

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of the Study

Feminism is a movement of women to demand justice so that they have equality with men. The feminism movement is still struggling for many things today and in various parts of the world. For examples gender equality, and fighting patriarchy. Feminist believe that men and women are equal, and women deserve the same rights as men in society. The feminist movement has fought for many different causes, such as the right for women to vote, the right to work, and the right to live free from violence.

Among gender activists, Simone de Beauvoir is one of the figures who talks about feminism. 'The Second Sex' (1949) is considered a classic work that describes women's oppression and injustice over the years and has had a significant influence and inspired movements for women's liberation. And if it is seen from history, the development of feminism Simone de Beauvoir is considered as a pioneer of the theory of feminism which is more substantive than the other theories. In general, Simone de Beauvoir's thinking is called the theory of feminism. The theory of feminism itself has several definitions. Luce Irigaray stated that the concept of 'feminism' is; "Which is described by the social system about women's

empowerment." The definition of feminism itself in KBBI is a women's movement that demands full equality of rights between women and men. Meanwhile, the idea of feminist theory in general is a theoretical reality that emerges based on the awareness that there are deviations in history and the belief in the position of women so far. Second sex book contains about women's life. According to her, women in Simone's time are in the process of restoring the myth of feminism. They started to declare their freedom in open ways, but unfortunately they are not, or haven't been able to enjoy the life they want like men. This means that men are more dominant than women. This is what men really want to maintain because they also want to maintain the social foundation, because men always think that they are more capable of doing anything than women. That is why women often experience gender inequality. In this study I chose to examine Women Harassment, which is to examine gender inequality and violence experienced by women

Beauvoir bases her idea of the Other on Hegel's account of the master-slave dialectic. Instead of the terms "master" and "slave", however, she uses the terms "Subject" and "Other". The Subject is the absolute. The Other is the inessential. Unlike Hegel who universalized this dialectic, Beauvoir distinguishes the dialectic of exploitation between historically constituted Subjects and Others from the exploitation that ensues when the Subject is Man and the other is Woman. In the first case those marked as Other experience their oppression as a communal reality. They see themselves as part of an oppressed group. Here, oppressed Others may call on the resources of a common history and a shared abusive situation to assert their

subjectivity and demand recognition and reciprocity (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Tue Aug 21, 2018). As in the Simone de Beauvoir (1970) theory, 2 with the publication 'The Second Sex' however interest in feminism has spread throughout the world. Heralded as the foundational work of twentieth-century feminism, Beauvoir's text declares that both French and Western societies are patriarchal, controlled by males. Because the female is not male, Beauvoir asserted, she becomes "the Other" an object whose existence is defined and interpreted by the male, who is the dominant being in society. Always subordinate to the male, the female finds herself a secondary or nonexistent player in the major social institutions of her culture, such as the church, government, and educational systems. According to Beauvoir, a woman must break the bonds of her patriarchal society and define herself if she wishes to become a significant human being in "What is a Woman?" Beauvoir insists that a woman's answer must not be "mankind" for such a term once again allows men to define women. This generic label must therefore be rejected, for it assumes that "humanity is male and men define woman not in herself but as relative to him". So the writer chooses a Harassment on the research especially Women Harassment. What is Harassment? Harassment is a form of discrimination. It includes any unwanted physical or verbal that offends or humiliates you. Generally, harassment is a behaviour that persists over time.

Violence against women can take many forms, for example sexual violence. This type of violence connotes unkind things such as solicitation or touching in any form that is sexual in nature. Threatening calls are considered sexual assault.

Example like sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, rape, forced marriage, forced sterilization, sexual slavery, sexual torture and forced prostitution There is also physical violence, it is violence that physically attacks women, hurts physically, starting from training, pinching, kicks, lugging, hitting, choking, smothering, burns, beatings with a bat, violence with sharp objects, hot water or chemicals, drowning and firing.

Beavoir states that women see themselves as autonomous beings. According to him, women must be able to reject society's opinion that women are the subjects of men. Embedded in this erroneous assumption is the assumption that men have power and the definition of cultural terms and roles. Therefore, women must define themselves, and take away their rights in order to change society's perception that women can actually be equal to men. The writer applied the Simone de Beauvoir theory and Liberal Feminism in the "Mad Max: Furry Road" movie by George Miller (2015).

## **1.2 Statement of the Problems**

After finished to write the background of the study, now the writer found some problems on the movie that will be summarized in "statement of the problems".

1. What kind of harassment to women reflected of the movie "*Mad Max: Fury Road*" by George Miller ?
2. What did Furiosa (main character) do to save women is who experienced harassment?

3. What are the impacts of the harassment based on the movie?

### **1.3 Objective of the Study**

The overall study objective is to formulate a broad planning and development framework setting out guidelines and standards for more effective and comprehensive. Objective of the study is the most important things which helps the study to be done easily.

1. To find out the kind of harassment on the movie "*Mad Max: Fury Road*".
2. To find out what the main character did to save the women.
3. To find out the impacts of the harassment based on the movie.

### **1.4 Scope of the Study**

The writer focused on two things in the movie for the study, that is the character action and the harassment of the women in the "*Mad Max: Fury Road*" movie

### **1.5 Significance of the Study**

This research created to the students who study in English Literature, especially Stikubank University student of English Literature. The writer created this because the writer wants to know more and learn about feminism. And the writer chose feminism theory by Simone De Beauvoir. It also can be the new knowledge for the students about feminism and they can analyze the feminism by making examples or inspiration from what the writer dis in this study. There are so many examples source of feminism, like movie, short story, novel or even song. But here, the writer chose movie because it is easy to understand.

## **1.6 Approach to the Study**

This part is about the point of the study, the writer chose liberal feminism for this study, it matches with Simone de Beauvoir theory and book "*The Second Sex*". This liberal feminism and Simone de Beauvoir theory can be applied in the movie of "*Mad Max: Fury Road*". Because in the movie there are harassment of women like *Sex Slavery*, and women are only used for human breeding, and they are only allowed to breastfeed. They are not allowed to war or do some things like men usually do. This make Furiosa (the main character) angry and feels unfair and she has done lot of thing to save the 5 women from this harassment. She wants to prove that men and women are equal. Women are not thing.

## **1.7 Organization of the Study**

Chapter I contains background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, and organization of the study.

Chapter II contains of synopsis of the "*Mad Max: Fury Road*" movie and the biography of George Miller.

Chapter III contains several reviews of theoretical framework related with character, setting, conflict and the harassment.

Chapter IV explains about the character and answering the question from the statement of the problem in chapter I.

Chapter V contains the conclusion and suggestion.