

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of the study

In terms of language, this exploitation comes from the English language, which means exploitation which has the political meaning of using arbitrarily or excessively to the subject of exploitation only for economic interests alone without considering the sense of appropriateness, justice, and welfare compensation.

In general, the definition of exploitation is an action whose purpose is to take advantage or to take advantage of something excessively and arbitrarily. This exploitation often has a detrimental impact on the other, both on humans and the environment.

According to Joni (2006), This definition of exploitation is an act of exploiting other individuals for self-interest purposes. According to Suharto (2005), The definition of exploitation is a discriminatory attitude or treatment that is done arbitrarily.

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Exploitation is a form of abuse. Moreover, it always involves one person or a group of people reaping benefits at the expense of others. For example, abusing someone refers to the physical or emotional mistreatment of that person, whereas exploitation refers to using someone to reap benefits.

Exploitation means treating someone badly to get some benefit for yourself. In other words, it is a form of abuse where someone is manipulated or forced to doing something that benefits some others. Exploitation can take many forms, occur in various situations, and involve different groups of people.

To exploit someone is to take unfair advantage of them. It is to use another person's vulnerability for one's benefit. Of course, benefitting from another's vulnerability is not always morally wrong—we do not condemn a chess player for exploiting a weakness in his opponent's defense, for instance. But some forms of advantage-taking do seem to be wrong, and it is this normative sense of exploitation that is of primary interest to moral and political philosophers.

[Difference Between Exploitation and Abuse - Pediaa.Com](#)

Exploitation can be transactional or structural. A shop that pays low wages, for example, or a pharmaceutical research firm that tests drugs on poor subjects in the developing world, might be said to exploit others in this sense. But exploitation can also be structural—a property of institutions or systems in which the "rules of the game" unfairly benefit one group of people to the detriment of another. As we will see below, Karl Marx believed that the economic and political institutions of capitalism were exploitative in this sense.

[Exploitation \(Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy\)](#)

The short story Pol Pot and The Khmer Rouge is one of the real stories or historical stories that happened in Cambodia in the 1970s. The short story tells of the occurrence of civil war between Cambodia and the Republic of Vietnam that lasts took place over eight years, one month, six days. The civil war occurred because the country of pitting each other. Finally, the war was won by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, where their plan to take over the capital of Cambodia - Phnom Penh was successful. The communist party was led by Pol Pot and the name Communist Party is Khmer Rouge that finally ruled in the Cambodia capital. Pol Pot led the way with a totalitarian dictatorship, where his government made city residents move to the village to work on collective farms and forced labor projects.

Hell On World deserves the nickname given to the State of Cambodia. The people are always victims, and the horror started when the Khmer Rouge party came to power in Cambodia. The Khmer Rouge made Cambodia a World Hell. Physical exploitation started, all people in Phnom Penh moved to the countryside, where family members were divided from each other, and some people even became victims of the war. The effects of the civil war of harsh working conditions, malnutrition, and lack of medical care cause the death of about 25 percent of the Cambodian population. The history of the Khmer Rouge cannot separate ---from a dictator named Pol Pot. The Khmer Rouge came to power in 1975. For Pol Pot human of life is nothing, Pol Pot has slaughtered his brother like an animal. Pol Pot did the most cruelty of

beating wood to death.

This topic of physical exploitation deserves a thesis because the existence of civil war has greatly affected the life of the people of the capital city. Where the people's life, in Cambodia is very concerned and forced to always comply with all the wishes of the Communist Party. The human value in Cambodia is very threatening because every day usually people die because of exhaustion all day hard-working, and even people are deliberately killed.

## **1.2 Statement of the problem**

To analyze Marxism theory in the short story Pol Pot and The Khmer Rouge, there are some problems of study here as following:

- 1) What physical exploitation happened in a short story -Pol Pot and The Khmer Rouge?
- 2) What is the impact on physical exploitation of people's lives after the coming communist party to the capital city?
- 3) How did the Cambodian people before the Pol Pot government took control?

## **1.3 The objective of the study**

An objective is an imperative thing in a research. The general goal of the study to formulate planning and development frameworks that set the guidelines and standards for more effective planning. This study has

several study objectives as follows:

1. To find out the physical exploitation that happened in the short story Pol Pot and The Khmer Rouge.
2. To find out the impact of people's lives after the communist party comes in the capital city in the short story Pol Pot and The Khmer Rouge.
3. To find out the people before the Pol Pot government took control in the short story Pol Pot and The Khmer Rouge.

#### **1.4 Scope of the study**

This study focuses on the physical exploitation of the society in the capital city of Cambodia in the short story Pol Pot and The Khmer Rouge that was written by Arielle Black. It only discusses of physical exploitation happened toward society, the situation during civil war, and the effects of physical exploitation toward society.

The theory that I apply in the short story Pol Pot and The Khmer Rouge is Marxism about physical exploitation. Karl Marx is considered a theorist of classical and influential exploitation. Marx recognized the exploitation of labor as a morally unfair act but more emphasized economic injustice. In analyzing exploitation, an explanation of the physical exploitation by Karl Marx.

### **1.5 Significance of the study**

Physical exploitation of the people that occurred, especially in Cambodia became a conflict in the short story Pol Pot and Khmer Rouge that was written by Arielle Black. The study of the physical exploitation of the poor (working class) can be a lesson for the poor or rulers. We all have the same position as ordinary people. The rulers should not make slaves against the poor. And poor people must have a passion to fight the communist party, that all people are equal.

### **1.6 Approach to the study**

The short story Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge use the Marxist approach to apply Karl Marx's theory and the approach is physical exploitation.

The data collection that I use to conduct research is a collection using literature studies. This research using a short story. The first step I did was look for a short story on the watt-pad that I usually read. I read more than three short stories that I found interesting in the title, but the last short story I read was Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge, I was the interesting title of the contents. Then, I found a theme and began to search for literary theories suitable for the short story.

Then to analyze the data in the Pol Pot short story and search for the Khmer Rouge from several sources about short stories and analyzed using the applied theory. The theory that I use is the theory of physical exploitation from Karl Marx. According to Marx, exploitation by the bourgeoisie against

the proletariat will encourage the proletariat to unite. I read a lot of studies about Karl Marx then I discovered Karl Marx's theory of physical exploitation. According to Karl Marx, physical exploitation is arbitrarily utilizing the power of subordinates to be able to satisfy personal interests.

### **1.7 Organization to the paper**

The researcher will separate the research into five chapters. Five chapters are Introduction, Synopsis of the Work and Biography of the Author, Review of Related Literature, Findings and Discussion, and the Conclusion and Suggestion.

The short story 'Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge' contains the organization of the paper and includes:

Chapter I is Introduction that consists of Background to the Study, Statement of the Problem, Objective of the Study, Scope of the Study, Significance of the Study, Approach to the Study, and Organization of the Paper.

Chapter II is a Synopsis of the work and Biography of the Author which is used as the object of the discussion of this thesis.

Chapter III will show about Review of Related Literature.

Chapter IV is Analysis and Discussion. The researcher will answer the statement of the problem that is found in the object.

Chapter V is Conclusion and Suggestion. This chapter presents the review, summary, and conclusion of the entire chapter.