

## The Role Of Social Status As Seen In Aladdin Movie

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### ABSTRACT

The main objectives of this research are (1) to find out what kinds of Social Status as seen in *Aladdin Movie (2019)*. (2) to describe how the role of Social Status as seen *Aladdin Movie (2019)*. The researcher uses Mayor Polak (1979) and Wuradji (2009) Theory. This research uses descriptive qualitative method. The finding of this research shows that the Social Status as seen in Aladdin movie: (1) there are three types of Social Status as seen Aladdin movie, they are Ascribed Status, Achieved Status and Assigned Status. Ascribed status was mostly dominant used in this movie because the background of this movie is based on a kingdom in which a monarchical government system, led by a king and throne of the kingdom will be inherited to his lineage. (2). The role of a leader is different from that of ordinary people because social status they have, the leader has an obligation to ensure the welfare and safety of the community, the leader also protects each member so that they are in accordance with the goals achieved. Different things with ordinary people they are obliged to follow the rules and respect a leader.

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### Introduction

Humans are a group of individuals who form a certain social system and collectively, have a common goal to be achieved, and live in a certain area (within certain limits) and have the government to regulate the goals of their group or individual in their organization. Every human being before God is the same. However, in society there is something different because

of the status they have. This social status will become a measure of assessment for a person, whether it is respected or not depending on the position of their social status in the society.

A person has their respective rights and obligations that must be carried out and played according to their respective roles. If a community or individual does not carry out the role of his social status properly, it will create a system that is not good either in the community or group, and vice versa the system in the community or group will be well in line with the rights and obligations played by individuals in the community or group.

In general, like in Indonesia social status is obtained thanks to the hard work and efforts of a person, anyone has the same opportunity regardless of ethnicity, nationality, descent, anyone can change his social status in society even though he is a son of a farmer, he still has the opportunity to become president and son of a president not yet certainly will be a president too. The status of the president is given as status to a person not because of his descent but because of his efforts and hard work. Indonesia has a presidential system of government.

Based on the statetment in background of the problem above, the writer formulates two research questions below: What kinds of Social Status are depicted in *Aladdin Movie (2019)*? And how are the roles of Social Status described in *Aladdin Movie (2019)*? Based on the explanation above in this research the writer focus to analyze the kinds of Social Status as seen in *Aladdin movie (2019)*, and the role of Social Status depicted in the *Aladdin Movie (2019)*.

## **Research method**

Denzin and Lincoln said that; Qualitative research is multi method in focus, involving an interpretive naturalistic approach to its subject matter. It means that qualitative researchers study things in their natural setting, attempting to make sense of or interpret phenomena in terms of the meanings people bring to them. Qualitative research involves the studied use and collection of a variety of empirical material-case study, personal experience, introspective, life story, interview, observation historical, interactional, and visual texts that describe routine and problematic moments and meaning in individual's live.

## **Literature Review**

### **Kinds of social status**

According to Mayor Polak (1979) there are kinds of social status that a person has in society, one of the highest statuses is a characteristic of his social identity. Kinds of social status:

#### **1. Ascribed status**

Ascribed status is status that is obtained from birth such as gender, race, caste, class, descent, ethnicity, age. For example someone who is born into a royal family, a man who is born to the king and queen will automatically become the prince. This individual did not have to do anything to gain his status as a prince. Since birth, his life has been different from that of ordinary children. With more rules, responsibilities, and wealth. Someday in the future, this individual will replace his father as king. This status is passed on from birth and humans cannot change it because it is the will of the creator.

#### **2. Achieved status**

Achieved status is a social status that a person gets because of the hard work and effort he does. Example of this status include wealth, education level, employment and other. For

example people who were born poor, but managed to become successful and wealthy. They get their wealth from their efforts and hard work.

### 3. Assigned status

It is a position that is given, in a group or class giving a higher position to someone who is meritorious, who fights more for something to meet the needs and interests of society. As the example of the president, this position is given to those who are concerned with public affairs. However, sometimes the position is given because a person has held a certain rank for a long time. Like a person who has worked in a company for a long time and was appointed because of this dedication to the company.

## **The role of social status**

The role of social status is the part people play as members of a social role group. With each social role we adopt, our behavior changes to fit the expectations both ourselves and others have of that role. The role of social status is defined as “dynamic aspects of position. When a person exercises his rights and obligations in accordance with his position, he plays a role.

In the kingdom there is a top social status occupied by people who have power, strength and wealth such as leaders, kings, queens, princess and others. There are also those who have middle social status such as traders, guards and so on, or those who occupy the lowest social status such as those who do not have a job, beggars, street children. Every person who occupies this social status has their respective roles based on their status.

