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ABSTRACT

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This thesis discusses about the antisocial personality disorder as it is pictured in *Barn Burning* by William Faulkner. In attaining the purposes, writer applied Psychoanalysis criticism by Sigmund Freud which is emphasizes the issues about the antisocial personality disorder character as it is describes in *Barn Burning*. Moreover, the writer applied close reading technique and descriptive method in doing analysis of this study until writer can understand the novel. From the analysis, the writer found the antisocial personality disorder symptoms toward the main character's behavior such manipulative, callousness, irresponsibility, impulsivity. This character is impact to others like the damage of their material things and specially barn burning. The main character's behavior is also impact to himself and his family, he and his family get ecivtion from the country. Finaly he get killed which is caused of his action trying to burn burning his master.

Keywords: Antisocial Personality Disorder, Manipulative, Callousness, Irresponsibility, Impulsivity.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Reason for Choosing Topic

Human is social creatures that usually communicate, share, and show their feeling, thought, mind and emotions with others. It is difference human with other creatures such animals. Human also has the rules to control their life, so their life runs with regularly. But, there are some people who breaks the law. They are commonly do criminality because they tends to impulseveness. It makes them do a criminality without feeling guilty. They also can not feel the others feeling, then it makes them to be irresponsible to others, they thinks themselves only. This characters is called as antisocial personality disorder.

According to Lusoix based on Freud states “antisocial personality disorder is a psychiatric condition that causes an on going pattern of manipulating others and violating their rights. People with this disorder do not follow society’s norms and often break the law”(1). It means that this person is difficult to take the right way or feel the others feeling as a normal person. So, this person tends to do some criminality to others as his desire or vengeance.

Beside, Long states the evidence of Antisocial personality disorder like “ stolen while confronting a victim (mugging purse, snatching, extortion, armed robbery), deliberately engaging in fire setting with the intention of causing serious damage, deliberately destroyed other’s property (other than by fire setting), broken into someone else’s house, building or car.”(1). Based on the quotation, it is the

evidence that also found in the data. The main character is stole horse in the past, burnt barn his neighbor', destroyed the rug and destroyed corn field of his neighbor.

According to Webster Dictionary, antisocial personality disorder that is “characterized by antisocial behavior exhibiting pervasive disregard for and violation of the rights, feelings, and safety of others starting in childhood or the early teenage years and continuing into adulthood”. Based on the quotation, it explains that the antisocial personality disorder tends to do some criminality with their disregard to others. So that, it makes the main character have no guilty feeling to others.

This case, it can be found in one of the character of William Faulkner's *Barn Burning*. In this short story, Faulkner describes Snopes as main character. As a father, Snopes is cruel, harsh and stiff. Snopes's behavior begins to change when civil war happened thirty years ago. At the time, Snopes has stolen the war horse so he got a shot in the leg. Snopes's action leads to antisocial symptom such as stealing in young ages because antisocial personality disorder is the character who does not feel responsible for his action on others. His personality disorder continues in adult ages. Snopes becomes a destroyer of his neighbour's material things, it happens if he becomes angry when he gets criticism from his neighbours or his master. His treatment continues over and over though he gets punishment from his mistakes. Therefore the writer certainly finds that Snopes experiences antisocial personality disorder in the Faulkner's *Barn Burning*.

In the *Barn Burning*, the writer finds the psychological problem toward Snopes that influences himself and people around him. As the writer mentioned above that it is Snopes's experiences antisocial personality disorder. Therefore, the writer uses the theory of psychoanalysis by Freud. As Tyson states psychoanalysis can help us better understand human behavior, then it must certainly be able to help us understand literary texts, which are about human behavior (11). From this statement, the writer convinces to use the Freud's psychoanalysis in this analyzes as the theory is a tool to know better the human behavior especially with antisocial personality disorder case.

The writer analyzes *Barn Burning* by Faulkner because of the psychological problem toward Snopes as the character experiences personality disorder in the story, then the writer interests in analyzing and interpreting the character of Snopes.

1.2 The Objective and Scope of the Study

Based on the reason of topic above, this analysis uses short story entitled *Barn Burning* to be the object of analysis. The objective of the study is to describe and explain Snopes's psychological problem in the story. In addition, through analysis also describes the effects of the character's personality disorder toward himself and people around him.

The scope of this research is only focused on the Snopes of this short story by studying Snopes's personality disorder without related with the aspects like the

author, the reader, and outside of the story. Therefore, it expected to help the writer to do the research on this limitation.

1.3 Formulation of the Problem

The writer formulates the research in the form questions. Then, it can guide the writer to observe the object of the research:

- a. What are the symptoms of the antisocial personality disorder of the character in the *Barn Burning*?
- b. What are the impact of the antisocial personality disorder in the character which seen in the *Burn Burning*?

1.4 Theoretical Framework

In this analysis, the writer uses the psychoanalysis theory of Freud in doing a good analysis. Bressler said that “Freud became the founding father of psychoanalysis, a method of treating emotional and psychological disorder” (145). From the statement, writer has chosen the Freud’s psychoanalysis theory because of the theory is related and proper in analysis the research. In addition, Freud has been the history and father of psychology. Then, it convinces the writer to use the theory to analyze of this research.

Psychoanalysis theory of Freud that uses by writer in this analysis is also technique that commonly uses in ordinary life of human when someone gets psychology problem. As Booker states “Psychoanalysis is medical technique, a

method of therapy for the treatment of mentally ill or distressed patients that helps them understand the source of their symptoms” (1996). From the statement, theory says that psychoanalysis is the way to help in medical technique of mentally illness patient.

