

Social Criticism in "Eye of the Storm" Album by One Ok Rock

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ABSTRACT

This research is focused on social criticism in Eye of the Storm Album by One Ok Rock. The purpose of this research is to know the problems of social criticism in "Eye of the Storm" Album by One Ok Rock and the forms of social criticism in "Eye of the Storm" Album by One Ok Rock. This research method is a qualitative method and the technique of the research is descriptive analysis to analyze the data with theory that related to the problem of the writer's research. The data are collected from lyrics in the songs. The finding shows that there are three problems of social criticism which are social criticism in youth of modern society problem contained in the song lyrics with the title *Stand Out Fit In, Giants, and Head High*, social criticism in environment problem contained in the song lyrics with the title *Stand Out Fit In, Change, Head High, and Giants*. Then social criticism in bureaucracy problem contained in the song lyric with the title *Push Back*. While, there are three forms of social criticism which are unadorned criticism, symbol criticism, and cynical criticism.

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1. Introduction

Humans and critics coexist like postage stamps and letters. Which, humans really need criticism to realize where the mistakes that have been made. Especially in an environment that consists of many people. Criticism itself occurs because of the interaction in society that does not run smoothly. Society means here is a group of people united by certain relationships or modes of behavior that set them apart from others. Coupled with the emergence of dissatisfaction with the reality that is

considered very inconsistent. There is a lot of criticism around us. One of them is social criticism.

According to Abar (1997: 47), Social criticism is a form of communication in a society that aims to exert control over a social system or social process or that serves as a control mechanism. That's mean, social criticism can be an important part to controlling the society or individuals. Its defined as a response to something that happens in the surrounding environment and arises because there is something wrong in the reality of life which is considered unbalanced. There is an unbalanced between expectations and reality. Constructive social criticism not only contains reproach, censure, harsh words, or scorn but also contains social innovations so as to achieve a social harmonization.

Instead it contains social solutions with good words so that social harmonization is achieved. According to John Rawls (1999), In social science, society is defined as the manner in which important social institutions fit together to form a single system, as well as the manner in which they assign fundamental rights and duties and shape the division of advantages that results from social cooperation. That is to say, criticism is a characteristic of the moral experiences that occur in our everyday lives.

There are so many problems and forms of social criticism. Which are consists of 9 aspects of problems in social criticism and 5 forms of social criticism. And usually contained in literary work. For the example is song lyrics. Song is a universal medium used to convey an idea, or an expression of feelings. In the lyrics of the song contained the meaning as the implementation of ideas or the heart of the song creator. And also implementation of what happening around them. For the example, in the song lyrics of "Eye of the Storm" album by One Ok Rock "Stand Out Fit In" was found a social criticism:

Lately, it's been too much all day

Words shot like a cannon on me

I just wanna be myself

I can't be someone else, someone else

In the above verse, One Ok Rock criticized clearly about people who force someone to change themselves to become someone else. Especially when there is a other people came to other place with different culture. This is include in social criticism of environment problems. Which environment problems here based on social conditions such like the society that live together. In the word "*Words shot like a cannon on me*" is a description how other people who do not like somebody and trying to mock

him. In the word “*I just wanna be myself*” is a description how somebody just wanna be himself without caring what people said about him.

Based on the background above, the reason why the writer wants to analyze “*Eye of the Storm*” album by One Ok Rock as an object of research because of several things. The first is because they are from Japan, but they succeed became an International band with amazing works and their songs gave motivation to all of their fans. They won Classic Rock Roll of Honour Awards for Eastern Breakthrough Male Band in 2016, Rock Sound Awards for Best International Band in 2017, and Best Live Performance in 2018. Aside from that, the band was also nominated for two Alternative Press Music Awards – Best International Band in 2016 and Best Breakthrough Band in 2017 (“One Ok Rock”, 2021). Also every song that their created are based on what happen around them.

