

# POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION TOWARD WOMAN IN THE PRINCESS DIARIES 2 : ROYAL ENGAGEMENT AS A FEMINISM STUDY

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## ABSTRACT

The study analyze how the political discrimination happen in Royal Family and how the main character response from her action to get the throne. This study used *Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement* movie as the data. This study used qualitative method. In collecting the data the researcher watched the movie and read the script. The theory used in this study is Kate Millet: *Sexual Politics*. Millet's theory provides that sex is politic. It means the relationship of women in society with men is a political relationship, a relationship that is based on the structure of power, namely a group of people which is controlled and dominated by other humans. The findings show that the main character gets political discrimination from The Royal Parliaments and there is an ambition from a third part who wants to overthrow position in the first place in the throne. The researcher has found the action of female characters to gain the throne in this movie. There are some activities that Mia should learn to be a queen. Mia learns to practice all outdoor activities with the traditions of the Genovian Royal Family. Starting from learning archery to prepare for the night of ceremony when she later took the throne, and horse riding as a review Royal Guard. The end of the movie, Mia asking all member of The Royal Parliaments to change that law who purpose a woman to get married first before she gets the throne.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Women are in the shadows and grip of male domination. Women's movements and steps are determined by the rules of the game discriminatory, which is very beneficial for men. This is strengthened the belief that gender differences with all consequences are good culture, economy, social, politics and other social spheres, understood by the nature of God who has been given and undisturbed.

The society system still adheres to the patriachral system, that only men have any aspect, and the impact is on women's lives. Women become not free in doing everything. Especially with marriage, it is clear here that women get their role under men. Compared to women identified as non-feminists, were less likely to desire marriage and nature children. The purpose here is to consider changing gender roles and marriage. In addition, the relation

among sexism and gender role measures that women's and men's have a same role in the future.

Based on background to the study, there are 3 research questions: (a) What causes the political discrimination toward the female character in *Princess Diaries 2 : Royal Engagement* movie ? (b) How are the political discriminations reflected in *Princess Diaries 2 : Royal Engagement* movie ? (c) What does the female character do to gain the throne in *Princess Diaries 2 : Royal Engagement* movie ?.

The researcher hopes that this research will be beneficial to the following, researchers and the readers. For the reserchers it may become one of references for the related study. For the readers, it may contribute feminism knwoledge that can be applied in life.

## **2. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

This thesis used "Sexual Politics" by Kate Millet. The reason the writer used it is, because Millet theory said that "Sex is Politic" this means that the relationship between women in society and men is a political relationship. The politics here means is not of practical politics, like a party or a legislative system, but a relationship based on the structure of power, namely a group of people controlled and dominated by other humans. According to Millett, femininity in women is passivity, ignorance, tedium, virtue, and ineffectiveness, while masculinity in men is aggressiveness, intelligence, strength, and efficiency. It shows passitivity of the female character to do arranged marriage.

Kate Millet states that exaggerating biological differences between men and women. It puts men as the dominant one, and women are in the sub-ordinate position. In the society, women are given secondary status like discrimination between the rights of male and female, sexual assault, restrictions imposed on behaviour, separation, etc. Men always keep restrictions on women's political, social and cultural rights. It becomes essential to understand the origin of feminism.

## **3. METHOD**

This research using a qualitative method. Qualitative researchers use a variety of methods to develop deep understandings of how people perceive their social realities and in consequence, how they act within the social world. The researcher has several methods for

collecting empirical materials, analysis from data, documents, and use of visual materials or personal experience.

#### **4. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

##### **4.1 The Causes of Political Discrimination Toward Female Character in *Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement* Movie**

Here the causes of political discrimination occurs in two. First, the political discrimination occurs because of the Genovian law which requires that when a woman occupies the throne she must get marry . It states that a princess should have a husband before she takes the throne. This is unfair because Mia’s grandmother Queen Clarisse could lead the kingdom without husband. Queen Clarisse had been married with her best friend as that law too but not longer her husband died and she did not get married again after that. “(Parliament) Not yet, Genovia law states that a princess must marry before she can take the throne.” In this quataion shows that the parliement of Royal Family underestimates to women’s capability to run business that should be accompanied by men.

Second, there is a third part who wants to take Mia's position to become queen by being replaced by someone else who deserves to be a king in Genovia. Marbey Viscount is Nicholas’s uncle. He’s believed that Nicholas, the true of Genovia can be the king of Genovia. “(Marbey Viscount) You should be more careful, Your Royal Highness. Somebody might try to take the throne away from you ... somone like me.”“(Marbey Viscount) Every time this charming young lady opens her mouth, she demonstrates as a contempt for the customs of Genovia. The law clearly states an unmarried women can not be queen. Fortunately, there is another heir.” To achieve his purpose, Marbey Viscount used the Genovian law. He declared that Mia as a single woman cannot be the Queen in Genovia.

##### **4.2 Political Discrimination Reflected in *Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement* Movie**

The political discriminations Mia experiences are found in some acts. First, the main character has to get married before she takes throne. In the movie, it has been explained with a scene where a woman with the requirements to become a leader or queen must be married. while Mia is not eligible because she is not married. This was denied by Queen Clarrise for

reasons that were unfair in Genovian law and treated Mia unfairly.“(*Queen Clarisse*) A man doesn't to marry to be a king, i mean this is the 21st century for heaven's sake.”

Second, Mia has arranged marriage. Third, Mia has limited time to get a husband. Fourth, Mia will be replaced as the queen by Nicholas, the born-man Genovian. It is categorized as discriminatory treatment. Discriminatory treatment is increasingly dominating women's lives, many of the women try to show themselves by doing things that are contrary to what society says against woment. As what happen to Mia after she heard that she was given the choice of parliament about 30 days to get married. As Mia said in the citation.“(*Mia*) to have an arranged marriage, or ... that's it, there's no “or” there's i an arranged marriage in my only choice.”

#### **4.3 Actions of The Female Character to Gain the Throne in *Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement* Movie**

The researcher has found the action of female characters to gain the throne in this movie. There are some activities Mia should learn to be a queen. Mia learns to practice all outdoor activities with the traditions of the Genovian Royal Family. starting from learning archery to prepare for the night of ceremony when she later took the throne, and horse riding as a review Royal Guard. As a queen, Clarrise must understand the laws that applied in her country. Mia's grandma asked for the same justice for her granddaughter. She asserted that "a man doesn't have to marry to be king" and she asked that it is also applied to her granddaughter. She thought, in this modern era, women can have the same abilities as men. Women also have the ability to lead. This is proven in the quotation as said by Queen Clarisse.“(*Queen Clarisse*) My granddaughter should be given the same right as any man.”.

## **5. SUGGESTIONS**

The writer suggests that the existence of a political discrimination which is currently a problem, should make us human beings who are wiser in acting and treating others right. the political discrimination has taught us that relationship between men and woman has a power that hinders the movement of woman. No matter whichever pole woman belong to they never endeavor to explore about the right message and their given rights. Scarcely, women have control over their lives and decisions. They should live in the pessimism, they do not know

what they are looking for, what they are entitled for, and what they can do. Ultimately, the ingrained role surfaces and they surrender to it.

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