In this research, writer uses the mental disorder in doing this analysis. Because the main character in the data experiences problem in mental that makes him difficult in social relationship with other. As Pakhare who quoted Freud states that “mental disorder are defined as psychological abnormality in thinking, behavior in mood. It is often associated with distress, impaired, functioning or disability of some form.”(1)

As Pakhare who quoted Freud states “Mental disorder also had various types such as anxiety disorder, childhood disorder, cognitive disorder, personality disorder”. While, the writer saw the main character in data experiencing personality disorder. So, that’s why writer states that he experiences personality disorder. As Cerry based on Freud states “personality disorder is an enduring pattern of inner experience and behavior that deviates markedly from the expectation of the individual's culture, has an onset in adolescence or early adulthood, and leads to distress or impairment”(1).

Based on Andrew that takes Freud Idea, Andrew states “The personality disorder also had various cluster, such cluster A, B and C. Cluster A divides of paranoid personality disorder, schizoid personality disorder, schizotypal personality disorder. Then cluster B divides of antisocial personality disorder, borderline personality disorder, narcissistic personality disorder, histrionic personality disorder

and cluster C divides of avoidant personality disorder, dependent personality disorder, obsessive compulsive personality disorder”. (95-101)

As Andrew referring to Freud states “Antisocial Personality disorder is characterized by a chronic disregard for the rights, impulsiveness, and risk taking most often. This disorder is characterized by repetitive unlawful behavior such as repeated thefts, assaults and lying. The Antisocial person lack honesty, loyalty, and fidelity, which prevent the formation of close interpersonal relationships. Evidence of the disorder usually appear in early adolescent.” (97).

According to American Psychiatric Association in *Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM-V)* in 2013 states that Antisocial Personality Disorder has some symptoms as follows:

1. Manipulative, Frequent use of subterfuge to influence or control others; use of seduction, ingratiation, to achieve one one’s end.
2. Callousness, Lack of concern for feeling or problem of others; lack of guilty or remorse about the negative or harmful effects of one’s action on others; aggression; sadism.
3. Irresponsibility, Disregard for- and failure to honor-financial and others obligations or commitments; lack of respects for- and lack of follow through on-aggrements and promises.
4. Impulsivity, acting on momentary basis without a plan or consideration of outcomes; establishing and following plans.

The antisocial personality disorder has impacts on person who has antisocial personality disorder, on his family and on others. As Edward & Stopler based on Freud states “ antisocial personality disorder is specifically a pervasive pattern of disregarding and violating the rights of others and may include symptoms such as breaking law, frequent lying, starting fights, lack of guilt and taking personality, and presence of irritability and impulsivity”(1).

The evidence of antisocial personality disorder proves in real life. According to Long about evidence of antisocial personality disorder states ”Has stolen while confronting a victim (mugging purse, snatching, extortion, armed robbery), has deliberately engaged in fire setting with the intention of causing serious damage, has deliberately destroyed other’s property (other than by fire setting), has broken into someone else’s house, building or car” (1).

In supporting this research, writer also uses human psyche theory. As the Freud theory, writer uses the human psyche of Freud that divided into three points. It is Id, Ego and Superego. According of Bressler states “The Id is dominated by the pleasure principle, the Ego by the reality principle and the Superego by the morality principle. the source of all our psychosexual desires and all psychic energy. It operates on impulse, want immediate satisfaction for all its instinctual desires. The Ego is the rational, logical waking part of mind. Its job is to regulate the instinctual desires of the Id to allow these desires to be released in some nondestructive way. Whereas the Superego acts as an internal censor, can makes moral judgments in lights of social pressures and serves primarily to protect society and from the Id”(50).

Antisocial personality disorder relates with human psyche. It caused antisocial personality disorder to be lack conscience or superego. As Hoff based on Freud states “These individuals show a persistent pattern of irresponsible and antisocial behavior that begins during childhood or adolescence. They are impulsive and reckless. They lack conscience or superego”(1). It means that antisocial personality disorder is lack or morality, antisocial personality disorder is used Id only.

1.5 Method of Research

In this research, the writer applies descriptive analysis that based on the psychology theory. The descriptive analysis consider as suitable method that is start the data taken from the work then it will applied with it. According to Whitney states “descriptive method is the existence of fact with correct interpretations. Descriptive research studies about the problem of society, with the system which acts in society together with certain situations including the relationship, activities, behavior, point of view with the process which happened and the influences of phenomenon”. So, it can assume that this method research is method of collecting the data through interpretation that is accurate. This method is addressed to learn the problems that appear in public or society with kind of situation. The content is including of public relation, activities, ideas etc.

This research also uses close reading technique. Jacobus states that “close reading requires that you take the next seriously enough to study it: to read and reread it, search for details that might otherwise go unobserved, examine the text for special

words and term-and refer to the dictionary to be sure of their meaning when necessary (6). According of the statement above, the researcher should be reread again the short story in understanding and the research is to be good analysis. Beside, the researcher is also be focus and seriously to support the analysis from texts of short story and the supporting theory.

In helping the writer for supporting the analysis of data, writer applies of statement of Robert who told that “clarifies further that the authors use five method of bringing their character to life, by finding the details about character through action, appearance, speeches, comment from other character and statement of author (53). As the statement above, it means that the writer focuses in the actions, appearance, speeches, comments or conversation and the statement of author in the text.

Finally, in this analysis, the writer finds the psychological problem aspects that seen in the short story as the data taken from a *Barn Burning* as the main data. The writer also uses data analysis to help writer in combining the theory with the data so that the analysis would be match between theory and data. Then, writer will present it be easily and giving explanation through the psychology theory about the psychological problem of the character in the story.