The second is because One Ok Rock make a special one album namely “*Eye of the Storm*” to speak up about what is going on with them and around them with contained social criticism. This is the interesting one to analyze because there is a social criticism which is packaged in their song lyrics so that the listeners feel curious and want to listening every single day. The writer believes the study of social criticism in “*Eye of the Storm*” album is needed to be studied because it is not only exposes about what the form of social criticism that contain in the album, but also there are so many motivation words in that. Based on the background above, there are some problems of this research which are:

1. What are the problems of social criticism in “*Eye of the Storm*” Album by One Ok Rock?
2. What are forms of social criticism in “*Eye of the Storm*” Album by One Ok Rock?

2. Review of Literature

Problems of Social Criticism

According to Soekanto (2017: 321-341), social problem will arises if an inconsistency between the principles and standards that apply to the existing reality. The problem of social criticism is divided into nine aspects which are consists of: social criticism of poverty problems, social criticism of crime problems, social criticism of family disorganization problems, social criticism of youth in modern society problems, social criticism of war problems, social criticism of violation in societal norms

problems, social criticism of populations problems, social criticism of environment problems, and the last is social criticism of bureaucracy problems.

a. Social Criticism of Poverty Problems

According to Soekanto (2017: 321), *"Kemiskinan dijelaskan sebagai suatu situasi di mana orang-orang tidak dapat mengurus diri mereka sendiri sesuai dengan tingkat kehidupan kelompok sosial dan juga tidak mampu memanfaatkan tenaga psikis, maupun fisiknya dalam kelompok sosial tersebut"*

Based on the description above, the conclusion is that social criticism of poverty problems is a criticism that arises some person that cannot take care of himself based on the condition such like standard of living in some group and also unable to use mental or physical in that group.

b. Social Criticism of Crime Problems

According to Soekanto (2017: 322), *"Kejahatan selalu terjadi dikarenakan oleh suasana dan metode sosial yang serupa, sehingga mendatangkan perilaku-perilaku sosial lainnya. Tingkat ketinggian dan rendahnya angka kejahatan sangat bersangkutan dengan bentuk dan organisasi sosial dimana kejahatan tersebut terjadi"*

From the description above, the conclusions are that social criticism of crime problems can be happen because of the same condition and social process till produce the other social behavior. And this is having a relation with other forms and social organizations which the crime is happen.

c. Social Criticism of Family Disorganization Problems

According to Soekanto (2017: 326), *"Disorganisasi keluarga adalah keadaan tanpa aturan seperti perpecahan keluarga sebagai suatu unit yang kerap kali terjadi dikarenakan anggota-anggotanya yang gagal dalam memenuhi setiap kewajiban,"*

The conclusion drawn from the foregoing account is that social criticism of family disorganization problems is criticism induced by difficulties inside the family unit. Which are the members of the family failed to fulfill every duty that must been finished based on social role.

d. Social Criticism of Youth in Modern Society Problems

According to Soekanto (2017: 327), *"Masalah generasi muda yang kerap terjadi pada umumnya ditandai oleh dua ciri yang berlawanan, yaitu kemauan mereka untuk melawan dan sikap yang tidak peduli dengan lingkungan di sekitar mereka"*

From the description about, the conclusions of social criticism of youth in modern society problems is criticism that the youth has two different characteristics, which are consist of trying to fight and not caring about the surrounding environment. This

happens because youth is in a period of transition so that sometimes youth look alike being stuck with old norms and new norms.

e. Social Criticism of War Problems

According to Soekanto (2017: 329), *"Peperangan adalah masalah yang mempengaruhi kesejahteraan sosial dan lingkungan dalam sejarah manusia. Hal ini dikarenakan isu perang berbeda dengan isu sosial lainnya karena banyak orang yang terlibat dalam waktu yang bersamaan."*

From the description above, the conclusions here are war is the one form of conflict that always happen and ended with an accommodation. War make disorganization in many aspects of society. And this war problem very different with other problems because concerning with some of society. War can be happen because of a striking differences between values in society and reality. Which the source of wars problem are human personality who is arrogant, underestimates others, doesn't has manner and arbitraty attitude special authorities such like community leaders, government, social organizations, community deliberation, and others.

