# PROCESS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN TRADE OF INNOCENTS FILM (2012)

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Film has a purpose to convey a story idea in the form of moviing images. to create an interesting story idea, the use of cinematography aspects used to show how a story tells in visual moving images. In the film Trade of Innocents (2012) tells the story of the process of human trafficking children undearge that occurs in Cambodia. The purpose of analysis to discover the process of human trafficking. The method used in this article is qualitative method. The data used in this analysis is scenes image on Trade of Innocents film which can be accessed on Prime Video application. The object of analysis focuses on the process of human trafficking in the film. The result of research process of human trafficking found in two stages. First, it show how the process of recruiting victims by directly abduction or buying the victim from family themself. Second, show how the process of selling victim of human trafficking in brothel house start from offering the victim to the customer then sell them after the customer do payment to the human trafficker. In that case, the victim of human trafficking get exploitation by forced labour in world of prostitution.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Human trafficking has not yet been fully unified because in some provisions and opinions each have their own views on the definition of human trafficking. The definition is too broad which can not be used as a benchmark for a behaviour that is considered as human trafficking. However, the definiton of human trafficking put forward by several groups. According to the United Nations (UN) in Law 14 on 2009 provides a definition of trafficking in persons, namely the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons through the use of threats of pressure or other forms of violence, or a position of vulnerability or the giving/receiving of payments or benefits in order to obtain the consent of a person having control over that other person, for the purpose of exploitation. Human trafficking have a purpose in carrying out buying and selling actions against humans as an objects of trade by an individual or group. In this contemporary era, human trafficking still exists and become one of the most dangerous crimes. With that condition, people should be aware about form of human trafficking that happen in real life for the safety own. In that case, human trafficking is an act of violation of human rights because the person who trades in human beings has taken away a person's freedom in living their life in order to do exploitation of human.

Aranowitz (2009) also explain about Human trafficking can be viewed as process rather than a single offense. Thus, to get the victim, the human trafficker will take recruitment to the victim. In addition, the process of human trafficking have a stage start from the process of recruiting and the process of selling victims. There is two types in the

process of recruiting victims of human trafficking. First is do direct kidnapping to the victims, second is buy the victim from their family. The recruitment of victims will not consider whether they are women, men, children, teenagers, or adults. Furthermore, after recruiting, the victim will be send into the brothel house. While the victim arrive into the brothel house, the pimp will sell them to the customers who need humans as their personal slaves. In that case, the impact of human trafficking to a person who become a victim of human trafficking will get exploitation from the person as the exploiter. The exploitation has a purposed to take advantage from the victim that cause them got disadvantage from exploitation itself (Hill 1993). The victim who get exploitation will expereienced to do forced labor such as work in prostiution (Aranowitz 2009). Human trafficking has the form and different characteristics, where in general human trafficking has elements of exploitation, coercion, and slavery. In addition, prostitution is also an element in human trafficking. Kathyrn E.Nelson (2002) defines sexual exploitation or sex trafficking as a situation which women and children become a subject of sexual exploitation and violence.

To show how human trafficking occurs in real life in order to give an aware about form of human trafficking, literary works used for show stories in the form of writing, pictures, and film. In addition, the case of human trafficking can be represented in a literary work, such as film. Film can be used for tell or show an event related on fiction or docummentary real life in the form of moving images. In addition, film could be show an illustration about how the process of human trafficking happen. Boggs (1996) say that unlike the novel and poem, film communicates directly, not through abstract symbols like words on a page but through concrete images and sounds. With that condition, can be explain that film focuses on how a narrative that was originally in the form of writing is told through moving images and sound that gives an sound efffect for give a nuisance depending on how and what kind the situation based on the script about the stories.

In the filmmaking also provide elements of visual art, such as line, shape, mass, volume, and texture (Boggs 1996). In addition, filmmaking must have them in order to make visual of moving images which shows a shape, mass, and texture as part of a story along with volume as the sound that emerges from the film itself such and background sound and the communication between one or two people. In the making of film consist important aspects of film that have improtant role that have purposed to make the film show some stories in detail and worth to watch. First is the aspects of narrative and second is aspects of cinematography.

