

## Characterization And Social Conflict Insight In The Batman 2022 Movie By Matt Reeves

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### Abstrak

Penelitian ini dilatar belakangi oleh permasalahan kota yang meneror keamanan masyarakat kota Gotham dan sebuah permasalahan nama baik keluarga Batman yang berperan sebagai Bruce Wayne. Dari permasalahan tersebut penulis model penelitian yang tepat. Tujuan dari penelitian ini yaitu mendeskripsikan penerapan metode penelitian yang menyinggung karakteristik dan konflik sosial dalam metode penelitian berbasis film pada The Batman 2022. Penelitian ini menggunakan deskriptif kualitatif. Pengumpulan data dilaksanakan memakai teknik observasi dengan cara menonton dan mencatat bukti bukti yang dapat memecahkan permasalahan dalam film di The Batman 2022. Berdasarkan penelitian menyatakan bahwasanya penerapan model observasi film bisa diterapkan pada aktivitas penelitian permasalahan yang ada di film. Hal tersebut dibuktikan dengan menerapkan model observasi penelitian akan lebih mudah di pahami, selain itu didukung dengan data hasil pencatatan penulis mampu mengubah film menjadi lebih hidup dan menarik serta menambah pemahaman baik kepada penulis maupun para pembaca, sehingga dapat diterapkan sebagai model penelitian yang mendalam khususnya pada penelitian film the batman 2022.

**Kata kunci:** Film; Penerapan; Karakteristik ; Konflik sosial

### Abstract

This research is motivated by city problems that terrorize the security of the people of Gotham City and a problem with the good name of Batman's family who plays Bruce Wayne. Based on these problems, the author uses the appropriate research model. The aim of this research is to describe the application of research methods that touch on characterization and social conflict in film-based research methods on The Batman 2022 movie. This research uses qualitative descriptive. Data collection was carried out using observation techniques by watching and recording evidence that could solve problems in the film in The Batman 2022. Based on research, it was stated that the application of the film observation model could be applied to research activities on problems in the film. This is proven by applying the research observation model, it will be easier to understand, besides that, supported by the data recorded by the author, he is able to

change the film to be more lively and interesting and increase understanding for both the author and the readers, so that it can be applied as an in-depth research model, especially in The batman 2022 film research.

**Keywords** : Film; Application; Characterization; Social Conflict.

## PENDAHULUAN

According to Wibowo (in Rizal, 2014) film is a tool for conveying various messages to the general public through the medium of stories, and can also be interpreted as a medium of artistic expression for artists and filmmakers to express their thoughts and story ideas. . Meanwhile, according to Law Number 33 of 2009 concerning Film, it is stated that films are works of cultural art which are social institutions and mass communication media which are created based on cinematographic principles with or without sound and can be displayed. Film is a type of literary work in the form of audiovisual media

According to Klarer (in Narudin, 2017) films are included in the type of literary work because all kinds of modes of film presentation are in accordance with the characteristics of literary texts and can also be explained within a textual framework. In this research, the author uses film literature as research material. We already know literature as a framework for written works. Historically, the name was applied to works of ingenious poetry and prose that excelled through the intention of their authors as well as the perceived aesthetic excellence of their execution. Literature in general can be any written work, but specifically works of art or high level written works. One of the main arts, such as painting, dance, music, etc., gives aesthetic pride to the reader. This work is different from other written works because its distinguishing feature is its aesthetic excellence. If a written work lacks aesthetic value and only has a practical and useful purpose, then it is not necessarily a literary work. Complete styles such as poetry, drama, or prose are a combination of intellectual works that have these aesthetic advantages. Although a written work may not have aesthetic beauty, it is not always a pure literary work. Literature is any writing that has the power to move the reader's heart or arouse his or her feelings. Usually this type of literature is poetry or fiction, but sometimes also non-fiction. The literature review is the basis for the scope of research that the researcher will carry out. The literature review consists of a section that explains theory, results and research materials that are useful for the research being conducted (Ridwan et al., 2021).

