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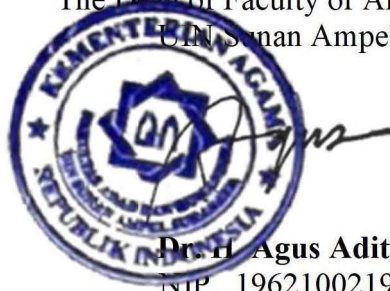
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experience because imagination always builds using materials supplied by reality. Therefore, the imagination coming from a human real experience and it is mostly coming from their feelings. Nevertheless Using imagination as a tool in making a literary work can change humans to become a well-oriented people and develop. (Vygotsky, 1930 p.9). However, imagination is needed in doing literary works to make these literary works more interesting.

In literature, there are many types of genres such as romance, mystery, horror, comedy, inspirational, historical, historical fiction, Science fiction, and so on. literary works that combine historical stories and add elements of fiction are called historical fiction. Fleishman (1971, p. 3-4) states that Historical fiction is an apparent theoretical difficulty in the status of reality personages in invented fiction. Thus, Historical fiction is the genre of a story that depicts fictional characters in a place or time setting that relates to the history of a country or region. In this research, the writer chooses a science fiction novel to be the object of the research entitled 1984 by George Orwell with Post-Modernism as the theory that the writer used.

Post-modernism is a literary form that is labeled both stylistically and ideologically by credence on such literary conventions as fragmentation, paradox, untrustworthy narrators, often unrealistic and downright impossible plots, games, parody, authorial self-reference, paranoia, and dark humor. (Sheeba, 2017 p.1). Therefore, a particular style of thought represents how Post-Modernism. It is a concept that connects the emergence of new features and types of social life and





take away from them. And these rights are. Internationally recognized and guaranteed.

Presently, in this world, there are four political systems that might be applied used in every country 1: transparency of the political acts, 2: representative government, 3: Citizen participation in the political process, 4: freedom. There are some kinds of democracy in every country, for every country they followed what they think that this democracy is suited to our country. For example in Europe, they are applying politics citizen participation as the key points as the representative democracies of nation-states are said to transform into participatory.

This literary work was placed in Oceania 1984, and it centered on Winston Smith who is one of the citizens of the country. He lived in Oceania as a citizen of the Party, Winston was one of the workers in the Ministry of Truth, which rules Oceania under the principle of English Socialism. Oceania is an oligarchy, under the hierarchical rule. The Party consist of Inner Party members, regular Party member who are citizens of Oceania. The Party leader is Big Brother that always shows his "dictatorship" to all over Oceania. Winston is one of the members of the Party, but he does not always trust what "Big Brother" or Party saying. Because they always make everything that had been saying before the change when the past has opposite thoughts with them. They remove it, change it, and post it as they want.

Nowadays, many countries choose their great democracy for their country, and we can not forget that we have to see how the perspective of Islam in democracy and dictatorship. It might have so many perspectives about that and here. The writer used the perspective of Islam to know how democracy and dictatorship are seen by the Islamic perspective.

*"Really, we offer the trust to sky and earth and also mountain, but they don't accept it because of worrying, while humans accept it..." (QS. Al-Ahzab: 72).*

This verse states that they have given the trust to the heavens, the earth and, the mountains but they refuse for fear of not being able to convey the mandate but humans instead accept the heavy burden (choice and decision) as to how human. And how humans are mandated and elected in a democracy to lead an area or association that is believed to bring justice in a democracy and also continue to apply existing Islamic law to a democracy they lead. The Quran, recognises the authority of those who have been chosen as leaders, and in a sense extends divine legitimacy to those who have legitimate authority. The writer might see how Winston's thoughts about democracy in his country are not usually happening in other countries. From the clarified above there is a reason why the writer is interested in observing the social politics' life in George Orwell's 1984, especially about the democratic system. This research will observe the democratic system by employing Islamic Perspective. This research titled is *"The Democracy System in George Orwell's 1984 Novel in Islamic Perspective"*.

















their hierarchy or principle of unity and are full of extreme complexity, contradiction, ambiguity, difference, and interconnection that are difficult to distinguish from parody.