Between leaders and ordinary people will have different roles because of their social status. According to Wuradji (2009) there are a number of leader roles what the leader must do include:

1. Leader role as activity coordinator group.
2. The leader who acts as an activity planner. Leaders take decisions as policy, either because of their own considerations, or even after consider the opinion of the group.
3. The leader acts as an expert actually acts as a source of information and knowledge for the group.
4. The leader plays a big role as the representative of the group in external affairs, who is in charge represents the group in relation to the group other.
5. The leader acts as a provider of rewards and sanctions (as purveyor of reward and punishment).
6. The leader has the role of arbitration and mediator, especially in resolving conflict internal or disagreements among its members.
7. The leader acts as an example to serve as an example behavioral models that follows can emulate.
8. The leader acts as a symbol and group identity (as a symbol of the group).
9. The leader acts as a justifier (scapegoat) who will criticizing something that is considered untrue.

## **Discussion**

### **Kinds of Social Status**

From the data that have been analyzed. The writer found three kinds of social status in *Aladdin movie (2019)*, they are; Ascribed status, Achieved status, and Assigned status.

#### 1. Ascribed status

This social status is caused by the lineage of the individual or something that he has been born with. The social status included in the Ascribed status includes gender, race, caste, class, descent, or ethnicity. These things are irreversible and do exist from the time the individual is born.

An example of Ascribed status is someone who is born in the royal family, as in the *Aladdin movie*. Men who are born by kings and queens will automatically become royal princes who continue the throne of the kingdom, but if a woman becomes the son of a king and queen then a woman cannot become the next leader because that is already the rule.

The dialogue between Jafar and Prisoner explained about ascribed status.

Prisoner : *But we've searched for months. I do not understand what could possibly be in that cave that could help a man as great as you. You are already second only to the Sultan.*

Logo : *Second! Uh- oh. Who's in trouble now?*

Jafar : *And you think second is enough?*

Prisoner : *Of course. You were not born to be Sultan.*

Logo : *Not smart.*

Jafar : *Do you know what I had to do get the power that I have? The sacrifices that I've made? The bodies that I've buried? The five years spent in a Sherabad jail? People need to understand that they will pay for underestimating me. Second is not enough! And it will never be enough! That's why I need the lamp. And why I no longer need you!.*

From the dialogue above, Jafar will never become a Sultan even though he wants it, this is because he is not the Sultan's lineage. As said by Prisoner "*You were not born to be Sultan*". Only the Sultan's lineage may occupy and continue the Sultan's throne. It is a royal crown prince who will occupy the throne of the next sultan when the sultan is no longer able to lead his people.

Jafar was born into an ordinary citizen but with his hard work he could become a royal advisor (Wazir sultan) but he could not become a Sultan because he was not born into a royal family because ascribed status is the social status of a person who already exists from birth.

#### 1. Achieved status

This status can be attained by hard work and effort. This social status is uncertain and can be owned by everyone, provided they are willing to try and work hard.

Jafar : *She was toying with you. It amuses her to meet commoners. Did you actually think she liked you? What do they call you?*

Aladdin : *Aladdin.*

Jafar : Aladdin. People like us must be realistic.

Aladdin : Us?

Jafar : *You see, I was once like you. A common thief. Only I thought bigger. Steal an apple, and you're a thief. Steal a kingdom, and you're a statesman. Only weak men stop there. You're either the most powerful man in the room, or you're nothing. You. You stumbled upon an opportunity. I can make you rich. Rich enough to impress a princess. But nothing comes for free.*

Aladdin : *What would I have to do?*

Jafar : *There's a cave nearby. And in it, a simple oil lamp. Retrieve it for me, and I will make you wealthy enough to impress a princess. You're nothing to her. But you could be. Your life begins now, Aladdin.*

The dialogue above explains Jafar will give wealth to Aladdin to impress a princess. But nothing is free. Jafar will give wealth if Aladdin is able to take the lamp in the cave of magic. Aladdin, who is a street thief and someone who has nothing to impress a princess, is able to do what Jafar ordered, including taking the lamp into the magic cave because he loves princess Jasmine so much, he has been blinded by his love for princess Jasmine to be able to do this. Apart from wanting to change his life for the better, love is what drives Aladdin to comply with Jafar's request.

As it is known that Aladdin is a person of low status and has nothing to impress a princess, and Jafar will give him wealth as long as he can take the magic lamp. Aladdin complied with Jafar's request and took the lamp. Aladdin's actions are part of his efforts and hard work to gain wealth and power in order to impress a princess.