This research chose films that tell stories about superhero characters and social conflicts, using psychological and sociological approaches. The main elements in this theory are criticism, curiosity, and other aspects of personality. In basic sociological theory, this theory examines how individuals in society learn values, norms and social behavior through the socialization process. In this film the researcher applies the conflict theory put forward by Randall Collins (1975) which aims to answer the second problem

of this research. Randall Collins' multidimensional analysis of social conflict and stratification in Collins' perspective, conflict and competition permeate all areas of social life as a result of society's constant struggle to improve its position in terms of material resources, status, and power. attitude within us. That is the reason Criticism is often associated with curiosity. which can aim to find the truth about something that is not yet true. Emile Durkheim's Theory of Social Facts. The fact of social theory is one of Emile Durkheim's most significant contributions. According to: Durkheim (1964) social facts consist of things outside the individual such as status, roles, institutions, laws, norms, beliefs and values that exist outside the individual which can limit the individual.

For a clearer discussion of critical attitudes in psychological theory, the author provides understanding and explanations from experts. According to: Surya (2011) Critical thinking is an active, persistent activity and careful consideration of a belief or any form of knowledge received from various angles, supporting reasons and conclusions. Even though superhero characterizations are shown in the film, there are still social conflicts discussed in the film "Batman 2022". The film shows Batman's struggle to uncover mysterious crimes that occur in his city. In order to seek the truth of justice for the people of Gotham City regarding the real truth. Not just living life without seeking the truth, but living to find the real truth.

The theory used in this research is a theory that is widely used in many other studies, but the update in this research raises questions about superhero characters in sociological and social conflicts which are rarely raised by other research and also about sociological characters using Surya's (2011) theory. The author formulates two basic questions in this research, namely: (1) What kind of characters are featured in the 2022 Batman film? (2) How does Batman overcome social conflict to uncover the mysterious criminals in Gotham City? This research analysis was carried out by classifying Batman's character and social conflict in uncovering crime cases in Gotham City which must be overcome by the main character in the film The Batman 2022.

This is caused by social conflict involving a misunderstanding of the past government in Gotham City which accused the Wayne family of conspired to kill the then Mayor of Gotham City. This research is new research because it is not just research about superhero characters paralyzing their enemies, but this film reveals internal problems between the descendants of former state officials and their own government which are actually very close to the real world. The purpose of this research is so that readers can gain wisdom and skills in dealing with social conflict problems related to government affairs properly and correctly in accordance with the norms that apply in government and society. Based on the background explanation above, research will be carried out with the title "Characterization And Social Conflict Insight in The Batman 2022 Movie By Matt Reeves".

## **METODE**

The data that has been collected is analyzed using qualitative methods. After the data was collected, the author analyzed a clearer discussion regarding critical attitudes in character psychology theory, in which the author provided understanding and explanations from experts. According to: Surya (2011) Critical thinking is an active, persistent activity and careful consideration of a belief or any form of knowledge received from various angles that supports reasoning and conclusions. Data is collected through observation. The methods and techniques applied are documentation. The data collection steps are as follows: first, watch a film; then, find out the important aspects that need attention; and recording the conversation between the two characters to find out which parts can be explained based on the main character's role.

Finally, the collected data is classified to meet the expected categories. Shows Batman's struggle to uncover mysterious crimes that occur in his city. In order to seek truth and justice for the people of Gotham City regarding the real truth. In this film the researcher applies the conflict theory put forward by Randall Collins (1975) which aims to answer the second problem of this research. Randall Collins' multidimensional analysis of social conflict and stratification in Collins' perspective, conflict and competition permeate all areas of social life as a result of society's constant struggle to improve its position in terms of material resources, status, and power. He explained more fully that humans develop from birth to adulthood through interaction with the surrounding environment (other individuals).