First, narrative aspects of film focuses on making charactes and characterizations which can bring the storyline in film. The charactes can be anything and anyone, whether they be humans, animals, to other living or objects that have a purpose to describe a physique of character (Boggs 1996). Thus, the characterizations is used for developing attitudes and behavior towards characters to look more alive. With the attitude and behavior from characterization, The characters who have the characterization could show an emotion to show the situation of the story such as body gestures, facial expressions, and speech act. The narrative aspect also show the point of view in film. The using of point of view in film is very important to show how the film is tell, whether it is a first person that focus on how one character show what they see in a film or a third person that show the story in the film throught the eyes of narrator or camera. Another narrative aspects is how the plot of the story shown and the setting of the location story in order to giving a visual event.

Second, the aspects of cinematography on film is used for how the story show in a visual on moving image (Heiderich 2020). The images that are taken will form a narrative of stories. Cinematography needed to consider which parts need focus and attention for making a good narrative picture arrangement. Cinematography has important technical elements of shot camera in filmmaking:

- 1. Extreme Long Shot: used to show subjects of relatively massive scale.
- 2. Long Shot: used to show subject for reflects an emotional from distance.
- 3. Medium Long Shot: used to show informative event and show emotionally neutral.
- 4. Medium Shot: used to show characters head to shoulders, and show how conversation happen
- 5. Close up: used to show expressions and emotions of an character more visible.
- 6. Extreme close up: used to amplifying emotional intensity.

Below is the type of shot camera in order to giving information about the scenes that been filming and capturing by camera. The using of cinematography aspects on film could make the story look alive and the audience will see the condition of the stories such as how to show some interaction between one character to another character or groups, how the condition of the crowded streets, how to show emotion from character, etc.

The using of aspects on the film such as narrative aspects and cinematography aspects for analysis film found on how the characters bring the stories on the film and how the camera take the shot of images in a purposes to show the visual of the story. In this article focuses on how a literary work in the form of a film shows a process of human trafficking in Trade of Innocent (2012) Film. The film tells the story of an investigation of human trafficking which taking place in the hidden streets of Cambodia that sells women and children underage. Trade of Innocent (2012) film tell the stories about how the process of human trafficking to women and children who become a victim of human trafficking. In this condition, the women and children got the impact of human trafficking such as force prostitution that cause sexual exploitation.

## **METHODS**

The method for this analysis by using qualitative research. According to Bogdan and Taylor (2015) defines qualitative methods as research procedures that produce descriptive data in the form of written or spoken words from people according to the attitudes and behaviors observed. In addition, qualitative methods is used for research by observing the object and describing it according to the object that has been observed in detail. The data sources are collected as image scenes on Trade of Innocents film related to the process of human trafficking. The object of analysis focus on how the process of recruitment victim, the process of selling victim to the customer of brothel house and the impact of human trafficking cause of exploitation to the victim of human trafficking.

#### **RESULTS**

The research uses a literary work a film entitled "Trade of Innocents" (2012). The result found the process of human trafficking, start from the process of recruitment victim of human trafficking, the process of selling victim of human trafficking, and form exploitation victim of human trafficking.

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**Table 1.** Process of Human Trafficking

Process of Human Trafficking	Result
Process of Recruitment Victim of Human	- Direct method: target the victim then do
Trafficking	force kidnapping to the victim and bring
	them to the brothel house
	- Indirect method: the pimp buy the victim
	from their family.
Process of Selling Victim of Human	- The pimp offer the victim to the customer of
Trafficking	brothel house
	- The customer pay to the pimp in order to get
	the vicitm
	- The victim will give it to the customer.
Impact of Human Trafficking	- Sexual Exploitation

Table 1 is show how the process of human trafficking happen, start from the recruitment of the victim, sell the victim, and impeat of human trafficking that happen to the victim. In addition, the research explained how the process of human trafficking for children underage start from the process of recruitment that show direct and indirect process and the process selling the victim of human trafficking to the customer of brothel house, after the two stages happen, the impact of human trafficking to the victim get experienced of sexual exploitation.