In the concept of Politic, the concept of democracy is movable towards transformation as the predominance in democratic is no longer necessary as urgent because of the idea of the Post-modernism emphasis on the individual as the origin of rights and responsibility laws and therefore everyone has the right to be represented in power that governs, also has the right to refuse any delegation in this power, and this is what made the Post-modernism specialist talking about the end of democracy and not about governmental democracy or a biggest part of democratic.

the democratic parliamentary delegations in all political parties and periodic elections the parliament and councils parliamentary, which is what was generated by Modernism, as well as derive from the central government that came from needs of the industrial society, and with the changes that are shaken the foundations of industrial society, parliamentary democracy miss its validity in most society, but it created the independent environment.

Currently, subject to the settlement of the requirements of diversity and differential process orientations of the people, and the shift from hierarchical institutional basis to networking organization, and the chasing of the extraordinary faith to the younger, which is more easier and recreation as claimed to change the cases as well as the style of sharp focus to allocation and multiply. (Sellers, 1996)







democracy accompaniment each other, where Islam in charge of the worth of preferences, while democracy sets an idea or form of the political system.

Therefore, Islam can assist in the form of a process of democratization as long as it is attached to Islam that seeks to "freedom".

When we are looking for the correlation of Islamic and Democracy Susanto (2011, p.3) stated that how Islam can be compatible with democracy, actually the tradition in Islam it is discussed about a set of symbol and concept which support the freedom and the equality as the democracy's principle, even though there is also included the aspect of hierarchy power system and the absolutism. There are so many issues that come out discussing the compatibility of Democracy and Islam and mostly it is about the authority and freedom in Islam.

Democracy is found in Islamic teachings because both have the same ethical content. In Islam, many principles regulate the life of society, nation, and state in line with democratic principles such as Dilebaration, Justice, Equality, Trust, and Human rights. The relationship between Islam and democracy is actually about human rights, these many problems that occur in society about the faults of the democratic system always end up in injustice in society. With this, it is necessary to look at the Democratic side of Islam whether what has been done by a group or leader has been good for the good of the people or is only detrimental to the people. The importance of justice is genuinely felt by the community if the leader can provide a just and open democratic system to the people. The amount of injustice usually makes



influenced social circumstances and social behavior in the 1984 novel. The previous researcher analyzed some figures in the face of the main character in the 1984 novel. The researcher used the descriptive qualitative method to describe the problem through the textual matter of literary works. The researcher also collected and reviewed the data in the 1984 novel as well as some supporting data in totalitarian and social criticism books, articles, newspapers, and textual data from the internet to support her study.

From some previous studies above, in this study, the writer wants to analyze the same novel entitled 1984 by George Orwell. If the previous studies analyzed the social criticism, pastiche, and ideology in the novel, the current writer wants to analyze the democratic system that describes in 1984's novel by George Orwell. Not only to analyze the democratic system, but the writer also compares the democracy system from Islamic perspectives.







‘The thing that he was about to do was to open a diary. This was not illegal (nothing was illegal, since there were no longer any laws), but if detected it was reasonably certain that it would be punished by death, or at least by twenty-five years in a forced-labor camp.’

There are many things that should be done by ordinary people, such as complaining and venting their emotions. What Winston does is one way he expresses his emotions by writing what he thinks into a diary. However, in this country, there is a rule that does not allow citizens to hate the government or the party. but Winston didn't seem to care and kept writing down what he was thinking in his diary. Maybe if caught by party members or citizens who favor the party, he will be given a punishment like the death penalty forced labor is something that should not be done to fellow human beings, and respecting others is something that should be done by fellow human beings. From the Islamic perspective, the freedom of thoughts must be used for the reason of spreading good, and not to spread bad things and inequity. A person may convey their opinion freely, as long as it does not infringe the law regarding disrespect, defamation, against the truth, insulting the faiths of others, or by following one's own will. And Islam will not allow bad and atrocity in every situation, nor does it give anyone the right to use vile or insulting language in the name of criticism. And in Islam there is tasamuh, tasamuh is mutual respect and respect between humans and other humans. Tasamuh is a commendable attitude in association, where there is mutual respect and respect for one another, but it is still within limits outlined by the teachings of Islam.









freedom rights and also the shielding of freedom, appreciate the legal rights, and warranting free discussion and transparent on distribution of news and they can voice the opinions. Even voting can be deeply broken if it happen without dissimilar sides of getting an adequate the chance to present their particular cases or without the voting enjoying the freedom to acquire from taking into consideration news and to contemplate the views of the competing the leads. Democracy is a demanding structure and not just a mechanical condition like majority regulation taken in isolation. At the deep, a democracy is a political structure system in which citizen choose their trustworthy leaders liberally from among individuals and participate groups who were not designated by the government (Mubarak 2016, p.5).