The primary data source in this research was obtained from conversations between characters in the 2022 Batman film, which is 176 minutes long. There are several steps that the author followed in collecting data. The observation method was applied in this research. First, the researcher watched the entire film several times and read the script several times to gain a better understanding of the film's content and characters. After watching the film and reading the script, the author then used data collection techniques to develop conclusions by grouping the data based on the superhero character Batman and the social conflict that was the background in uncovering the mysterious case in Gotham City. Researchers collected data by paying attention to the dialogue in the film and reading the script carefully.

### **HASIL DAN PEMBAHASAN**

The research film is entitled "Characterization and Social Conflict Insight in Batman 2022 film By Matt Reeves". After completing the analysis, the author found several pieces of evidence that reveal Batman's character through factors such as behavior, motivation, internal relationships and social conflict in the film The Batman 2022. Detailed information from this data was taken from dialogue footage between Batman and other characters in the film :

#### **1. Behavior**

Through a psychological approach to see the characteristics of the main character, which can be seen from the character's behavior which can be observed from the main character's actions and reactions to certain situations. Like in this film, at a station, Batman appears from a dark alley because there is a man who wants to be beaten up by a group of troublemakers like gangsters. The group is the "Skull Face Gang":

Skull Face Gang: (look) Who are you?

Batman : (Batman appears and immediately attacks) I took revenge.

Skull Face Gang: Oh my god, it's true.

(Batman beats up the gangsters one by one)

Man: Please, don't hurt me.

Batman: (just looking at him).

From the dialogue, Batman's expression "I have revenge" and the fear of a man who pleads, "Please don't hurt me," show that Batman has a specific character and desire because he tries to uphold justice. Bruce Wayne aka Batman looks like a statistic in this film, focused on the mission of clearing his family's good name and protecting the oppressed, similar to the character Sam in the film "I Am Sam" (Bramaditha, 2020), which consistently prioritizes Lucy's role throughout the story (Minutes 09 : 53 – 11:58).

## **2. Motivation**

Furthermore, through character motivation by looking at the motivation of the main character which drives the main character to act which can be influenced by the past or certain internal drives of the main character.

"As in this film, Batman talks to himself after learning that the Mayor of Gotham was mysteriously killed while riding his motorbike in the pouring rain. He says, 'I wish I could say I made a difference, but I'm not sure. Murder, hugging, violence — two years later, everything is still bad. The city is destroyed, maybe nothing can be changed, but I have to try, force myself.' From the words Batman speaks, it can be seen that Batman wants to try to uncover what is happening in his city and is trying to motivate himself to save Gotham City from destruction.

Based on further motivation, it can be seen through the main character's conversation with other characters : In a room, Alfred, as the closest person to Batman (Bruce Wayne), discusses the body of the Mayor of Gotham, where near his body there is a card that says "For Batman" as if hinting at something, but Batman doesn't react, then in the dialogue below, Alfred reiterates to Batman:

Alfred : This is getting serious, Bruce. If this continues, you will lose everything.

Batman: I don't care about any of that.

Alfred : You don't care about your family heritage?

Batman: What I do is my family's legacy. If I can't change things here, if I don't make an impact then I don't care about myself.

In this conversation, the motivation that makes Batman a character who never gives up in upholding justice is very clearly seen in the sentence "If I can't change the situation here, if I don't have an influence then I don't care about myself" because of his very desire. big thing that encourages Batman to solve the case that befell Gotham City as a form of proof because Batman comes from that city. The Wayne family were former mayors of Gotham before Mayor Mitchel took office, which means Batman also played an important role in saving his city from destruction. Even though he sometimes gets unpleasant treatment due to misunderstandings in the past about the Wayne family containing the murderer of the Mayor of Gotham, Bruce Wayne still shows the best version of himself. This is very different from the main character Sarah in the film "Captain Phillips" Anggraeni (2022) who experiences Three types of psychological conflict or inner conflict according to Kurt Lewin's theory are approach conflict, avoidance-avoidance conflict, and approach-avoidance conflict because this is dominated by Sarah's character, a form of fear and frustration that has been experienced since childhood (Minutes 22:14 – 22:30).