f. Social Criticism of Violation in Societal Norms Problems

According to Soekanto (2017: 330), *"Pelanggaran terhadap norma masyarakat adalah perilaku yang menyimpang dan tidak wajar dengan kelompok lainnya. Ada 4 jenis pelanggaran terhadap norma yang mana adalah pelacuran, delinkuensi anak-anak, alkoholisme, dan homoseksualitas"*

Violation in societal norms can be happen when there is something wrong and not appropriate in some group. There are 4 types of violations based on what Soekanto state in his book. First is prostitution which is a job that is surrendering to the public to perform sexual acts and get the paid. Second is delinquency of children which is the children became member of a group or organization so that they have bad behavior that till make the society hate them. Third is alcoholism and drunkenness in most societies generally does not revolve around whether alcohol is allowed or prohibited to be used. Fourth is homosexuality which is about the attitudes or actions or patterns of behavior of homosexuals.

g. Social Criticism of Populations Problems

According to Soekanto (2017: 340), *"Penduduk merupakan faktor yang sangat penting bagi suatu pembangunan karena penduduk merupakan faktor kunci dalam pembangunan,"*

From the description above, the conclusions is that social criticism of populations problems is the criticism that occurs because of unequal distribution of the population.

The population of a country is very important resource for development because the population is the subject and object of development.

8. Social Criticism of Environment Problems

According to Soekanto (2017: 341), *"Masalah lingkungan hidup terbagi menjadi 3 yang mana adalah lingkungan fisik, lingkungan biologis, dan lingkungan sosial. Orang berbicara tentang lingkungan karena apa yang mereka pikirkan adalah sesuatu atau segala sesuatu di sekitar mereka,"*

The conclusions of the description above are social criticism of the environment problems occurs because of problems that arises around them. First is psychical environment, which is all of inanimate objects around humans. Second is biologist environment,] everything that surrounds us in its most basic form of living organisms. Third is the social environment, which are people both of individuals and groups who are around humans.

g. Social Criticism of Bureaucracy Problems

According to Soekanto (2017: 344), *"Birokrasi adalah suatu keadaan yang mengacu pada suatu organisasi yang berusaha melakukan mobilisasi secara terus menerus dan berkesinambungan untuk mencapai tujuan tertentu. Esensi birokrasi di sini adalah bahwa organisasi hierarkis harus memutuskan untuk mengelola urusan semua orang untuk menjalankan fungsi administratif"*

The conclusions of the description above is bureaucracy refers to an organization that is designed to mobilize energy on a regular and continuous basis in order to achieve a specific goal. Bureaucracy is a hierarchical organization that is rationally determined to regulate people's work in order to carry out administrative tasks. It usually use the term bureaucratism to refer to the bureaucracy that hinders the wheels of government where the bureaucracy deviates from its original purpose.

3. Method

This research includes qualitative research with descriptive methods. Creswell (2003) states that qualitative research is a process of investigating understanding based on a different methodological tradition from investigations that explore social or human problems. Bogdan and Taylor in Moleong state that in descriptive qualitative research, the data examined by researchers is in the form of spoken or written words (Moleong, 2004). Qualitative because it relates to non-numeric data

and is descriptive in nature because it aims to describe the facts of the analysis systematically based on what they are.

The subject from which the data was obtained is referred to as the source of the data. The source of the data in this research are five song lyrics by One Ok Rock in the same album "*Eye of the Storm*", namely *Stand Out Fit In*, *Head High*, *Push Back*, *Change*, and *Giants*. The data are taken from the official website which are oneokrock.com and genius.com.

4. Discussion

The Problems of Social Criticism in "*Eye of the Storm*" Album by One Ok Rock

In this research, the writer analyzes the problems of social criticism in "*Eye of the Storm*" album by One Ok Rock by using the theory from Soekanto (2017: 321-341), he stated there are nine problems in social criticism which are: social criticism of poverty problems, social criticism of crime problems, social criticism of family disorganization problems, social criticism of youth in modern society problems, social criticism of war problems, social criticism of violation in societal norms problems, social criticism of populations problems, social criticism of environment problems, and the last is social criticism of bureaucracy problems.

