

The Holocaust Tragedy in John Boyne “*The Boy In The Striped Pajamas*”

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ABSTRACT

The Holocaust is a massacre tragedy in World War II which resulted in more than 7 people died. The massacre was carried out by the Germans against the Jews, where the Germans considered the Aryans to be the holiest tribes on earth. The tragedy of the Holocaust formed many perspectives of opinion and also got a lot of pros and cons. Therefore, the author conducted research on the Holocaust of World War II on the propaganda aspect in “The Boy in the Striped Pajamas” novel . This is to get the results of the causes behind the Holocaust in World War II and the Holocaust propaganda itself. The research uses the Historical Approach in carrying out research, and uses the theory of New Historicism that was coined by Greenblatt. The method used is close-reading and data collection using note-taking, in which the source is obtained from accurate data. The results obtained from this study are a form of the author's concern for the science of the history of Holocaust propaganda, during World War II for the facts behind the Holocaust, as well as the impact that has occurred after the event in the present.

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Introduction

The massacre in World War II was the largest massacre in the history of mankind. more than 7 million Jews died in the massacre. There is another opinion that says that the victims of the holocaust massacre in World War II involved groups other than Jews. According to one expert, the Holocaust must have included the Nazi genocide against millions of people in groups other than Jews, including Romans, communists, Soviet

prisoners of war, Polish and Soviet citizens, homosexuals, disabled people, Jehovah's Witnesses and political and religious enemies who others, who are victims regardless of whether they are ethnic German or not. This was the most commonly used meaning from the end of World War II until the 1960s. If you use this meaning, therefore the total number of victims of the Holocaust is 11 to 17 million people, it means that the death toll is up to 17 million people¹.

The massacre caused conflict in many places. Social inequality or we can call it a bad relationship between the opposing party and also the victim. Many felt the loss of the Holocaust in World War II. So many people have lost their families, their loved ones. All because of greed for power. The effects of the Holocaust also extend to the present day. Whether it's in the influence of politics, religion, economy, social or influence on the territory of power. But behind the Holocaust, there is a secret that may greatly influence why the Holocaust can occur. why the opposing side killed thousands if not millions of innocent humans. For this reason, the author tries to reveal what really happened, behind World War II.

This study uses the theory of new historicism seen from several aspects and uses. because this study examines the holocaust in John Boyne's literary works and its impact on life after. According to Greenblatt, new historicism is theory also states that past history will have an impact on future life. New historicism comes from history in the past, or old history including capitalism². Therefore, the writer uses Greenblatt's theory "New historicism" to analyze the novel by John Boyne. This is because the case to be studied will have a major impact on later life in various aspects.

Method

This research uses the theory of structuralism which sees facts as an analysis of an existing problem. The research used close-reading and documenting methods in data collection. Notes are useful when you want to compare or get the information you want to get. Notes also help you to identify a problem that you find. The steps in collecting data are as follows³:

¹ Barenbaum, *The World Must Know: The History of the Holocaust as Told in the United States* Holocaust Memorial Museum. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, (Johns Hopkins University Press. 2005)

² Felluga, *Module on Stephen Greenblatt: On History* (2012)

³ Muswazi, . Note taking: A lesson for novice qualitative writers. (*Journal of Research & Method in Education*, 2013) 2(3), 13-17

1. The author seeks information from a variety of strong sources
2. Sorting information by determining which products are needed or not needed
3. The author uses the help of discriminatory cards to pinpoint various discussion issues, such as the discussion of the Holocaust, the German massacre against the Jews
4. The author uses the theory of structuralism in conducting world war II propaganda research

Finding and Discussion

Holocaust

The Holocaust is the meaning of a massacre that occurred hundreds of years ago, and caused many deaths. According to one expert opinion the holocaust was the genocide of an estimated six million European Jews during World War II, a program of systematic killings supported by the Nazi German state, led by Adolf Hitler, and continuing throughout Nazi-occupied territories⁴. The massacre was because the Germans thought that the noblest tribe on earth was the Aryan tribe. That is a tribe that comes from the German nation. Expert opinion says that anyone who has three or four Jewish ancestral lines should be exterminated without exception⁵.

