABSTRAK

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menganalisis bagaimana keadaan pada zaman kekaisaran romawi di amerika pada perang dunia kedua dalam novel "A Torch Against The Night". Metode penelitian yang digunakan adalah metode deskriptif kualitatif. Sumber kutipan data yang berisi peran toko Laila, Elias, dalam novel "A Torch Against The Night". Data di kumpulkan melalui membaca novel, perpustakaan, dan penelitian internet. Peran Laila dalam novel ini bertekad untuk membobol penjara Kauf – Penjara paling berbahaya pada zaman itu, untuk menyelamatkan kakak dan ras cendekiawan lainnya dari ancaman pembunuhan dan penjualan sebagai budak untuk meningkatkan ekonomi kekaisaran pada zaman itu, karena ekonomi saat itu sangat rendah, sebagian besar masyarakat pada masa itu hanya bekerja sebagai penarik kereta- kereta tradisional yang sangat sederhana. Peran Elias dalam novel ini bertekad untuk membantu laila membebaskan kakak dan cendekiawan lainnya, meski dia harus membayar dengan kebebasan hidupnya. Dapat di simpulkan bahwa peran Laila dan Elias di gambarkan dari perjuangan mereka untuk mendapatkan hak kebebasan dalam melangsungkan kehidupan mereka yang layak dan pantas di dunia ini.

Kata Kunci: A Torch Against The Night, Aspek ekonomi

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to analyze how the conditions in the Roman Empire in America during World War II in the novel "A Torch Against The Night". The research method used is a qualitative descriptive method. A data source that contains the role of Laila's store, Elias, in the novel "A Torch Against The Night". Data is collected through reading novels, libraries, and internet research. The role of Laila in this novel is determined to break into Kauf prison - the most dangerous prison of the era, to save her sister and other intellectuals from the threat of murder and sale as slaves to improve the imperial economy at that time, because the economy was very low, most people at that time it only worked as a very simple traditional train puller. Elias's role in this novel is determined to help Laila release her sister and other intellectuals, even though she has to pay with her freedom of life. It can be concluded that the role of Laila and Elias is depicted from their struggle to get the right of opacity in carrying out their lives that are worthy and proper in this world.

Keywords: A Torch Against The Night, Economical Aspects

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Background of the Study

The economy improved markedly under former President Barack Obama, from the start of 2009 through the end of 2016. Faced with the specter of another Great Depression in winter 2009, President Obama enacted a series of policies that helped the economy avoid that fate. The economy was growing

again by the second half of 2009, and jobs followed suit by early 2010. Economic growth continued apace for the rest of President Obama's time in office, and job growth logged its longest expansion on record by early 2017, dating back to 1939. Employment opportunities improved, the employment rate fell, wages eventually increased, and

household debt dropped sharply. While things could have been better—faster growth, more jobs, and less inequality, for instance the economic situation at the end of President Obama’s second term does not resemble “a mess” or a uniquely poor performance, as the Trump administration likes to portray it. (Branden, 2017). President Obama’s first order of business when he took office in January 2009 was to save the economy from entering another Great Depression. The labor market was shrinking at a rate of around 700,000 to 800,000 jobs per month, economic growth had already declined in three out of four quarters of 2008, and the economy was still shrinking. Entire communities were decimated by a massive spike in unemployment and a wave of foreclosures, following the financial and economic crisis that started in late 2007 (Branden, 2017). Postmodern has appeared firstly in the field of painting, architecture and civil engineering, before moving to philosophy, literature, art, technology, and the rest of the humanities and knowledge. Postmodernism theory has invaded all the disciplines, such as literature, criticism, art, philosophy, ethnics, education, sociology, anthropology, science, and culture, economic, politic, and architecture (Carter, 2012). The term ‘postmodernism’ has recently been used to describe President Barack Obama, and not by just one commentator. Jonah Goldberg in a recent USA Today column. The author of Liberal Fascism, advanced the notion that Obama is a postmodernist. Goldberg provides the following characterization.

(Peters,2009). The basic concept is so simple that postmodernism erases the distinction between high culture and low culture, between appearance and reality, and further encourages the oppressed classes, such as race, gender, social class that is excluded. (Ratna,2009:147). Based on situation of the society in that era and the problem that were exist in the novel a torch againts the night by saba tahir, the writer tries to make a research entitled "An Analysis Of Economical Aspects In Obama Era As Reflected In The Novel A Torch Againts The Night By Saba Tahir”.

1.2 The Objectives of the Study

Based on the statements above the objectives of the study are:

- 1) To describe the economical aspects in Obama era.
- 2) To describe the impacts of economical aspects in Obama era.