### **3. Interpersonal Relationship**

The characteristics of the main character can be seen through the interactions that the main character develops with other characters through interpersonal relationships with people who are interacting with Batman as the main character in the film The Batman 2022. At the time of the murder of Major Mitchel, Batman came to the crime scene and met with the lieutenant James and the detectives who are observing the corpse of the Mayor of Gotham:

Batman: What clue? (glances at the plastic covering the Mayor of Gotham's face with the words "No more summaries").

Lieutenant James: Detective?

Detective: Sorry lieutenant, there were injuries caused by a blunt object, lacerations to the head, being hit repeatedly and hard.

Lieutenant James: All this blood is coming from the head.

Detective: No, most of his hand, his thumb was cut off, probably taken as a memento."

Batman: He was alive when he was cut, Echymosis...around the wound. (while glancing at the wall that says LIES).

Through the question sentence uttered by Batman, "What clue?" to Lieutenant James shows curiosity which means Batman thinks about the murder case that befell the Mayor of Gotham and tries to solve the case by guessing, trying to uncover the puzzle left by the killer at the crime scene (Minutes 13:12 – 14:23). The next problem, the second discussion, is the mysterious criminal social conflict that occurred in Gotham City. As the main character, Batman really shows his curiosity and concern for Gotham City. Batman always tries to uncover crimes by solving puzzles given by mysterious criminals precisely and intelligently. Rational and critical thinking can help Batman investigate crimes that occur periodically in his city. The internal conflict that occurs between Lieutenant James and Batman is clearly visible after Pete is murdered (Pete is a city police commissioner) which occurs in the room where Pete's body is located, the dialogue is as follows:

Lieutenant James : I don't understand, why is Pete involved in this?

Batman: looks like he's starting to get greedy.

Lieutenant James: Are you kidding me? after we catch Maroni? we completed their operations. Then he became a lowly trader?

Batman: Maybe he's not who you think he is.

Lieutenant James : You said you deserved it.

Batman: He's a cop, he's a traitor. (Then there is an inscription for Batman (card) which states that this person idolizes Batman and tells him to follow his game until Batman finds out who he is by bringing the white mice (corruptors) to the light.

In this case, Lieutenant James as the Gotham City Police does not believe that Pete, who serves as the city's Police Commissioner, is involved in the corruption that is eating away at Gotham City. Apart from the division, Lieutenant James also has close ties with Pete, for example in the arrest of Maroni. However, Batman remains logical and states the facts of what happened with firm language "He is a policeman, he is a criminal". In this way, Lieutenant James is sure of



what happened, that Pete was indeed involved in the Gotham City corruption case without any help. In this way, Batman has resolved the conflict that occurred regarding the perspective that occurred between Lieutenant James and Batman at that time (Minutes 42:39 – 43:32).

The next social conflict occurred when Carmine, the Falcone girl, was caught because she had killed someone named Annika who was Catwoman's (Selina) friend, who according to Annika had a lot of evidence about the corruption and crime cases that hit Gotham City, all of whom were witnesses. the background to the murder of a beautiful girl. That. Where Carmine Falcone, the famous crime lord in Gotham City, was captured with the help of members of the Gotham City police. Falcone reveals that after Thomas Wayne (Batman's father) died all the members of the government conspired to commit bribery and money laundering (the mayor, Hawk and Maroni) but Hawk planned to glorify Maroni because Maroni leaked the drop operation and he wanted more wealth. Because she was annoyed and carried away by emotions, Selina invited Batman to immediately kill Falcone, but Batman held her back because he didn't want to punish her in other ways and immediately saved Falcone from falling from the top of the building with the following dialogue:

Lieutenant James : If he killed Falcone we wouldn't have discovered the puzzle.

Batman: I have to stop.

Lieutenant James : You mean us?

Batman: I have to use my method.

Lieutenant James : Then what?

Batman : We did what the puzzler said, "bring the rat to the light."

From the conversation above shows that differences in social conflicts of opinions that are different between characters can be resolved carefully by Batman contained in the phrase "we do what the puzzle maker" said so the tense situation at that time subsided (Minutes 1:54:20 – 1:57:00).