The analysis use theoretical review related to process of human trafficking by Aranowitz (2009) book entitled *Human Trafficking*, *Human Misery: The global trade in human beings*, explain the stage of process of human trafficking start from the process of recruitment and the process of selling the victim are found in the film as the grand theory of the analysis, Cinematography aspects by Heiderich (2020) entitled *Cinematography techniques: The different types of shots in film* explain how the camera take a scenes to show how the film narrate the stories as the second theory of the analysis.

#### DISCUSSION

The discussion will explain the process of human trafficking. The first step is process of recruitment victim, continue with process of selling victim, and last but not least the impact of human trafficking to the victim.

#### 1) Process of Recruitment Victim

In the process recruitment to the victim, the human trafficker will target women or children to be recruited and brought them to the location of the brothel house. The recruitment actions divided into two types, it is direct and indirect. The direct recruitment is target the victim directly then do forced abduction where the human trafficker kidnap the victim on the same time. This action is shown in the film by the pimp named Duke who kidnap Lie-u's young sister.



Figure 1. Kidnapping Process

Figure 1 show Duke carrying Lie-u's young sister. The cause of Lie-u's young sister were kidnap is after Duke got information from Lie-u's friend that she has young sister who live in small village. The process of kidnapping Lie-u's young sister is Duke entered the house where Lie-u's young sister lived. After found Lie-u's young sister, Duke immediately carried Lie-u's young sister out of the house.

The camera using technique of medium long shot for taking the scene is used to give information of Duke run while carrying Lie-u's young sister out from the house. The scene focus on Duke's running and carrying Lie-u's young sister rush to represent as part of the process of kidnapping happen. After the process of abduction succeeded, Duke went from that house and bring Lie-u's young sister to the brothel.

Second, the process of recruitment is indirectly system, where the human trafficker buy the victim from their own family. The cause of it because the family of victim have economic crisis. This action happen in this film from the point of view a girl who was a victim of human trafficking. The girl tells her story to Claire who works at organitzation of women and children protection in the Cambodian village. The girl story about she who was 10 years old and her young sister who still 5 years old were sold by their father to the human trafficker because of economic crisis in their family. The narrrative aspects using technique of flashback scene in order to descibed how the process of buying and selling transactions occur to her before long time ago.



Figure 1. Transaction trade of victim.

Figure 2 is show how the transaction of trade happen. The scene show the human trafficker giving a money as trade to the men who has role as a father from two daughters. The two daughters who stood in the middle of them is become object for selling by their own father. The scene using technique of medium shot, where giving information about the transaction between two men. It is also show to giving information about the older

girl who saw her father accept money from the human trafficker while the young one looking her sister. After got sell by their own father, the girl said that they were send to the brothel house and the human trafficker give an order to them for learning how to work in the world prostituion.

## 2) Process of Selling Victim

In the process of selling victim on the brothel house is start from offering the victim the customer. After the customer choose the victim, the human trafficker will give a price the victim to the the customer. After the customer deal for the payment, the human trafficker will give the victim to the customer.



**Figure 2.** The human trafficker offering victim to the customer.

Figure 3 show the action of the human trafficker do some offering by bring 4 girl in front of Malcom as the customer. The camera used technique of medium long shot in orrder to giving information about 4 girls stood up next to the human trafficker who were do offering to Malcolm the customer. The scene also focus on how the attitude of 4 girls waiting for the answer from customer. The short hair girl wear yellow shirt stare Malcom and put her both of hand in front of her stomach, beside her the long hair girl wearing flower dress look down without looking to Malcom. The third girl beside the long hair also stare to the Malcom while the forth girl hiding her face behind. The scene also show the attitude of the human trafficker about how talking to Malcolm. In that condition, the transaction were failed cause Malcom want a virgin girl.

