

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes and explains about the background of research (reason for choosing the topic, the approach, the novel), problem statement, aims of this study, the significance of study, and scope of the study as the parts on this chapter.

#### **Background of Study**

Generally, Women are hard workers and always try to get what they want. This information have been seen almost at all offices in Indonesia which its officers dominated by women. Women have high status of graduating their study from university. Those qualities make them easy to get the job. By using the career that they have made, the women began to be selfish and make them willing to leave their lovers or husbands and children. It happened just because they wanted to pursue their career.

The researcher choose this novel, because this novel shows that women want to look more successful than men. It is also a testament to the quality of men to women.

When people do not have good quality, then women will have a better quality and more likely to succeed than men. This proves that the woman wants to have a good career than men and they wanted to create the perfect life for themselves, because they wanted to also have outside activities other than just sit at home as housewives.

Because, we know that discrimination against female are still common, which leads discriminate female to have no level of education, only allowed to take care of the household and husband, female are not able to work in an institution, should not become a leader in institutions and have lower incomes than male workers. The violence against female is still common, such as sexual abused, prostitution and sex

exploitation. It is a form of the discrimination of female which happen currently in many countries in the world.

In this study, the researcher used the theory of Mary Wallstonecraft and some experts, because this theory strongly supports this research. The researcher characterized the struggle of life of female in achieving success and also as a form of self-image of a woman in a career. Particularly, this study uses a liberal feminism approach because its feminists see female's struggle of life; that they work hard to achieve success and to have a same level of quality with men.

This novel *The Winner Stands Alone* tells about Cannes festival movie, a place for the super elite people, those who have been successful in the world of fashion and film. Some female characters in this novel have reached the height of their success thus fearful of losing their prestigious position. Money, power and fame at stake things make the most of them are willing to do anything and whatever price they must pay. Some of the female characters in this novel are struggling to achieve their dreams to become an actress and model. The first main character is Gabriella.

Gabriella is an American actress who really wants to get the main role in a movie or film. The second main character is Jasmine (Christina). In this novel Jasmine is a woman who really want to be a professional model.

Data :

“She was born **to win and to shine**, of that she has no doubt. And when I get what I always wanted, I know I’ll have to ask myself: do they love and admire me because I’m me or because I’m famous?” (Coelho, p.26)

The data above shows the woman who thinks that she deserves to get what she wants. Such data as Equality in Economic, because women want a better economic

level and the results of her efforts can be appreciated by others. That is proven by the phrase Gabriela "**to win and to shine**". The female value contained in this data is to describe a woman's attempt to have the opportunity to work in the public sphere, to become an actress to achieve what her dream has become. Women have the right to have the same opportunities to work in the public sphere, because working in a public space can bring a great advantage to their lives.

### **Problem of Study**

How was feminism values portray in the novel *The Winner Stands Alone*?

### **Aims of the Study**

The purpose of this study is to investigate feminism values portrayed in the novel *The Winner Stands Alone* by Paulo Coelho.

### **The Significance of Study**

This study is expected to understand feminism values portrayed in the novel by using feminist approach.

In the presence this research is expected to facilitate the readers to understand the content and information in a literary work, especially in understanding feminism value w s portrayed in order to achieving success.

### **Scope of the Study**

In this study, the researcher examines the feminism values portrayed in novel *The Winter Stands Alone* by Paulo Coelho where the women has experienced hard work to achieve success. The theory used in this research is the theory of Mary Wallstonecraft and some other experts about the Liberal feminism ideas.