Through monitoring the police managed to see that Riddler hid in an apartment next to Shoreline Lofts and caught him in a coffee cafe the next day at night but unfortunately when Falcone was revealed in the middle of the road in the city of Gotham Falcone was shot and died because he was shot. Oz and Oz were also arrested by police officers at the scene for making a commotion and



made it difficult to disclose crime cases in the city of Gotham. Based on the dialogue above, Batman firmly said "Elang also has wings." What is meant by the sentence Batman is the ruler must have support. When arguing with Selena, Batman firmly warned Selina so that it would not be wrong because if Falcone was killed they would not be able to reveal who the mastermind behind it all, and the final step used by Batman in uncovering mysterious cases in Gotham City, namely the main character, Batman said, "I have to stop it, I have to use my method. We do what Riddler says, which is revealing the mouse." What is meant by this rat is a corrupt boss, Falcone.

In the end Batman managed to solve the puzzle correctly that the mastermind behind all this was indeed the riddler. After Riddler was arrested and put in a prison that had a special room bar, not long after that, Lieutenant James' phone rang. On the phone Lieutenant James says that the Riddler wants to meet Batman at Arkham. Arriving at Arkham, Riddler finally spoke face to face with Delan Batman. The Riddler reveals that he had been waiting while speaking one-on-one with a voice delay that had belittled and revealed that Bruce Wayne was a child, due to Kudia Kudi's position. In contrast to the bad luck he experienced such as living in a room containing 30 children, being woken up from sleep by a rat chewing on his finger, and Riddler Batumkuhah that he used Delangan Batman Delangan expressed the phrase "using that mask makes me a complete person. There It's a shame, there are limits." Even though Batman doesn't cooperate with the Riddler but the Riddler still insists on his opinion in the dialogue:

Riddler: You're wrong, what do we do? I asked you not to express it and you did, we are a good team.

Batman: We're not a team.

Riddler: I won't be able to get him (Falcone) out of there. I am physically weak, my strength is in my brain, I am all parts, I am the answer. I don't know how to get them to hear it, give me this.

Batman: I don't like you anything.

Riddler: You showed Sahah what happened Munckin, you showed Sahwa that what was needed was just focus and focused violence, you were an inspiration to my members.

Batman: You're crazy.

From the dialogue above, it shows that the actual trigger for the major conflict in Gotham City was a sense of revenge for the injustice felt by the Riddler since childhood which continued to grow into adulthood, making him a sadistic person as contained in the sentence "You showed me what it might happen, you showed me that all it takes is fear and focused violence, you gave me inspiration" even though Batman always tries to do good and protect other people, not to avenge his feelings of revenge like the Riddler does with scenarios full of mystery. In conveying his message, Riddler also assembled a suicide bomb which he attached to his victim via telephone video call. This has similarities to the film "Avengers Infinity War" Nurkamila (2022) through the form of audio-visual communication media to convey a message to a group of people who watched it (Minutes 2:18:46 – 2:19:18).

Because he didn't accept the words Riddler said, Batman's anger finally peaked and he revealed that Riddler was crazy, a psychopath who only liked to seek attention. Then at the end of their conversation there is a big clue that has a bad influence on Gotham City:

Riddler: No, it shouldn't be like this. I have planned everything, we will be safe here. We can watch everything together.

Batman: Watching what?

Riddler: Everything. It's all there. You can't guess it. You're not as smart as I thought. I praise you too much.

Batman: What are you doing?

Riddler: Black, blue, and completely dead. What's that? You. If you think you can stop it.

Batman: What are you doing?

Riddler: Ave maria..

Batman: What are you doing (punches the iron prison fence)

Riddler : Maria Gratia Plena..