Democracy in *Encyclopedia Americana* is a form of government in which outstanding dedication of the government or the management of the system behind these decisions rests straightly or indirectly on the freely given support the majority of great governed.

Democracy is a governmental system in which one and another groups are legitimate qualified to contend for strength and in which institutional authorities are selected by netizen and will responsible to the netizen itself. Christiano (1996, p.3).

Almost most of the countries in the contemporary world take most of the benefits from this. Usually, these countries are considered peaceful, prosperous, developed, and law-abiding, and civilized countries. According to some experts, that is the main reason for their greatness.













that which benefits people, and what Allah has sent down from the heavens of rain, giving life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness and dispersing therein every [kind of] moving creature, and [His] directing of the winds and the clouds controlled between the heaven and the earth are signs for a people who use reason.”

The right to freedom of thought includes freedom of knowledge and freedom of scientific thought. This means that everyone has the right to determine their thoughts about the phenomena of the horizon, nature, animals, plants, humans, and hold on to the results of their thoughts and express them. Islam itself does not stipulate certain scientific formulations or theories regarding these phenomena.

Apart from that, Islam does not worry about freedom of thought. Because the teachings of Islam itself do not conflict with common sense. Therefore, reason and knowledge must have absolute power. And Islam proclaims its adjustment to knowledge and reason. So that all three can be integrated for human happiness in this world and the hereafter.

The fundamental reason why regime analysis is such a coherent agenda is that most have formulated various concepts that maintain the same general concept: political regimes. That is, whether ideas have focused on the study of democracy or authoritarianism, on issues of transition or consolidation, their work has referred to a broader and wider range of political regimes or some other concept, such as forms of government, systems of government, or systems of government, that have been used. Alternately with the political regime. Nonetheless, it is rare for researchers to stop to define what they mean by political regimes and even less















Somehow a democracy has a positive effect on a country. Politics and economics as the main things of a democratic system are the main reasons for many countries to use a democratic system in their country. As a result, there is international recognition and respect from the international community. Most of these countries host global conferences and multinational headquarters. For example, countries such as Norway and Switzerland host the meeting and the UN office for their free status. As a result, international investors are attracted to these countries, thereby expanding the country's economic basic. Another positive impact is a tourist attraction, strengthening foreign relations, mediating of international conflicts, and others.

Democracy is a system that is contrary to the rule of Islam. Because it gives legislative power to someone personally or to those who represent them such as members of Parliament. Based on that, in a democracy the legislative power is granted to other than Allah Almighty; it is given to the people and their representatives, and what matters is not their consensus but the majority. Thus what is agreed to be a legally binding majority nation, although contrary to common sense, is the teaching of religion or sense. In this system, the law has been announced that allowed abortion, same-sex marriages, and interest usury; Shari'a law has been abolished, and fornication/adultery and drinking alcohol are allowed. In fact this system is still being argued by Islam and its followers.

However, Democracy is found in Islamic teachings because both have the same ethical content. In Islam, many principles regulate the life of society, nation,









democratic system in the novel, a situation that should not be done by a party and a leader for a people.

The first is the system democracy described in George Orwell's 1984 novel, and it can be ascertained that the system democracy under the leadership of big brother is a democracy that only benefits the government and the parties always do things that make people afraid of the big brother and them. they will even do cruel things like killing for those who disobey what has been set by the party but this book is more about how Winston wants to get out of this country and also the people around Winston who betrayed him and also thought to harm Winston but in this study, researchers focus more on democracy run by the party to its people.

The second is how the Islamic perspective in looking at the democratic system that exists in the 1984 novel by George Orwell, there are many things must be seen from an Islamic perspective, one of which is injustice in fellow human beings. This unilateral justice will make one party lose what they choose and they can not voice their opinion and can not act according to what they want, they are only enforced to do what the party wants. A good party with a good democracy will bring its people more prosperous and can also increase social awareness among humans. In addition, the importance of applying an Islamic perspective in democracy can make people understand the importance of justice for fellow human beings.







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