## 2. Assigned status

This status often has a close relationship with Achieved status, what distinguishes between the two is who gives the status, Achieved status which gives is itself. While the Assigned status is someone else. In the sense that a group gives a higher status to someone who is considered to have contributed; has fought for something to meet the interests of society.

Sultan : Sit with me, my child. I'm sorry.

Jasmine : Baba, why are you..?

Sultan : *Please, let me finish. I feared losing you. Like I lost your mother. All I saw was my little girl. Not the woman you have become. You have shown me courage and strength. You... are the future of Agrabah. You... shall be the next sultan.*

Jasmine : Thank you, Baba.

Sultan : As sultan, you may change the law. He is good man.

Princess Jasmine is indeed a royal descendant and the only heir to the kingdom, but she cannot lead because from the first, she is a woman and a woman has never ruled and will

not lead the kingdom because it's a tradition since 1.000 years of the kingdom's existence. The second reason is because the Sultan wants his daughter to be safe, because the first may be abolished by the sultan himself because as a leader he can change the rules. But this was not done by the sultan because he did not want to lose his only daughter like he lost the Queen. The dialogue above explains that Princess Jasmine became Sultan not only because she was a descendant of the Sultan but she had proven that she was able to become a sultan. *"You have shown me courage and strength"*. She has shown that a woman is capable of ruling a kingdom. Princess Jasmine did not only show strength and courage but also showed love and concern for the Agrabah community. Even though it was not the people who chose Jasmine's daughter to be the sultan, the people of Agrabah would agree if the one who became the sultan was someone who was kind and caring for the community.

### The Role of social status

Upper social status refers to a group of individuals who occupy the highest place and status in society. These people are considered the richest, and have high social status such as kings, queens and so on. Their role is very important and must be carried out properly. According to Wuradji (2009) there are ten roles of leader where the social status is at the upper and must be done well and the role of those at the upper will be different from the status of ordinary people.

Jafar	:My Sultan, our enemies grow stronger every day, yet you allow your daughter to dismiss Prince Anders and a possible military alliance.
	Which enemies? Sherabad continues to amass.
Sultan	: <i>Sherabad is our ally.</i>
Jafar	:Was our ally.
Sultan	:You would drag us into a war with our only...
Jafar	:Yet you would allow your kingdom to sink into ruin, For mere sentiment!
Sultan	: <i>Jafar! Remember your place.</i>

The Sultan or king is the leader whose social status is the highest, and the highest social status, the higher the role will be apart from someone who has right to regulate and rule the role of a sultan is also described in the dialogue above, that the role of a person who has the highest social status is guarantee the safety and welfare of those who are in the lowest class, if he does not do his role there will be no one who does it. Because everything depends on those who are at the top of the class. The sultan refused Jafar's suggestion to attack Shirabad but the Sultan refused because Shirabad was their ally, the attack would only create division and war which would make the people suffer and torture.

Apart from that someone who is at the upper class social status has the power to regulate, prohibit, and other. This role is only owned by people in the upper class and those in the lower class can neither regulate nor prohibit. Like the dialogue above that Jafar whose position is in the middle class, cannot rule and govern a king, even the king

firmly says "Remember your place Jafar!" because Jafar's actions have started to be brave and presumptuous to him.

Social status differences is caused by power, privilege and prestige. Power refers to income and wealthy, rights and duties, claims and obligations whereas prestige refers to social honour, status and peerage so that they all will affect the lifestyles, habits and behavior even have an effect on acquiring the high honour and respect from society. Both of them are as a symbol which creates the superior and inferior status in society.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the result of the study, the witer concludes that:

1. There are three kinds of social status in the *Aladdin movie*, namely; Ascribed status, Achieved status, and the last is Assigned status. The kinds of social status found are Ascribed status six data from dialogue and scene, Achieved status three data from dialogue, and Assigned status two data from dialogue. In conclusion, Ascribed status was mostly dominant used in this movie because the background of this movie is based on a kingdom in which a monarchical government system, led by a king and throne of the kingdom will be inherited to his lineage. Those who continue to the throne of the kingdom are the sons of the king or those who are part of the king's line, so those who are the king bloodline will lead the kingdom if the king can not longer lead. Since birth they have been listed as the successor to power without having to ward hard and effort.
2. There are seven data on the role of social status in the *Aladdin movie*, and the conclusion is that the role of each person will be different based to their social status in society. Like a leader, its role is to ensure the welfare and safety of the community and to prioritize the interests of society because of their social status, it is different from ordinary people whose role is not to guarantee or protect the community but to follow existing regulations and become members who are protected by the leader.

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