

AN ANALYSIS ON AMERICAN'S INTERVENTION OF AFGHANISTAN WAR IN KHALED HOSSEINI'S *THE KITE RUNNER*

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ABSTRAK

Penelitian novel karya Khaled Hosseini berjudul *The Kite Runner* membahas intervensi Amerika dalam perang di Afghanistan. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah mengidentifikasi sebab terjadinya serangan Amerika pada perang di Afghanistan dan dampak intervensi Amerika terhadap perang di Afghanistan berdasarkan novel "The Kite Runner" karya Khaled Hosseini. Dengan berbasis metode kualitatif dan didukung teori Marxism maka dua hasil temuan penelitian terhadap novel tersebut dapat diidentifikasi pertama adanya tiga sebab serangan Amerika terhadap Afghanistan yaitu ekonomi, kebebasan dan wilayah. Dampak intervensi Amerika terhadap perang Afghanistan berdasarkan novel yaitu timbulnya banyak korban dan terjadinya kemiskinan di Afghanistan.

Keywords: The Kite Runner, Intervensi Amerika, Perang Afghanistan

ABSTRACT

This research analyzes Khaled Hosseini's "The Kite Runner". The objectives of this research is to identify the causes of American's attack in Afghanistan war and the impacts of American's intervention in Afghanistan war based on Khaled Hosseini's "The Kite Runner". By using qualitative method and Marxism theory, two research results are found. First is there are three causes of American's attack in Afghanistan war. They are economy, freedom and state and individual region. Secondly, the research result finds the impacts of American's intervention in Afghanistan war based on the novel, there are so many victims and a great poverty in Afghanistan.

Keywords: The Kite Runner, American Intervention, Afghanistan War

1. PENDAHULUAN

According to Roger (2004:114) the intervention itself is a combination of elements or program strategies designed to produce behavioral changes or improve health status among individuals or the entire population. Interventions can include educational programs, new or stronger policies, environmental improvements. Interventions that include many strategies are usually the most effective in producing desired and lasting changes. Interventions can also be applied in different settings including communities, workplaces, schools, faith-based organizations or homes. Interventions implemented in various settings and using several strategies

may be most effective because of the potential to reach more people in various ways. There are several points that indicate that the intervention made changes by:

1. Influencing knowledge of attitudes, beliefs, and individual skills
2. Increasing social support and creating supportive environment, policies and resources.

In America, the Middle East is described by excessive amounts of negativity. The media convey it as violent and destructive, which always leads to war (Alamour). One example of American intervention occurred in Afghanistan. All Afghans for Westerners are terrorists. America is a country that

is so strong, dominant, and political interdependence will disappear by itself (Jefferess). Americans feel that they do not need to depend on other countries. But this proved wrong. Many people consider the United States to be reckless in the eyes of other countries. Americans live with things they don't need, while people in other countries starve and die. Starting in 2001, the country has been targeted by a group of Islamic terrorists in the Middle East, such as Al-Qaeda and ISIS. Because of events like 9/11, Americans have developed what has been before that the Middle East itself, including Afghanistan, is bad, or that Islam, religion as a whole should not be welcomed. Something that many westerners tend to forget is extremism in every religion. Many Muslims are very peaceful. Islamic religion, and Afghan culture have shortcomings, but it means to be a peaceful practice of one's beliefs. Because of this idea, Americans choose more often than not putting themselves outside the circle. They would rather not be told they could harm them or America as a country. They see it as 'our vs them 'fighting' without consideration of both parties. (Robinson, 2016:41)

America has heard nothing about the Taliban massacre in Hazara, until the US begins to intervene in the Middle East (Alamour). Westerners do not want to be educated or eliminated by their ignorance about this topic. this really brings the reason behind khaled Hosseini writing this book. there are many problems and perceptions that Americans clearly have about Afghanistan and Islam, and Hosseini wants to express this in his novel, *The Kite Runner*, written by khaled

hosseini, can be described as "a political allegory of global ethics" (Jefferess).

The novel itself, as well as its protagonist, Amir, symbolizes the need for integrated ties between particular countries relating to the United States and Afghanistan. This modern classic aims to educate Westerners about the history and culture of Afghanistan. Hosseini himself stated that the novel was really about "finally putting the human face to the Afghan people" Hosseini ". How did he do this? Hosseini introduced aspects of universality in a text that describes the idea of guilt and penetration felt by all people of all nations. provide readers with familiarity, while continuing on topics that may be completely foreign to reading. In this case, the topic is Afghanistan and its culture. Americans chose not to recognize Afghanistan, especially after the horrific incidents on September 11, 2001 for them, the country was mostly related to terrorism. This was a preconceived notion which is why Hosseini wrote this book.(Robinson, 2016:71)

