

OPPRESSION OF WORKERS IN COFFIN PIERRE'S MINIONS
MOVIE : MARXIST STUDY

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This study examines the oppression and the impacts contained in the Minions film by Coffin Pierre as the object of research. This study uses the theory of Marxism to find kind of oppression ,cause and effect that workers get in the minions movie. In researching this movie, it was found that the oppression,cause and effect of workers of this oppression were found. This research discovers Scarlett's oppression and impact on the minions. Due to her ambition to dominate the British ruler.

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1. Introduction

In the world of work, there are positions of business owners and employees. Business owners are business actors and provide a job and wages to their employees. While employees are people who are given work and wages from people who have businesses. In their position, they are distinguished by a social class, namely the capitalist social class and the proletariat. Where an entrepreneur occupies the capitalist social class while the employee class is the proletariat class. Capitalism is an economic system based on the private ownership of productive assets and their profitable operation. (wikipedia, 2022) Capitalists are always the highest social class, so they feel they can do whatever they want and oppress the proletariat. While the proletariat is the laboring class is a group of factory workers who lack their own means of production and must sell their labor to make ends meet. (Merriam-Webster, 2022). in a film Minions by Coffin Pierre. Minions are an example of proletariat. Scarlett the robber is an example with the capitalist social class, with her greed. She represents the ruthless capitalist class where, she exploits the innocent Minions to work as robbers.

The Minions are described as proletariat who have to do what Scarlett tells them to do. For that the author chose the title " Oppression of Workers in Coffin Pierre's minions movie : Marxist Theory ". The author analyzes the oppression of workers in the Minions film using the theory of marxism. Marxism is an ideology founded on Karl Marx's beliefs. Marx developed a complete economic, social, and political system theory. Those who believe in Marx's theory are known as Marxists. This notion is the bedrock of modern communism theory. The Communist Manifesto, written by Marx and his friend Friedrich Engels, contains this idea. Marxism is a product of Marx's anti-capitalist uprising. He believes that capitalists amass wealth at the expense of the proletariat. (Fachrulroji alfitri, n.d.)

1.1 Statement of the Problems

Based on the Introduction , there are two research problems as outlined below:

- 1) What are the kinds of oppression done by Scarlett as a capitalist for oppressing her workers?
- 2) What are the causes and effects of oppression done by Scarlet?

2. REVIEW RELATED LITERATURE

2.1 Marxism theory

Marxism theory, according to Karl Marx's theory, is a social philosophy that explains how society works. Based on the belief that certain groups in society wield power over others. This power is utilized to oppress and maintain authority over others. Marxism sees its job as showing how power is wielded. Different systems are used to maintain and exercise the body. According to Karl Marx, the social classes began to emerge in the 18th century. Due to disparities between property tied and oppressed, to polarize and separate into two groups: oppressors and oppressed classes that are not owned by anyone, and classes that are not owned by anyone. The bourgeoisie was a class that first formed as a product of capitalism. Another conflict between feudal and capitalist forces has erupted. The society was then dominated by it. Constructing a superstructure that is submissive to their objectives and practices.

It refers to the bourgeoisie's or dominant group's capacity to obtain and maintain power in society. The dominant group persuades people from the lower class or subordinate group to accept their control through political and cultural activities. According to Marx's theory, the industrial society will suffer the expected changes. Changes would occur, and certain stages of evolution would occur, eventually leading to a global proletarian revolution.

It refers to a social movement followed by a revolt of the underprivileged or lower classes. The proletariat, or lower classes, transform the existing socioeconomic structure into a new one. The lower classes sweep the upper classes as a result of their revolution. To avoid discrimination, stratification is used, followed by exploration, and finally the creation of a new society for a better living. (Hastuti et al., n.d.)

2.2 Oppression

In its most common sense, oppression refers to a dominant group's exercise of tyranny. At the same time, oppression leads to unfairness in other situations as well. People are not always subjected to oppression by cruel rulers with nefarious motives. In many circumstances, a liberal with good intentions goes awry. Groups can be exposed to system-wide constraints that limit their flexibility. According to (Young, 2004) there is five kind of oppression including : Exploitation, Marginalization, Cultural Imperialism, Powerlessness, Violence.

2.3 Worker

An employee, according to the dictionary definition, is "a person who works for another in exchange for financial or other benefits." "compensation." Independent

contractors would appear to be employees under that definition. The legal definition of "employee," on the other hand, is a person's wage isn't the only thing that concerns them. Worker in return for the services "Employee" is defined by Black's Law Dictionary as "a person employed by a company."Under any contract of hiring, the service of another. Where the employer has the power or right to control and direct the employee in the material elements of how they work, whether express or implied, oral or written. (Kenneth G. Dau-Schmidt & Michael D. Ray, 2002)

3 FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Exploitation

In Minion's movie, it can be seen that there is exploitation that is still happening all around us where business owners exploit their workers completely because they want to take advantage of their workforce. Like Scarlett did with the minions.



