



THE SUPPORTING ASPECTS OF POLITICAL OF THE CROWN SERIES

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ABSTRACT

Feminism is the struggle of women to fight for their voice to be heard is a never-ending struggle that can be seen on media even in literature. Women ask for the equality as men received naturally, even in literature women depicted as someone hysterical and vulnerable however in the late 20th century until today the depiction of strong women is getting common even in Political world. The aspects of Political Feminism in The Crown series is the object of the study in order to uncover the aspects within the ideology itself. There are 30 data within the series that consists of Political Feminism with aspects of Political, Liberal, binary aspect of Political and Liberal. Within political feminism there are aspects that can be found and not political aspect only but also others such as liberal, etc.

INTRODUCTION

Political feminism is part of feminism that encompasses politics area in which more vital nowadays than it was before. As it is inside a drama, political feminism is as vital as it already is because there are many prejudice that political feminism will only benefit women's favour only and disregard national interest, and this is why the explanation and analysis of the political feminism needs to be take into consideration, therefore public will perceive political feminism also take national interest as their priority and put aside their personal indulgence for the sake of collective good.

Tv Series is an episodic drama that commonly separates in seasons. Traditional Tv Series only aired on Tv however as the technology is growing and the demand for entertainment is raising by public, the definition itself has shifted not only the series itself aired on Tv but it is also now being streamed on web and paid subscription because people is more mobile today than they were in the past. However the concept of

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TV program has shifted where it is changed into something more complex and diverse across media platforms (Dhoest, 2013)

Literature is written work that being expressed in artistic words as Fard (2016, p 330-331) has stated "Literature is commonly defined as working of writing that have lasted over the years because they deal with ideas that timeless and universal interest with exceptional artistry and power. This can include poems, stories, novels, plays, essays, memoirs, and so on.", therefore literature as it is already stated above it is in form of artistic objects and not the formal or legal paper.

Feminism as it is widely known that it is an ideology that women use to express their emotion and speak their mind, the concept is famously known for breaking from patriarchal notion that has been suppressing the idea, expression, and emotion of women regardless the era they are in, however the ideology itself is evolving as Lorber (1997, p 7) has stated "Any one feminist may incorporate ideas from several perspectives, and many feminists have shifted their perspectives over the years". It is true that the idea feminism is expanding over the years as each era has its own need and demand. There are 8 kinds of feminism that has been expanded over the years and they are: Liberal Feminism, Radical Feminism, Black Feminism, Marxist/Socialist Feminism, Cultural Feminism, Eco Feminism, Transnational Feminism, and Visionary Feminism. Liberal feminism is the one that famously known and applied in western civilization and in literary works as well, the theory describes women capable to express their emotion and speak their minds of being afraid being justified by public. "Liberals claim that the "right" must be given priority over the "good." This theory has been expressed by Tong (2008, p 11) because she believes that the right to earn the opportunity is far more important than receiving goods. Political Feminism as the expansion of the ideology itself has specific field that being involved in, the political area is the area that this ideology focusing as Bryson's theory told "From this perspective, a key task of feminist theory is to reveal the political and essentially contested nature of the current categories and their gendered and subordinating nature, so that the distinction can no longer to be used to exclude issues from public discussion, and the ways in which privileged groups have established the boundaries in their own favour can be identified and resisted.". This means that the role that women should do within political area is not only to enrol but also identify the act that would the politic itself in disadvantageous position.

METHOD

The method that being used is the qualitative method because it is the most compatible method that capable describes the and identify the category of political feminism within the story without needing any involvement of number in order to uncover the category itself. As Mason (2002, p 7) stated that qualitative method is:

"Qualitative research should be strategically conducted yet flexible and contextual. Essentially, this means that qualitative researches should make decision on the basis not only of a sound research strategy, but also of a sensitivity to the changing and situations in which the research takes place".

The method should be flexible to be utilized in order to uncover the object that about to be uncovered, commonly it is processing material with words instead of numbers and that is why it is suitable to process the material.

The process of data collecting is by watching *The Crown* series and screenshot the subtitle and type the subtitle into dialogues. The dialogues are taken from season 1-3. The analysis is analysed from both Liberal and Political theory and by classifying the dialogue, the aspects can be found.

FINDINGS & DISCUSSION

The result of this study has an outcome of 30 data out of 3 seasons of the series which involves Political Feminism within the series. The result has been analysed by using Tong, Bryson, and Ahmed's theory and qualitative method. Most of the data are adopting Bryson and Ahmed's theory because the theory itself are aligned with the dialogue and the situation within the series.