Then the writer only finds three problems of social criticism from nine problems which are: social criticism of youth in modern society problems, social criticism in environment problems, and the last is social criticism in bureaucracy problems. And the writer founds eighteen data from One Ok Rock's songs to be analyze.

a. Social Criticism of Youth in Modern Society Problems

Youth in modern society problem is a problems that related to surrounding environment. It's about the youth has two different characteristics, which are consist of trying to fight and not caring about the surrounding environment. This happens because youth is in a period of transition so that sometimes youth look alike being stuck with old norms and new norms. Adolescence can be a dangerous period because in that period they leave the stage of children's life to move to the next stage, which in this stage we called it maturity. Till some of them will trough a social problem and biology problem (Soekanto, 2017: 327).

Social criticism of youth in modern society can be happen because of them through a period of transition until they got caught between the old norms and the new norms. Because of that, they have a high curiosity and a high desire to against the old norms and create something new. It can be something good or bad. But mostly of them will do a good thing.

As in this research, the writer founds social criticism about the youth in modern society problem in 3 song lyrics entitled Stand Out Fit In, Giants, and Head High by One Ok Rock. Which in these song lyrics explain about youth life that through transition time till they want to doing somethings different. Here the youth trying to change their own way to become a better than before. Some of the youth generation doesn't have a confident in their life till they only stuck in their position. Some of them have an intention to stop others in make a new change. And some of youth generation looking for they real identity.

1.1 The following data social criticism of youth in modern society analyzes by the writer in Stand Out Fit In's song lyric by One Ok Rock:

Datum 1:

Try to color inside their lines

Try to live a life by design

I just wanna be myself

I can't be someone else, someone else (Stand Out Fit In, verse 1)

In the verse of song lyric above, One Ok Rock criticized social about youth in modern society problems because in this song lyric describe about the youth that want to be their own self without change they real life. Because as we know, the problems of youth that always happen around us such like identity, doubt of they real life, insecurity, and others. For the example "Try to color inside their lines, Try to live a life by design" it's a criticism to people who trying to force them to be others. Not to be their own self.

b. Social Criticism in Environment Problems

Social criticism in environment problems happen because of something bad happen around them. It can be happen in psychical environment, biologist environment, and the last is social environment which this happening between people both of individuals and groups. Here the writer founds some of social environment problems (Soekanto, 2017: 341).

As in this research, the writer found 4 social criticisms about the environment problems in the song lyric entitled Stand Out Fit In, Change, Head High, and Giants by One Ok Rock, which in this song lyric explains about the society who cannot accepted other people with other culture. Which means here, they are trying to force people who have a differences with them and mock them to change their life. Those who are different from others are treated unfairly, ostracized, and get profane words. Also it's explain about environment that not always can accepted us to be a part of them.

1.1 The following data social criticism of environment problems analyzes by the writer in Stand Out Fit In's song lyric by One Ok Rock:

Datum 1:

I know they don't like me that much

Guess that I don't dress how they want (Stand Out Fit In, verse 1)

In the verse of song lyric above, One Ok Rock criticized social about environment problems because at that time this song lyric was written, there was a problem that happen by some of society that doesn't like people who dress up different from them. Because as we know, the social environment's problem that always happen around us are when people doesn't like us just because we are different from them.

c. Social Criticism in Bureaucracy Problems

Social criticism in bureaucracy problems happen because of an imbalance in the government system. Bureaucracy refers to an organization that is designed to mobilize energy on a regular and continuous basis in order to achieve a specific goal. Bureaucracy is a hierarchical organization that is rationally determined to regulate people's work in order to carry out administrative tasks. It usually use the term bureaucratism to refer to the bureaucracy that hinders the wheels of government where the bureaucracy deviates from its original purpose. What should have been well-organized, and the goal was achieved, turned into something bad. As in this research, the writer found social criticism about bureaucracy problems in the song lyric entitled Push Back by One Ok Rock (Soekanto, 2017: 344).