2. THE METHOD OF RESEARCH

Method of research is a systematic plan for conducting research. Sociologists draw on a variety of both qualitative and quantitative research methods, including experiments, survey research, participant observation, and secondary data. Quantitative methods aim to classify features, count them, and create statistical models to test hypotheses and explain observations. Qualitative methods aim for a complete, detailed description of observations, including the context of events and circumstances. Based on the opinion of Meleong, the author can use the document as the source of the object. Therefore, this research uses the descriptive method because the data

will be presented in form of description.

Source of the data is collecting from the novel entitled *A Torch Against The Night* by Saba Tahir. The data form of words, pharase, sentences, action, dialogue between characters or some quotations the related to inner conflict in *A Torch Against The Night*. The other source of data are taken from articles, thrsis, or supporting source to the topic, inner conflict. To complete th data, the writer uses the internet to get actual information and support the ideas of the analysis. The ways of collecting data consist of:

- 1) Reading the novel *A Torch Against The Night* by Saba Tahir for many times and understanding the story and getting more explanations about the topic.
- 2) Analysing novel based on formulation problem.
- 3) Analysing the data base on relating journals and books concerning to the subject matter.
- 4) Drawing the conclusion on the collected data.

The following procedures were used to analyze the data:

- 1) Finding out the explanation about economical aspects in obama era.
- 2) Finding out the explanation about the effect of economical aspects obama era.
- 3) Make the conclusion base on the data analized.

3. DATA ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

The writer has done an analysis of a novel by Saba Tahir, *A Torch Against the Night*. This of research focuses on finding the

Economical Aspects in Obama Era, and the impact of Economical Aspects to the world in Obama Era. The state of America in the days of the Roman Empire in the second world war experienced an economic downturn where at that time the people only worked odd jobs and only worked as traditional crusaders, many even willing to work as slaves at that time, in order to fulfill their daily needs. As a result of the American economic crisis in the era of Obama, Obama considered the economic crisis in his country triggered by the economy that hit Europe. this happened because the banking system and state finances caused a crisis in America in the Obama era. Barack Obama acknowledged his government set jobs. this resulted in a decline in the economy of the United States and high unemployment. Based on this analysis, the author has analyzed the novel Saba Tahir, *A Torch Against The Night*. This study deals with the Economic Aspects in *A Torch Against The Night*. Data has been found on the economic aspects found in a torch against the night novel. Seen in this novel there was a crisis or economic weakness at that time, seen from the number of people who had very low economies, even at that time the population only worked odd jobs such as towing kreta - kreta traditional stall guards merchandise even many who became slaves at that time . Some of the results of this study find things that are related to problems such as the economy in the Obama era which resulted in the economic crisis in the United States. This was triggered by the country's banking and financial system which caused economic crisis in the Obama era, and resulted in the difficulty of

employment and the decline of the United States economy and high unemployment

4. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

After making the analysis and presenting the entire data in the chapter four, the writer will make the conclusion of the study based on the problems of the study. *A Torch Against The Night* is a historical fiction novel, written by Saba Tahir and published in 2016. The action scene in *A Torch Against The Night* has started since chapter one the storyline is fast and tense. The story is peppered with economic conflicts that are interesting and fascinating. What's more, it's always curious about a mystery that seems endless. Following Laia's adventure, Elias, was invited to adventure from the Tribal Desert to the mysterious Forest of Dusk. They encounter many obstacles and dangers that they do not expect, such as the appearance of creatures Efrits and Wraiths also the figure of The Nightbringer who continues to haunt. Besides that their freedom is also at stake because they have to free their siblings and other intellectuals from death threats and in trade into slaves, Based on this analysis, the author has analyzed the novel Saba Tahir, *A Torch Against The Night*. This study deals with the Economic Aspects in *A Torch Against The Night*. Data has been found on the economic aspects found in a torch against the night novel. Seen in this novel there was a crisis or economic weakness at that time, seen from the number of people who had very low economies, even at that time the population only worked odd jobs such as towing train's traditional stall guards merchandise even many

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unemployment rate in the US is still high," Obama said. The writer hopes this research could improve the readers knowledge about in the Obama Era and it also could be the readers references when the researchers study the Economical Aspects and the their contribution in the Economical Aspects as written in novel *A Torch Against The Night*. The writer also hopes this study could be one of reference in studying Economical Aspects concerning in the novel *A Torch Against The Nigh*. Then this study could be a source of another writers work in understanding and continue the next research about Economical Aspects anad their contribution in the Obama Era, as potrayed in the novel, so the knowledge about it can be varied.

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