Figure 1 (00:36:30-00:36:39)

Scarlett Overkill : " Anyway, this pale drink of water oversees it all. I'm her biggest fan, LOVE her work and I really really really want her crown.

Scarlett Overkill : " Steal me the crown, and all your dreams come true! Respect! Power!

Stuart : " Banana!"

Scarlett Overkill : (imitates Stuart) " Banana! "

This kind of exploitation often occurs where a business owners wants to profit from the efforts of their workers. Which not infrequently this is detrimental to the workers because they exploit their workers. Like what Scarlett did, she exploited the power of the minions to satisfy her ambition to become queen of the British Ruler.

3.2 Powerlessness

Often occurs in a work environment. Where an employee receives unfair treatment by the business owner. Workers obey orders or rules imposed by business owners but they do not get the rights they should get. Like what Scarlett did to the minions.



Figure 2 (00:52:08-00:53:00)

Scarlett Overkill : " HOW DARE YOU! "

Kevin : " Scarlet!"

Scarlett Overkill : " Don't you "Scarlet" me, you backstabbing little traitors! You stole my dream! I was going to conquer England some day! There was going to be a coronation, and I was going to be made QUEEN. Every moment was planned, I'd wear a dress so sparkly it glowed, and EVERYONE WHO EVER DOUBTED ME would be watching, and they would be CRYING. I was going to be the picture of elegance and class and you PINHEADS screwed it up"

Kevin : " La crowna, para tu."

Scarlett is a dominant group, she has to get what she wants. Meanwhile, workers can only be silent about the actions of the ruler. As seen from the picture Kevin and Bob gave the sword and crown. They couldn't do anything but surrender because they received a threat from Scarlett.

3.3 Cultural Imperialism

Is the imposition of characteristics of one group's culture onto another community that is neither politically or economically dominant. (Tobin, 2022) In society, there is someone who has an influence which is then imitated by other people so that it becomes an example for the life of the community.



Figure 3 (00:28:46-00:29:10)

Scarlett Overkill : " We have big dreams. And we will do anything to make them come true. Have any of you ever dreamt of working for the greatest super villain of all time? Well, what if I were to tell you that I am looking for NEW henchmen? "

The dominant class strongly persuades a person to join their culture. Where the dominant class succeeds in making an impact and is followed by a group of people.

3.4 Violence

The violence perpetrated by Scarlett is in the form of psychic violence where she threatens to kill the minions if the mission fails.



Figure 4(00:40:22-00:40:37)

Scarlett Overkill: " But the little pigs weren't up to the challenge! They failed their mission! So the wolf HUFFED and PUFFED and she BLEW THEM OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH."

Scarlett does not physically abuse the minions but she does violence through psychic pressure where she threatens the minions through the fairy tales she reads to the minions. If the theft mission fails they will be killed. By the story Scarlett told them that their bodies shivered.

3.5 Cause and Effect of Oppression

3.5.1 Fear

Fear often occurs to some or all people, because of the events or circumstances they are going through. In the minions film, Scarlett tries to kill Stuart, Bob, and other minions because Scarlett feels betrayed by Kevin. This can be seen from the conversation and picture below.



Scarlett Overkill : " This is IT, boys. Things do NOT look good for you. Oh. And I'm KEEPING the bear."

Bob : " TIM!!!"

Scarlett Overkill : " You're not gonna need him where you're going. (whispers, "between you and me Heaven.)"

And when another minions comes from cave



Minions : " Scarlet! Scarlet! Scarlet!"

Scarlett Overkill : " What?? Oh you gotta be kidding me!

Scalett Overkill : " Oh no you don't! And just for the record my little deviled eggs, you can thank KEVIN for what I'm about to do to you."

Bob Stuart and the other minions were terrified by what had happened to them. Scarlett is very angry that she was betrayed this happened because of a misunderstanding between her and the minions. So as a result of this misunderstanding, the lives of the minions are in danger. Scarlett is very cruel she doesn't care about the fear experienced by the Minions, which she thinks is about her revenge that must be received by the Minions. This is certainly not good because it is very detrimental to the other party.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 Conclusion

This study aims to examine the kind of oppression of workers by the ruler or business owners. From this research, the oppression that occurs by the workers is real. Where workers are treated unfairly by the ruler or business owners. The oppressive rulers exploit labor for-profit and they enjoy the fruits of labor for their benefit. But the ruler does not give the workers the rights they should get. The same thing can also be found in minions movie where the minions are exploited by Scarlett and they are also oppressed by Scarlett. Scarlett exploits the power of the minions because she has ambitions to become a queen and wants to British ruler. But Scarlett treats and oppresses the minions so sadistically. From imprisoning the minions, ordering criminals to catch the minions to wanting to kill the minions. This study also discusses the impact received as a result of the oppression. The impact received by the minions is very diverse. The Minions must accept that their lives are in danger due to the failures and misunderstandings that occur between the Minions and Scarlett. So that they get cruel treatment from Scarlett and this oppression, the minions experience stress and suffer from Scarlett's treatment.

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