The trade system also happen in another scene where the transaction in order to buy victim happen. The situation show Duke as owner of the brothel house make an offering a price of victim to Alex as the customer who also disguised alongside with his work partner to investigate about human traffikcing that happen in that brothel house.



**Figure 3.** Agreement for payment.

Figure 4 show the action about process of trade agreement between Duke and Alex. The using of medium long shot technique is used to giving information about the location of the transaction happen. And also it show 5 men including Duke and Alex. The 2 behind Alex and his work partner are the security of the brothel house. The pose that 2 men did is to show paying attention to Alex and his work partner in case if both of them try to running away before the transaction done. The scene focusing on Alex giving money to Duke after got the agreement of trade for buying 1 girl that cost \$2000. After Duke gets money from Alex, he give an order to the 2 men behind Alex to bring Alex into the place of location of isolation, where the girl live in that area.



**Figure 4.** The customer meet the victim.

After arrive in location, Alex found a little girl inside the house that used for the isolation. Figure 5 show the scene after the transaction of selling victim are deal. The scene show Alex and little girl interaction. The camera use the technique of medium long shot to show the condition of the house as the backround on film and show Alex who sit in the bed and little girl who stood up in front of Alex. It is also show the gesture of girl who already know the kind of situation where she has to do job as sex slaves when a man come to the house as her place for isolation. The little girl do unbutton her cloth in front of Alex. In that condition, Alex show a gestured giving an order to little girl for stop her did to unbutton her clothes. In this scene also show the impact of human trafficking occur to the children, it is got sexual exploitation.

## 3) Impact of Human Trafficking

The person who become a victim of human trafficking will got a experienced of exploitation. One of form exploitation they will get is sexual exploitation. The victim who got sexual exploitation will forced to work in world of prostitution by the human trafficker in the brothel house and make the victim become a sex slave. The film show how the women and children become a sex slave in brothel house belongs to Duke. Neither women and children, both of them must serve the customer of the brothel house and must obeyed the order from the customer. The customer will do anything to the victim depends on what kind of thing that they want to do with the victim. One of thing the customer asked is doing sex with the victim. In that condition, the victim should work under pressure in the world of prostituion.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Human trafficking is one of the biggest crime in the world that cause the person who become the victim of human trafficking will get experienced of exploitation such as

sexual exploitation. In that condition, people should be aware the form of human trafficking in order for safety ownself especially to the women and children since they become a target of human trafficker. To show how the human trafficking happen in real life, the literarly work could be use as a medium to show the kind of situation that happen in real life. Literary work such as film could be use as a media to show stories by moving images. The narrative aspects and cinematography aspects are the important element for film to narrate the stories and how the camera take the scenes depends on the story which written well in script. In that condition, this analysis explain how the process of human trafficking happen in film entitled Trade of Innocents (2012).

The film show the process of human trafficking start from the process of recruitment victim of human trafficking, the process of selling the victom of human trafficking, and last but not least the impact of human trafficking to the victim. In the first step of recruitment victim, the human trafficker do the processs of recruitment to the victim by using two types of recruitment, they are direct and indirect. The first type is human trafficker do directly abduction in order to do kidnapping after target the victim. The second type is the human trafficker do indirectly system where the human trafficker do trade by buying the victim from family themself. The cause of family of victim could do selling their one or two member of their family is have a economy crisis where need money in order to continue life. After the process recruitment acquired, the second step is human trafficker do the process of selling the victim in the brothel house. The human trafficker will sell the victim to the customer of brothel house. The human trafficker will do offering the victim to the customer and giving the price of the victim that should be pay by the customer. After the customer pay the price for one person, the human trafficker will give the victim to the customer. In that condition. After the victim were sold by the human trafficker, the victim will become a private slaves. The person who become a victim of human trafficking will get impact of human trafficking, it is get experienced of exploitation. One of form exploitation victim get is sexual exploitation. In that case, the victim should become a sex slave for the customer of brothel house and forced work in world of prostitution.

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