Abstract

The Thesis discusses the antisocial personality disorder as it is pictured in *Barn Burning* by William Faulkner. This study focuses on two major purposes, there are (1) to describe the symptoms of the main character’s antisocial personality disorder and (2) to describe the impact of the main character’s antisocial personality disorder. In attaining the purposes, writer applied Psychoanalysis criticism by Sigmund Freud which emphasizes the issues about the antisocial personality disorder character as it is describes in *Barn Burning*. Moreover, the writer applied close reading technique and descriptive method in doing analysis of this study. From the analysis, the writer found the antisocial personality disorder symptoms toward the main character’s behavior such manipulative, callousness, irresponsibility, and impulsivity. The character has impact on others like the damage of their material things. The main character’s behavior is also impact on him self and his family, he and his family get eviction from the country. Finally he get killed when trying to burnt barn his master.

Keywords: Antisocial Personality Disorder, Manipulative, Callousness, Irresponsibility, Impulsivity

Introduction

Human is social creatures that usually communicate, share, and show their feeling, thought, mind and emotions with others. It is difference of human from other creatures. Human also has the rules to control their life, so their life runs regularly. But, there are some people who break the law. They are commonly doing criminality because they tends to impulseveness. It makes them do a criminality without feeling guilty. They also can not feel the others feeling, then it makes them irresponsible to others, they think themselves only. This characters is called as antisocial personality disorder.

The symptoms is happened in real life, As Long (1995) states the evidence of Antisocial personality disorder like “stealing while confronting a victim (mugging purse, snatching, extortion, armed robbery), deliberately engaging in fire setting with the intention of causing serious damage, has deliberately destroyed other’s property (other than by fire setting), has broken into someone else’s house, building or car”. Based on the quotation, it is the evidence that is also found in the data. The main character is stole horse in the past, burnt barn his neighbor, destroyed the rug and destroyed corn field of his neighbor.

According to Webster Dictionary states “antisocial personality disorder is characterized by antisocial behavior exhibiting pervasive disregard for and violation of the rights, feelings, and safety of others starting in childhood or the early teenage years and continuing into adulthood”. Based on the
quotation, it explains that the antisocial personality disorder tend to do some criminality with their disregard to others. So that, it makes the main character have no guilty feeling to others.

This case, it can be found in one of the character of William Faulkner’s Barn Burning. In this short story, Faulkner describes Snopes as main character. As a father, Snopes is cruel, harsh and stiff. Snopes’s behavior begins to change when civil war happened thirty years ago. At the time, Snopes has stolen the war horse so he got a shot in the leg. It is proved that the symptom refers to antisocial such stealing in young ages because antisocial personality disorder is personality disorder that it doesn’t have any responsibility for their action. His personality disorder continues in adult ages. Snopes becomes a destroyer of his neighbour’s material things, it happens if he becomes angry when getting criticism from his neighbours or his master. His treatment continues over and over though he got punishment of his mistakes. Therefore the writer certainly finds that Snopes experiences antisocial personality disorder in the Faulkner’s Barn Burning.

The writer analyzes Barn Burning by Faulkner because of the psychological problem toward Snopes as the character who experiences personality disorder in the story, then writer is interested in analyzing and interpreting the character of Snopes.

Methodology

In this analysis, the writer uses the psychoanalysis theory of Freud in doing a good analysis. As Booker states “Psychoanalysis is medical technique, a method of therapy for the treatment of mentally ill or distressed patients that helps them understand the source of their symptoms” (1996). From the statement, theory says that psychoanalysis is the way to help in medical technique of mentally illness patient.

The main character behavior and symptoms refers to Antisocial. As Pkhare (2013) who quoted Freud states “Mental disorder also had various types such as anxiety disorder, chilhood disorder, cognitive disorder, personality disorder”. While, the writer saw the main character in data experiencing personality disorder. So, that’s why writer states that he experiences personality disorder. As Cerry (2015) based on Freud states “personality disorder is an enduring pattern of inner experience and behavior that deviates markedly from the expectation of the individual’s culture, has an onset in adolescence or early adulthood, and leads to distress or impairment”.