Most of the victims of the Holocaust, before being sent to concentration camps, did not know the fate that awaited them, or did not believe it. They believe that they will be given a new place to live⁶. Most historians claim that the civilian population was unaware of the atrocities the government carried out, particularly those that took place in concentration camps, located outside Germany in Nazi-occupied Europe. However, historian Robert Gellately claims that the government publicly announced the conspiracy through the media, and that civilians were aware of everything except the use of gas chambers⁷. The Holocaust itself is a massacre that is carried out systematically or planned. The massacres were carried out in cramped chambers or concentration camps, and using gas. All Jews were forced to work without pay. They are abandoned, malnourished and hungry. If they don't die, the Jews will send them to concentration camps where they will then be gassed. As a result, millions of people died

⁴ Niewyk, *The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust*, (Columbia University Press, 2000), 45

⁵ Bauer, Address to the Bundestag. (Kementerian Luar Negeri Israel.1998).

⁶ Yahlil, *The Holocaust: The Fate of European Jewry*, (Oxford University Press on Demand 1991 1932-1945.)

⁷ John, Germans knew of Holocaust horror about death camps. (London: The Guardian 2001)

in the Holocaust tragedy in World War II. It has also been mentioned in the previous explanation that there are about more than 17 million people who died, if that is counted as a whole other than the Jews.

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It has been explained earlier that the Germans carried out the massacre of the Jews in World War II, because the Aryans were the noblest tribe. Even from that ideology was born a theory or a term euphemistic phrase to describe this event, namely "The Final Solution to the Jewish Problem" (German: Endlösung der Judenfrage). The phrase "Final Solution" is widely used as a term to refer to the genocide of the Jewish people in its later days. The Nazis also used the term "lebensunwertes leben" (life for the decent living) in an attempt to justify their murderous behavior⁸. However, from the term final solution, we can see that there is an implied meaning. As with any problem, the Germans saw that Judaism was a big problem. Until they call it the “final solution” of a big problem.

The Holocaust in the novel by John Boyne is told from the perspective of a good boy. Burno is the son of Hitler who likes adventure and finds his friends in a concentration camp. Burno was initially unaware that the concentration camps were the scene of the massacre of Jews. he only knew that it was an ordinary settlement. here it is clear that Burno's father's propaganda was successful in covering up the real issue or reality. The next point was when he realized that the clothes Shmuel was wearing were the same as the other residents. that means there is something else that is a mystery. but Burno still didn't know what had happened. Again, here it is clear that Burno's father, Hitler, was very good at carrying out the propaganda. Burno also got the doctrine or ideology that Germany was the most noble and honorable country, so the others had to be exterminated. this is also Hitler's propaganda to carry out his actions to carry out the massacre of the Jews. he has the support of many parties and he is getting stronger. Propaganda is a person's way of influencing one's condition or thoughts, to achieve the

⁸ Browning, *The Origins of the Final Solution*, William Heinemann, (London, 2004).

desired goal⁹. from this we know that Hitler was trying to influence Burno's subconscious mind to accept the Holocaust indirectly.

...Germany is the greatest country in this world, it's everlasting.,' Bruno replied..., (Boyne, 2006:69)

One day Shmuel asks Burno for help to help him find the father he loves the most. Shmuel said that his father disappeared suddenly. Burno realized that and wanted to help him immediately. she disguised herself as Shmuel, wore striped clothes and entered Shmuel's residence. no one ever knew, from there Burno found out what really happened. Burno, Shmuel and the others were herded into a narrow room and killed together with gas.

...And then they couldn't see anything because the room was so dark. But Bruno realized that he was still holding Shmuel's hand before finally saying goodbye forever... (Boyne, 130)

From the explanation we know that propaganda has succeeded in making Burno believe and believe that his father is not a bad person, and the Holocaust was not thought of before. During that time Burno's Jewish doctrine was despicable and no better than the Germans made Burno negligent in realizing his father's Holocaust, so, one day he had to prove it himself.

The impact of the Holocaust on Life

The writer finds John Boyne's interview and says that the holocaust is an adaptation of a true story. he made this novel to convey a moral message to society that be a good human being, avoid hostility¹⁰. Therefore, we can conclude that the Holocaust is true. The author also finds other opinions about the Holocaust in World War II, about the actual propaganda facts. It also causes a loss impact on the Palestinian people. "Germany was indeed a massacre of Jews in World War II. But all of that was because there was a reason that made Adolf Hitler attack and want to kill the Jews entirely. Because the Jews made fake news against the German people, one of them was about the territorial borders in one other country. The Jews said that Germany wanted to

⁹ Jowet, Propaganda & persuasion. (Sage publications, 2018)

¹⁰ Bookporter, Interview John Boyne" September:

https://www.bookreporter.com/authors/john-boyne/news/interview-091406_2009

resolve the case by force. when in fact Germany wanted a peaceful path. This is what makes Germany angry and go to war. "This is the German tactic, so they are willing to sacrifice millions of their people to achieve long-term goals. from this, Germany paid all debts to the Jews during World War II, under the pretext of atonement for Hitler's sins. Until now, the Jews have benefited from the Germans in the form of material assistance and others. but the most valuable aid is the achievement of occupying the territory at the heart of the Islamic world, namely Palestine.¹¹