The following data social criticism of bureaucracy analyzes by the writer in Push Back's song lyric by One Ok Rock:

Datum 1:

Gun to our heads

They're tryna tell us what to think

We're stuck on the edge

So, go ahead and push us

We'll get up and push back

Push back (Push Back, intro)

In the verse of song lyric above, One Ok Rock criticized social about bureaucracy problems because at the time the lyrics of this song were written, One Ok Rock got

unpleasant treatment from the government of the country that they live for a while. In this song lyric, One Ok Rock describe about some of people and the government treat them like criminals just because they came from a different country. They got stuck for a while in this situation but they not give up. One Ok Rock wanted to tell every people who through this situation to keep fighting.

Forms of Social Criticism in “*Eye of the Storm*” Album by One Ok Rock

There are five ways to deliver criticism consist unadorned criticism, symbol criticism, humorous criticism, interpretive criticism, and cynical criticism. Then the writer only finds three forms of deliver criticism from five ways which are: unadorned criticism, symbol criticism, and cynical criticism. And the writer founds eighteen data from One Ok Rock’s songs to be analyze.

a. Unadorned Criticism

Unadorned criticism is a criticism that deliver something with directly way, not using symbol and not cumulative. Directly means here not for sentence in everyday life but in literary works. Because it transformed into a magnificence form. Delivery of criticism with this language aims so that the meaning conveyed can be understood by the reader and provide awareness or new discourse to the community and people who are the target of criticism. So that they can find policies to find out the problem solving (Sarwadi, 2004).

The following data and analysis found by the writer in Stand Out Fit In’s song lyric by One Ok Rock:

Datum 1:	Datum 2:
I know they don’t like me that much	Lately, it’s been too much all day
Guess that I don’t dress how they want	Words shot like a cannon on me
I just wanna be myself	I just wanna be myself
I can’t be someone else	I can’t be someone else, someone else
Try to color inside their lines	(Stand Out Fit In, verse 2)
Try to live a life by design	
I just wanna be myself	
I can’t be someone else, someone else	
(Stand Out Fit In, verse 1)	

In datum 1, One Ok Rock describes about people who know if others don’t like them just because they have a different culture especially in styles. This can be happen for every people but mostly happen to young people because as we know, live as a young people

always have a situations such like their trying to found out the identity, or cannot seeing others have a differences with them that's why they trying to force others to become like them.

While in datum 2, One Ok Rock speak up about them who always throw a bad words and the victims cannot be someone else just because some people hate them. It happens because of different environment and society who don't understand with way of life. One Ok Rock wanted to tell everyone don't change yourself just because other people doesn't like you. You are you. Never be others.

b. Symbol Criticism

Symbol criticism is a criticism that using figurative language or symbol language that represent the real meaning. And also using symbol language with the intention that the meaning contained in it is not visible directly but truthly has a more open meaning (Sarwadi, 2004).

The following data and analysis found by the writer in song lyrics by One Ok Rock:

Datum 1:	Datum 2:	Datum 3:
I know we got the power	We can be giants, giants	So, now we're standing on
Masters of our own fate	We can be giants, giants	the edge
Together we are stronger	Cause every one of us has	Our backs against the wall
As long as we got faith	always been in love	A penthouse view on our
(Change, verse 2)	We can be giants, giants	own two
	(Giants, chorus)	And now we're standing
		tall (Giants, pre-chorus)

Based on the units of analysis above, it can be interpreted that symbolic criticism is conveyed through symbols that use figurative language or symbols to represent the true meaning. Therefore, the interpretation of criticism is more open, while the use of symbolic language aims to avoid threats from those who feel criticized. For the people that became the target of criticism, if they still have a conscience, they will be understand, touched, then improve themselves for the better person.

c. Cynical Criticism

Delivering cynical criticism has a purpose to speak up about what they are feel. It is contained meaning or expression such like dislike to others, feel disgusted with life that is considered different from others, such as being oppressed and others (Sarwadi, 2004).