Based on Andrew that takes Freud Idea, Andrew (2000) states “The personality disorder also had various cluster, such cluster A, B and C. Cluster A divides of paranoid personality disorder, schizoid personality disorder, schizotypal personality disorder. Then cluster B divides of antisocial personality disorder, borderline personality disorder, narcissistic personality disorder, histrionic
personality disorder and cluster C divides of avoidant personality disorder, dependent personality disorder, obsessive compulsive personality disorder”. Based on the main character’s symptoms in the novel, writer sees antisocial personality disorder on the main character behavior.

As Andrew (2000) referring to Freud states “Antisocial Personality disorder is characterized by a chronic disregard for the rights, impulsiveness, and risk taking most often. This disorder is characterized by repetitive unlawful behavior such as repeated thefts, assaults and lying. The Antisocial person lack honesty, loyalty, and fidelity, which prevent the formation of close interpersonal relationships. Evidence of the disorder usually appear in early adolescent”.

Antisocial personality disorder relates with human psyche. It caused antisocial personality disorder to be lack conscience or superego. As Hoff (2014) based on Freud states “These individuals show a persistent pattern of irresponsible and antisocial behavior that begins during childhood or adolescence. They are impulsive and reckless. They lack conscience or superego”. It means that antisocial personality disorder is lack or morality, antisocial personality disorder is used Id only.

In this research, the writer applies descriptive analysis that based on the psychology theory. According to Whitney (1933) states “descriptive method is the existence of fact with correct interpretations. Descriptive research studies about the problem of society, with the system which acts in society together with certain situations including the relationship, activities, behavior, point of view with the process which happened and the influences of phenomenon”. So, it can assume that this method research is method of collecting the data through interpretation that is accurate. This method is addressed to learn the problems that appear in public or society with kind of situation. The content is including of public relation, activities, ideas etc.

Result And Discussion

The Symptoms of The Main Character’s Antisocial Personality Disorder

Manipulative

The first symptom of antisocial personality disorder of main character is manipulative. Manipulative is Frequent use of subterfuge to influence or control others; use of seduction or ingratiation, to achieve one one’s end. Manipulative person tends to control or influence the others with kind way such seduction or ingratiation, it means to follow the manipulative person’s desire.

In this case, the main character, Snopes, shows his manipulative to cover his mistakes through his son. He manipulates his son through his hope and fear toward himself because he is the Snopes’s son. It surely makes him follow his father. This is a manipulative because he attempt to control or influence his son for the bad things like lying to judge as witness when judge asks to him about his
father mistake. It is seen when Snopes is judging in the court. As it is quoted below:

His father stiff in his black, Sunday coat donned not for the trial but for the moving, did not even look at him. He aims for me to lie, he thought, again with the frantic grief and despair. (1)

From the quotation above, it also explains that the situation in the court, when Snopes get in the court after his neighbour claims him of his bad treatment. But, his neighbour has no evidence to prove his mistakes to him. Therefore he gets benefit the chance then he manipulates his son to cover his crime. He forced his son to lie to judge. So, it is a manipulative that Snopes conducts toward his son

**Callousness**

The second symptom of antisocial personality disorder is callousness. Callousness is lack concern for feeling of others. This behavior is lack of concern for feeling or problem of others, lack of guilty feeling about their harmful action toward the others. It means that antisocial lack of sensitivity about the others’s feeling and they tend to do crime to others without guilty. He just thinks and feels him self only.

The callousness also happens to Snopes presented in the data. He tends to do some harmful action without guilty toward others. Snopes’s callousness is seen when he releases his hog in his neighbor’s corn. This action is conducted by Snopes without feeling guilty even though his neighbor has reminded him to unrelease his hog. Yet he ignores his neighbor warn. On the contrary, Snopes feels offended by his neighbor statement. So that he feels angry with Mr. Harris statement to him and it makes that Snopes burns his neighbor barn with by nigger before. As it is quoted below:

That evening a nigger came with the dollar and got the hog. He was a strange nigger. He said, "he say to tell you wood and hay kin burn” I said, “what?” that whut he say to tell you,”the nigger say.” Wood and hay kin burn’ that night my barn burned. I got the stock out but I lost the barn. (1)

From the statement, the situation is in the court. The statement become from neighbor claiming of Snopes who dissadvantages of Snopes action. His name is Mr. Harris. He claims Snopes for damage of corn and barn, but he have not a evidence for it. Mr Harris statement is absolutely right, but he just has no evidence and witness to claim pes.