In this dialogue, Batman comes to the conclusion that all this time the Riddler was only looking for his attention and the Riddler was just a crazy person who had a psychopathic soul because he was hurt by the treatment or social situations he received in his childhood. because he was an orphan who hoped to get material assistance to poor people. had a low or poor social status from the

Wayne family during Thomas Wayne's campaign, but when Thomas Wayne took office as Mayor of Gotham a week later, Mayor Thomas Wayne died and the promises made during the campaign simply disappeared without permission (Minutes 2:19:36 – 2:21:13).

After thinking quickly, Batman tried to look for evidence that could be the next clue because Batman felt like he had failed if he couldn't save his city. Batman goes to the Gotham Mayor's Building and tears up the carpet in the Gotham Mayor's room using a sharp weapon in the form of a palm-sized rake. With full strength Batman finally managed to tear the carpet and get the final written clue, namely "REAL CHANGE" to be able to open the locked video that Riddler made before Riddler was caught. And in the video, Riddler tells all his plans to uncover the corruption crimes that occurred in Gotham City by attracting Batman's attention. However, not long after, the sound of a car explosion was heard which turned out to be 7 car explosions simultaneously in 7 corners of Gotham City. When there was a flood, the air quickly overflowed and entered Gotham City because the river embankment broke and could not be dammed. And what's worse, this incident coincided with the election of a new Mayor to replace Mayor Mitchel who was killed in Gotham City. Everyone panics but Batman immediately helps the people. After much arguing and betting, Lieutenant James and Batman managed to unmask an unknown man who mysteriously attacked them when they wanted to remove the net mask the mysterious man was wearing. Lieutenant James asked "Who are you" but the unknown man only said "Me? I take revenge" and left.

Without heeding his words, Batman returned to help the children who had been swept away by the flood currents by jumping onto the large cable in the middle of the stage at the mayoral election event and breaking the rope with Batman's belt. Batman falls, sinks and returns to land bravely and takes a light torch. as a source of light to save the children one by one. Then the development of Gotham City began to stabilize and Riddler continued his life in prison for life.

## **SIMPULAN**

In conclusion, this research provides a lot of wisdom and illustration of the benefits of having high enthusiasm in life, especially in uncovering and solving big problems, especially in solving problems from small to big problems, as is done by Bruce Wayne, who plays Batman, by being careful and persistent. think critically about every action that will be taken so that it does not have a bad impact

or harm other people. Because the 2022 Batman film explores Batman through the lens of a film that takes a darker and more serious approach to the character.

The narrative unfolds as Bruce Wayne, playing Batman, engages in detective work to uncover the mystery behind a series of crimes in Gotham City. The film innovatively introduces Bruce Wayne's social conflict as he attempts to rid the city of crime, providing a nuanced look at his dual identity and internal organization. The analytical framework used in this research refers to various literary study tools, which combine psychological and sociological approaches. The propositions of Solar Theory (2011) and Collins (1975) contributed to the theoretical foundation, enriching the exploration of Batman's character and thematic elements in the film.

Qualitative methods, especially observation through watching films and taking notes, are the main research instruments. The film's narrative intrigue is filled with puzzles that demand careful solving, offering a deep and layered storytelling experience. This research not only illustrates cinematic depictions of Batman's early adventures but also underscores the importance of using multiple analytical lenses to reveal character depth and thematic exploration in popular culture. Through discussing the film which presents two problems, namely the characteristics displayed by Batman as a superhero which are analyzed in three theoretical analyzes namely through behavior, motivation and interpersonal relationships that Batman builds with other players in the film, Batman is able to answer questions. intelligent character, never gives up. critical in thinking and has a high fighting spirit in upholding justice as fairly as possible in order to save Gotham City and various social conflicts which are Batman's benchmarks in uncovering mysterious crime cases in Gotham City with careful determination, desire and firmness and acting quickly in dealing with them. problem. make decisions and solve problems properly and correctly for the interests and safety of Gotham City because Batman is Bruce Wayne, the son of the former Mayor of Gotham who feels responsible for everything that happens in Gotham City. Finally at the end of the film Batman can save Gotham City and Gotham City can be rebuilt with a new female Mayor named "Bella Real".

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