The novel revolves around a boy who continued in Afghanistan, and was later forced to move in America after the Soviet Union launched their coup in the country, this story tries to unite two cultures (Pashtun and Hazara), which are parallel to the needs that come with America and Afghanistan . The main objective of Khaled Hosseini's classic modern is to destroy the western assumptions of Afghanistan and introduce readers to a culture that is not always associated with negativity. With that a lot of changes are made by interventions relating to changes in attitudes, policies,

environment or culture and also socially related in this novel.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

The researcher conducts the research by using qualitative descriptive method. According to Creswell, “qualitative research is a means for exploring and understanding the meaning individuals or groups ascribe to a social or human problem” (Creswell, 2009:20). Qualitative research is concerned with qualitative phenomenon. i.e., phenomenon relating to or involving quality or kind (Kohtari, 1985:3). This research collects variety of data related to social and cultural issues from the novel in detailed description.

The method of collecting data in this research is library research. The researcher collects the data that have a similar and relevant to the topic of research. The data collected are some referential books, journals articles that related to the research and the theory of research. The researcher uses reading technique in order to understand the novel and takes the relevant dialogue and event to evolve the information of the social situation in the novel.

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Result

This research finds two results based on the analysis in Khaled Hosseini’s “The Kite Runner”. The first is the causes of American attack in Afghanistan war. The causes are economy, freedom and state and individual region. The second is the impacts of American intervention towards Afghanistan

war are revealing so many victims and a great poverty in Afghanistan.

Discussion

This research analyzes the causes of American Attack in Afghanistan war based on Khaled Hosseini’s *The Kite Runner*. The causes are:

a. Economy

The causes of American’s attack first, Economic, in Afghanistan is a country rich in natural resources such as gas, gold, gems, silver and copper. Not only that, there are many other natural resources owned by Afghanistan. With increasing natural resources, Afghanistan produces many benefits that make them divided into groups of greedy people (Taliban). As a result of their greed about natural resources which resulted in murder and smuggling. Afghanistan is the land of many ethnic groups, which is why this country has so many different cultures but they all call themselves Afghans.

b. Freedom

In this novel freedom is one of the causes of the American attack, where the government in Afghanistan does not control a part of the area that is currently a nest or where people inside it are out of control such as making the area a place for drugs that like to riot people around them.

c. State and Individual Region

The third cause is State and individual region. The state is an absolute spirit whose power exceeds the rights of the individual. Which makes this country a tool of power this explained that, the Taliban were students of the Islamic knowledge movement who ruled Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001. They ruled

during a long civil war in Afghanistan. Even though they have captured 90% of the country's territory, their policies including their treatment of women and terrorist support have alienated them from the world community.³² The Taliban have missions such as stoning adulterers, raping children, whipping women for wearing high heels, and slaughter Hazara.

Besides the causes, this research also analyzes the impacts of American intervention in Afghanistan war based on in Khaled Hosseini's Novel "the Kite Runner." The impacts are :

a. Victims

The first is the number of latten victims and losses from civil war which are directly supported by the United States. Starting from amir and hassan it still lasted around seven to ten years, during which the Taliban group had participated in the riots in Afghanistan at that time. One night they stood up and ran out of the living room. At that time, Hassan's father. Visible white light and gunshots made them even more injured.

b. Poverty

second, the impact of American intervention caused poverty to decline in Afghanistan. There are many beggar debris that are everywhere due to American interference. In the past Amir's father always brought a handful of money to give to Afghan people. Many conflicts that occur to cause adverse effects on the people of Afghanistan, especially the decline in the economy of the community, with many people who are willing to become beggars in their own country for the sake of their survival. Even America itself

experienced an economic downturn until the bush period was replaced by the Obama barracks in 2008.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Two conclusions are taken as the conclusions of this research. The first point is about the cause of the American attack on Afghanistan are "Economic", Namely the economic power possessed by Afghanistan itself. Afghanistan's natural resources make a group of Afghans' greediness. The Taliban are a group of people known for their crimes and one of the organizations under US support. "Freedom" and "State and individual region" related in American hatred of terrorists for a long time has increased since the entry of terrorist organizations (al-Qaeda) which came to attack America to liberate Afghanistan from Soviet forces. Which include power and freedom to be the reason for cooperation between Amerika and Thaliban. The second point is about what the impact of American intervention in Afghanistan war are "poverty", for the Afghan people to increase. They could not enjoy the results of the natural resources owned by their own country because it was almost full of parts of Afghanistan that had been controlled at that time. This is what makes the difference between the lower class tribes decreases (Pashtun). In novels, hassan is part of the lower class, of which Assef as the Taliban leader is very concerned about his closeness to amir. And not only that, Hassan was also alienated from other friends because of his poverty. "Victims", in this war for example the victims of the cruelty of the Taliban who damaged children in Afghanistan,

especially for the Pashtuns. Not only that, corpses were scattered everywhere during the attacks carried out by America. With the many effects of American interference in the Afghan war.

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