Palestine until now has received a terrible impact from the Holocaust which was created and played by the Jews themselves. Palestine is now at war with the powerful Jews. Assistance and human power to the Jews make Palestine always haunted by death. Even they are desperately trying to strengthen themselves to defend the territory. According to one national journal saying that the Jewish population in Palestine and ending with the establishment of the independent state of Israel, actually started with the founding of the World Zionist Organization (World Zionist Organization) in 1897 AD. This organization's main agenda is the establishment of a State for the Jewish people in Palestine. This Zionist strategic plan was initiated by the top Zionist lobbyist (Chief Zionist Negotiator), Dr. C. Wheizmann and has the support of the British Zionists or Britain¹².

From the explanation above, we know that the success of the Jews in seizing power in Palestine was the help of developed countries because of past propaganda. The Jew is ready and can always move the world in his hands. The Jews with all their cunning strategies were able to destroy the viability of the Palestinian people and make Israel independent there. Palestinians were taken over the right of territory and also the right to life. Their activities are limited. Even in an opinion it was found that the Jews forbade the Palestinian people to worship at the Al-Aqsa Mosque with an age restriction. For more than 45 years, people are allowed to worship according to Islamic teachings there. From this understanding, we can understand how difficult it is for the Palestinians to take their rights. Even if only in the context of worship.

¹¹ Carr, Yahudi menggenggam dunia. Pustaka Al-Kautsar. 2009

¹² Muchsin, PALESTINA DAN ISRAEL: Sejarah, Konflik dan Masa Depan. (*MIQOT: Jurnal Ilmu-ilmu Keislaman*, 2015) 39(2).

Even so, various parties have submitted proposals to Israel for a peace. The one-state solution and the two-state solution in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resolution refer to the solutions that emerged in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Peace Process. The process or The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process is an ongoing discussion held by various parties and efforts to submit peace proposals to resolve the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict¹³. The one-state solution, in short, is a solution that refers to the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the establishment of an Israeli-Palestinian state in the form of a union, union or confederation. Under this plan, the resolution would cover all of present-day Israel, the West Bank including East Jerusalem, and possibly the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights. The solution basically rests on Israel's proposal regarding the de facto condition of Palestinian land according to former Libyan President¹⁴. a one-state solution is also included in the conception of a peace proposal in the form of a unilateral state. In this solution, Israel would annex the West Bank, but leave the Gaza Strip out of respect for the government that stood there (Shawaf 2014).

But all of that was in vain because in the end the peace was rejected by the Israeli side. There are many reasons behind Israel's rejection of the peace. Israel's rejection of the Palestinian right of return, the concept of state borders contained in the Green Line decision in 1967, as well as the oppression of providing settlements by Israel in violation of several previous agreements¹⁵. Palestine decided to leave the negotiation process in view of the escalation of the settlement of Ichlasul Amal Global Strategic, Th. 14, No. 1 69 committed by Israel It causes the Palestinians to despair over the peace talks and all are in vain.

Conclusion

The novel by John Boyne tells the Holocaust from a boy's point of view and is not told directly. meaning the core of the holocaust was discovered when Burno actually knew it. In the novel, Burno's father's propaganda is more emphasized in carrying out the Holocaust. Then, looking at the discussion above, we can conclude that propaganda

¹³ Eran, Arab-Israel Peacemaking.” In The Continuum Political 2002

¹⁴ Qaddafi, “The One State Solution” New York Times: Opinion, 21 Januari 2009

¹⁵ Aljazeera, Israel says Separation Wall will be border.” News: Middle East, 6 November [daring] <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2013/11/israel-says-separation-wall-will-be-border-201311514132609960.html>.

in World War II had many perspectives. The world condemned Germany for Adolf Hitler's sins against the Jews. But on the other hand there are Jews who are the masterminds of the massacre itself. Jews are willing to make millions of their people as "Sacrifices" to achieve their long-term goals. So now Germany pays bloodguilt to atone for Hitler's sins all the time. On the propaganda profits of the massacre, the Jews also benefited in usurping the power of the heart of the Islamic world. All because of the devious propaganda they had planned hundreds of years ago. Now Palestine is also feeling the loss, that is, its country was completely colonized. Almost the entire territory of the state of Palestine was occupied by the Jews. Until now the war is still ongoing, and Palestine has not yet achieved its independence.

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