The quotation above also explains about the callousness of Snopes. Snopes conducts damage of his neighbor corn and burnt without feel guilty and he also disregard of other feeling. Writer thinks that Snopes treatment feels jealous about his neighbor succes in corn. Yet it certainly makes Mr. Harris anger and catch it. If Snopes wants his hog back, he should give a dollar pound to Mr. Harris because it happens some time, but
Snopes ignores his warn. Finally, Snopes feels anger because he should pay for return of his hog. Therefore, Snopes burns Mr. Harris barn and he sends warn before burnt like sending nigger for warn Mr. Harris. So, from the quotation above, it explains about the callousness of Snopes.

**Irresponsibility**

The third of symptom antisocial personality disorder is irresponsibility. Irresponsibility is disregard for, failure to honor financial and obligations or commitments, lack of respects for and lack of follow through on agreements and promises. Therefore, Snopes who main character tends to do some crime without feeling guilty because of they were not tie with the rules, therefore they also often diverges with the rules.

Snopes was the person who suffers the antisocial personality disorder, so he has the irresponsibility behavior with other or his obligations. It seen when he was done a bad thing, it is destroyed the rug of his master who gives him job. In fact, Snopes was jealous with the other material thing, if we see in the past, Snopes was poor man even it is still poor at the present. Therefore, Snopes always destroyed the other property. Beside of his jealous about the other, he is also sensitive with the others advice about him, but he is accepted it as some criticism. So, he makes damage to others. As it is quoted below:

> You must realize you have ruined that rug. Wasn’t there anybody here, any of you women..." He ceased. It cost a hundred dollars, but you never had a hundred dollars. You never will. I’ll add it in you contract and when you come to the commissary you can sign it. He won’t git no twenty bushel! He won’t git none. (7)

The word “you” refers to Snopes and the word “he” refers to Major D’Spain, but the word “he won’t git no twenty bushels” refers to Snopes. This quotation describes about Snopes irresponsibility. Because of he has obligation to wash the rug that he cominates it with his dirty boots. On the contrary, Snopes ruined the rug so that master gives cost about twenty bushel and add it with Snopes work contract with master. Yet, Snopes thinks that he wouldn’t pay for the cost from ruin rug.

**Impulsivity**

Finally, the fourth of symptom antisocial personality disorder is impulsivity. Impulsivity was acting on momentary basis without a plan or consideration of outcomes; establishing and following plans. It means that Antisocial personality disorder never thinks before doing something. They only follow his impulsive without plan or think about the result of his action. So that, antisocial personality disorder always involves in criminality.

Snopes impulsivity heppened when he just works with Major de Spain in his luxurious house. Snopes seems so amaze with luxurious of Major de Spain’s house, instead,
he absolutely jealous with the luxurious. It proven when he deliberates scrapping his dirty boot in Major de Spain’s rug. He realizes when he conduct it, but, it does not make him stop to do it. As it is quoted below:

His father stooped at the top of the steps and scrapped his boot clean on the edge of it. At the gate he stopped again. He stood for a moment, planted stiffly on the stiff foot, looking back at the house.(5)

From the quotation, Snopes shows his impulsivity without aware about other feeling in his bad act. He deliberates scrapping his dirty boot on clean and expensive rug without afraid if the owner would be angry. But. He pretends not knowing his act. This is absolutely impulsivity of Snopes who never think about the future of his life and his action.

Those all is the antisocial personality disorder which is seen by Abner Snopes in the story. It is seen with Snopes behavior which is relates with the antisocial personality disorder symptoms. Moreover, Snopes behavior effects to him self, his family and the others.

**The Impact Of Antisocial Personality Disorder**

In this chapter, the writer would like discuss about the impact of Antisocial personality disorder sufferer. The writer divides the impact of Antisocial personality disorder into three points. The impact of Antisocial personality disorder is impact toward him self, his family and the others around.

