

**DAUGHTER ABUSE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILY  
AS REFLECTED IN SAPPHIRE'S *PUSH***

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## ABSTRACT

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Patriarchal system is father's domination to control his family member. Father has to fulfill the duty because he is the family leader. However, in *Push*, the disorganization happens among Black people and it comes from a little scope, family. It is because the roles of family members are different. Superiority represented by father and mother, and inferiority represented by daughter. Their position makes them push the inferior by abusing their daughter.

This study uses feminism approach to analyze African-American women who face the problem of domestic abuse in *Push* Novel. Patriarchal system and woman subordination are used to analyze the data about domination by parents toward daughter. While theory of abuse is used to analyze the kinds of abuse that happen to the main character as inferior.

The result of this research reveals that there are four abuses that happen to the main character, Claireece, i.e., as neglect, emotional abuse, physical abuse, and sexual abuse. The impact makes Claireece has problem in her life like being illiterate and pregnant. The next researcher can use psychological aspect to find the causes and impacts of Black parents who abuse their daughter therefore deeper comprehension toward African-American family can be obtained.

Keywords: family, parents, daughter abuse.

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Sistem patriarkal adalah dominasi ayah dalam mengontrol anggota keluarganya. Ayah harus memenuhi kewajiban karena dia adalah pemimpin keluarga. Akan tetapi di *Push*, terjadi kekacauan antara sesama orang kulit hitam, kekacauan terjadi di dalam keluarga. Hal ini dikarenakan peran anggota keluarga yang berbeda. Terdapat superioritas yang diwakili oleh ayah dan ibu, sedangkan inferioritas yang diwakili oleh anak perempuan. Posisi ini menjadikan mereka menindas yang lemah dengan menyiksa anak perempuan mereka.

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan feminisme untuk menganalisis perjuangan wanita Afrika-Amerika ketika menghadapi masalah dalam novel *Push*. Sistem patriarki dan penindasan terhadap wanita digunakan untuk mendukung analisa data tentang dominasi orang tua terhadap anak. Sedangkan teori kekerasan digunakan untuk menganalisa macam-macam penindasan yang dialami tokoh utama sebagai pihak yang tertindas.

Adapun hasil dari penelitian ini yakni ditemukan empat kekerasan yang di alami tokoh utama, Claireece, seperti pengabaian, kekerasan emosi, kekerasan fisik dan kekerasan seksual. Sehingga dampaknya terhadap Claireece membuatnya mengalami kesulitan di hidupnya, seperti hamil dan buta huruf. Disarankan untuk penelitian selanjutnya agar meneliti tentang aspek psikologi untuk menemukan penyebab dan pengaruh orang tua kulit hitam yang melakukan kekerasan terhadap anak perempuan mereka supaya bisa lebih memahami lagi tentang keluarga Afrika-Amerika.

Keywords: keluarga, orang tua, kekerasan terhadap anak perempuan.

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