The following data and analysis found by the writer in Push Back's song lyrics by One Ok Rock:

Datum 1:

They call it revolutions, but nothing's changed

They call it medication, we're still in pain (Push Back, verse 1)

Datum 2:

Your precious reputations goes up in flames

Your empty information, we know it's so fake (Push Back, verse 2)

Datum 3:

Now we're back in the fight and never losing our strength

We tried too many times just waiting patiently, patiently (Push Back, pre-chorus)

In the verse of song lyric above, One Ok Rock described about their experience when they are move to other country. Because at the time, so many politic problems that happen especially when the term of the president's reign lasts. Lots of inappropriate rules at the country. Also the supporting parties of the president till One Ok Rock got the impact. One Ok Rock became the minority at the country because of the revolution and the medication that's not working. They got oppression. Wherever they are go, some of resident from that country will looking at them so badly. Also, some of people know how fake the government with gave a fake hope to every resident and every people that move to the country, just to cover their rot. No one believes at them anymore.

Other cynical criticism can be look in Stand Out Fit In's song lyric by One Ok Rock:

Datum 4:	Datum 5:	Datum 6:
They yell, they preach	Big boys don't cry	I am who I am, no matter
I've heard it all before	Shoot low, aim high	what
"Be this, be that"	Eat up, stay thin	Never changing, no matter
I've heard it before, heard it	Stand out fit in	what, no matter what
before	Good girls don't fight	(Stand Out Fit In, bridge)

(Stand Out Fit In, pre-chorus)	Be you, dress right
	White face, tan skin
	Stand out fit in
	(Stand Out Fit In, chorus)

In the verse of song lyric above, One Ok Rock about who always listen the doctrine that came from other people who don't like with our life. This situation always happen in society because they want to make every people look same. We always listen what people said "You must look like this" or "You must look like that". That such a hard situation ever. The example "Eat up, stay thin" is a cynical criticism for society who always protest to people that eat anything but stay thin. This is usually happen around woman life. One Ok Rock want all of the people keep eaten and don't listen what people say. Because became fat or thin it's not a big deal.

Next example "Big boys don't cry" is a cynical criticism for people who can't crying just because listen a doctrine from others. Just because you have a problem, doesn't mean you cannot spill what you feel. Then the example "Good girls don't fight" as if it a good girls don't fight no matter what happen. Because as we ever seeing in our environment, some of girls got fight with others because of the problems that we never know or because of simple problems. Last example "I am who I am no matter what" is a cynical criticism for people who always push other people to change their own life. And they don't want to that. They still want to be their own self.

Based on the units of analysis above, it can be interpreted that cynical criticism is conveyed through dislike words, disgusting words, or anger words with the social phenomenon. Therefore, the interpretation of cynical criticism is describes our life that unbalanced in society. The example here is being oppressed, being unfair, and others. The purpose of this criticism is so that the society can realize what they are do and their actions to others.

5. Conclusion

From the research that has been done about social criticism in album by One Ok Rock, the writer draws the several conclusions that in "*Eye of the Storm*" album by One Ok Rock. The writer found three problems of social criticism which are social criticism in youth of

modern society problem contained in the song lyrics with the title *Stand Out Fit In, Giants, and Head High*, social criticism in environment problem contained in the song lyrics with the title *Stand Out Fit In, Change, Head High, and Giants*. Then social criticism in bureaucracy problem contained in the song lyric with the title *Push Back*.

The writer found three forms of social criticism which are unadorned criticism, symbol criticism, and cynical criticism. Also the writer found seven parts of figurative language from seventeen which are: alliteration, allegory, antithesis, sarcasm, romantic irony, personification, and simile. Eye of the Storm album by One Ok Rock was created because of the author experiencing social problems and feel the hard situation. Himself also feel how around him have a bad experiencing at that time. The author has high hopes to all society and the government to deal and understand with all the problem that happen, and change their attitude to not force others anymore.

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