**To Himself**

The Antisocial personality disorder person is suffer the Antisocial with others, it means that the Antisocial sufferer tends difficult to make social relationship with others. Because of the Antisocial sufferer is sensitive person but he look disregard and aggressive with other. He is lack to feel the other feeling especially toward his action to other. The Antisocial sufferer often aggressive with others when he get some criticism or feel in danger with others, then he would conduct a damage of it and he can’t feel the other feeling of his bad action. Therefore, his bad action brings him in problem such getting court and evicted of the country. As it is quoted of the data, “This case is closed. I can’t find against you, Snopes, but I can give you advice. Leave this country and don’t come back to it”. (2)

In the quotation above, the word “I” refers to judge who decides the punishment to Snopes, but Judge can’t finds evidence to gives match punishment for Snopes mistake. So Judge only gives eviction toward Snopes from the country.

as Antisocial sufferer. From the quotation above, the Antisocial sufferer get in court and evicted that is caused of his bad action to his neighbor. His bad action such a damage of corn and burnt barn his neighbor. Therefore, he get in court and he is evicted from the country without no longer time for his punishment. Absolutely, the eviction of his country is not suitable with his mistakes,
because the judge can’t find the evidence to against Snopes

**To His Family**

The impact of Antisocial of Snopes also seem with his family. Snopes make his son to be bad trait with influence his mind. Snopes influences his son’s mind with saying that he should stick and care to his family even though they are wrong. He said it because he always makes trouble in his life, so that he should have someone who could help in the court if he get the trouble. As it is quoted below:

> You’re getting to be a man. You got to learn. You got to learn to stick on your own blood or you ain’t going to have any blood to stick you. Do you think either of them, any man there this morning would? Don’t you know all they wanted was a chance to get at me because they knew I had them beat? eh?. (3)

From the quotation, the word “you” refers to Snopes’s son, the word “I” refers to Snopes. It explains above Snopes attempting to influence his son’s mind. Snopes says for Sarty to care or stick with the family if they are not care for him again. Snopes means Sarty to care with him, though he conducts a mistake and Snopes influences his son with little hardness so that the son would follow his son. Snopes action makes impact toward his son, it makes the son being break the law as the Snopes did.

Beside, Snopes makes his son getting insult with the boys of the same age like him, even he gets the hit because he doesn’t admit his father mistake in the court. Although the son is only silent without saying the truth of the father treatment. But, people knows the badness of his father, so that most of them hates the Snopes’s family especially his son who say no word for the witness in the court. As it is quoted below:

> Where as he passed a voice passed: “Barn burner”! again he could not see whirling; there was a face in a red haze, moonlike, bigger than the full moon, the owner of it half again his size, he leaping in the red haze toward the face, feeling no blow, feeling no shock when his head struck the earth, scrubbling up and leaping again. (2)

From the quotation above, it also explains about the impact toward his son by Snopes treatment. But, every insult and every blow toward his son, it is not make Snopes to stop it. He just look his son fall down and up again without stop then protect him from the others boy who blow him. It makes the misery as a boy that he should be protect by his father and getting the love of him. But, it doesn’t like he want.

**To Others**

The impact of Snopes treatment also effects to others who lived around him. As
Snopes is the sensitive person who can’t accept some criticism, and he also always jealous with the others wealth. Because he could not achieve like the others did. It is happens toward Snopes’s neighbor who get losses of bad treatment of Snopes like a damage of corn and barn. As it is quoted below:

I told you. The hog into my corn. I caught it up and sent it back to him. He had no fence that would hold it. I told him so, warned him. The next time I put the hog in my pen. When he came to get it I gave him enough wire to pacth up his pen. The next time I put the hog and kept it, he could have the hog when he paid me a dollar pound me. (1)

In the quotation above, the word “I” refers to Mr. Harris who claim Snopes treatment in the court. The word “He” refers to nigger that sent by Snopes for warn Mr. Harris because he wants to burn Mr. Harris’s barn. The situation is the court when judge wants to know about evidence by Snopes treatment with witness.

From the quotation above, it explains about the impact of Snopes treatment toward his neighbor. It tells about the jealously of Snopes to his neighbor that more succes of corn field than him. So that, Snopes releases his hog into his neighbor corn. But, it makes the neighbor be angry then he says if Snopes wants his hog back, he should pay him a dollar pound for his neighbor losses. This statements makes Snopes so angry, so that it is makes him barn the neighbor’s burnt to release his angry. all of Snopes treatment makes losses of his neighbor such damage of corn and barn.

The others impact of Snopes treatment to others is also happens to his master who given him a job. Eventhough Major de Spain is his master, but it is not make Snopes to be well again to him. As long he feels pain, he will conduct his old habit that often refer to a damage. As it is quoted below:

You must realize you have ruined that rug. Wasn’t there anybody here. Any of of your women... he ceased, shaking, the boy watching him, the older brother leaning now in the stable door, chewing, blinking slowly and steadily at nothing apparently. It cost a hundred dollars. But you never had a hundred dollars. You never will. (7)

The words “you” refers to Snopes who conducts mistakes becaue he has ruined his master’s rug and the word “he” refers to Snopes. The situation is in his master house after Snopes return the rug for cleaning, but he does not brings the rug with the same condition.

From the quotation above, it shown about the impact of Snopes treatment to others, his master exactly. Everebody must be get a damage with antisocial sufferer nearby. It doesn’t matter although he was his master. As antisocial sufferer, Snopes has impulsivity that means he will conduct everything if he want and no body could stop him. Like the rug
of his master, because of the master commands him to wash it that caused of himself, but it makes him to be angry then ruin the rug without thinking about outcomes of his bad action.

**Conclusion**

*Barn Burning* is a story a life one character who named Abner Snopes. He is impulsivity person who always conduct his will without thinking outcomes. The Snopes have no guilty to others that is caused of his treat. It seems when he get court in his bad action. It is the barn burning of the Snopes’s neighbor. His neighbor, Mr Harris claim the Snopes who burns his barning because it proven when the nigger comes him to take the hog and saying that wood and hay is easy to barn. Then his barn gets burned.

The evidence of Mr. Harris could not be the proof for judge. Because there are no more person who could not be witness for Mr. Harris in the court. So, the judge can get cost for Snopes. Yet, for his punishment, the judge only gives the Snopes punish as eviction of the country without return to the country more.

The Snopes action is impact to his youngest son. Snopes influences his son for the first time before he gets court in Mr. Harris claim. Snopes has threaten his son to be silent in the court if the judge asks to him. If he tells to jugde, he would hit him. It certainly make his youngest son becomes afraid. In additionally, he also threaten his son in the jungle after Snopes and his family is evicted from the country. His reminds his son to be stick or care with the family. Because, if he could not stick or care to his family, then they would not stick or care to him so. It describes the worst parent who taught his son as liar. It is also caused of his Antisocial personality disorder who influences and manipulatif his son for his matter only.

The bad action of Snopes is not stop over here. Snopes damage continues in his master property. It begins when he and his family arrives in his master house. When he just arrives in his master house, he deliberates scrape his dirty shoes in the clean rug. It makes the master’s wife being angry with his action. Actually, he is jealous person if he sees the rich of others. Because Snopes never becomes rich as long his life. Then, if he sees the wealth of others, he would damage it such as he releases his hog into Mr. Harris for break the corn of his neighbor and it will happens toward his master. His treatment refers him to the new problem like he did before.

The Snopers treatment makes the anger of his master. As his punishment, he should clean the dirty rug. Yet, he doesn’t clean it, in contrary he ruins the rug with rub it with the rock. As the result, it makes the rug becomes damage. It certainly makes the master getting mad and Snopes gets insult for it. The master says that Snopes could has one hundred dollar for pay the broken rug and he certainly never gets money as much as his master said. In others, the master claims Snopes as the cost of his broken rug in the court. It absolutely
makes deep anger of Snopes who ever get court previously. Snopes certainly won’t pay the cost of broken rug though it is his treatment. He thinks that the broken rug is caused of his pain. The pain becomes from the master words who reprimend him for scraping dirty on the rug. Yet Snopes never confess it because he never feels wrong.

Snopes revenges his deep pain as long as he did. The old habit that never will die and it will return again. In the night, Snopes command his son to takes the oil of the wagon, but he does not tells the son the purpose for. Because he feel the son will stop it and he command the wife to catch his son so he could tells the master about his bad action. His plain to burn the master’s barn never happens because the son has told the master about his will. Heard it, the master gets angry then he goes to Snopes while he brings the gun with his crew. It certainly makes the son afraid because the master plains to kill his father, Snopes, and he runs to warn his father. Yet, it is too late. Snopes has gone forever.

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