Liberal aspect

Data 19

Queen Elizabeth II: I am aware that I am surrounded by people who feel that they could do the job better. Strong people with powerful characters, more natural leaders, perhaps better suited from the front, making a mark. **But for better or worse, the Crown has landed on my head.**

And I say we go.

Analysis:

Liberal Feminism in this part shows that a woman capable to execute her duty without men's interference and not to questioned her decision. As Elizabeth II insisted that she will goes on tour in order to create stronger Political alliance. Bryson's theory influenced Queen Elizabeth II as a character within her dialogue.

Data 23

PM. Eden: "The time has come to put my health above the country... and to... to offer you my resignation. I'm sorry if I disappointed you"

Queen Elizabeth II: **"Did I suggest that you had?"**

PM. Eden: "No, but I... I think you thought of it."

Queen Elizabeth II: "I did think that the decision to go to war was rushed. And I was sorry that you lie to the House, when you told them that you had no prior knowledge of the Israelis' intentions. We both knows that to be untrue. **But, wrong thought it was... I did have sympathy for you.**"

Analysis:

Liberal Feminism in part described in the form of forgiveness and sympathy as the Prime Minister Eden announced his resignation before Elizabeth II and it will affect the relationship between those two. Ahmed's theory plays strongly in this dialogue.

Data 17

Queen Elizabeth II: "I am just a young woman, starting out in public service. And I would presume to give a man, such my senior, and who has given this country so much, a lecture. However... you were at my Coronation. And you therefore hear yourself as I took solemn oath to govern the people of my realms according to their respective laws and customs. Now, one of those customs is that their elected Prime Minister should be of reasonably sound body and mind. Not an outrageous expectation, one would've thought. But it seems that you have not been of sound and body and mind these past weeks. And that you withhold that information from me. A decision which feels like a betrayal, not just of the covenant of trust between us and the institutions that we both represent, but of our own personal relationship. In 1867, Walter Bagehot wrote: "There are two elements of the Constitution: the efficient and the dignified." **The monarch is the dignified and the government, the efficient.** These two only work when they support each other, when they trust one another. **Your actions, your breaking of that trust was irresponsible and it might have had serious ramifications for the security of this country.**"

Analysis:

In this part Elizabeth II's Liberal Feminism shown by her act not to take brutal honesty toward Churchill as she did it to Lord Salisbury however Political feminism also play its part by showing her lecturing Churchill on how the government and Monarch can work perfectly.

Data 18

Princess Margaret: "Your Excellencies, I'm delighted to be here tonight, deputizing for my sister, the Queen, who is fortunate enough to be on her travels, somewhere between Bermuda, Jamaica and Fiji. Distracted, no doubt, by waving fields of sugar cane and graceful palms, by deep blue water beyond coral sands. By dramatic green hills thick with vegetation and the subtle rhythms of dancing and singing. But more vivid, more brilliant even, than the colours of those islands or the echoes of that music or the welcome of cheerful and friendly people wherever my sister may travel, is what I see as I look out from this stage tonight. As I look out at all of you. My... don't you look wonderful! And positively exotic. And shimmering. And what fine company we have here tonight! Our ambassador to the United States of America, Sir Roger Makins. The only honest thing to come out of Washington. Our dashing ambassador, Alec Kirkbride, in Libya. This one's single, ladies. Oh, and of course Sir Charles Peake and his wife from Greece. A country which has brought us many things. Philosophy Greece. A country which has brought us many things. Philosophy, democracy, and my brother in law. So, to all of you I say welcome! As a rule, the food here is pretty ordinary. The wine is usually rather good. And I have made sure there is plenty of it. So I have no doubt we will have a wonderful evening."

Analysis:

Princess Margaret is the opposite of Elizabeth II, her nature makes Liberal Feminism more fits for as she makes the whole speech is entertaining and politically centred. Ahmed's theory is the one which influencing this dialogue.

Political Aspect

Data 20

Queen Elizabeth II: Group Captain Townsend will be leaving Brussels and returning home shortly, having done exactly what we asked him to do. **How can I keep my word after I gave it knowing only half the facts?**

PM. Eden: Let me take the temperature of the Cabinet. We must not forget that times are changing. **Morality is changing. The country is changing.**

Analysis:

Political Feminism is playing role in the form of listening and asking as Elizabeth II asked on how to handle the complicated situation before her. The dialogue indicates that it adopts Ahmed's idea.

Data 26

PM. Macmillan: "American Involvement was conditional upon Ghana having severed all ties with the Russians. Turns out Nkrumah was in Moscow yesterday to receive the Order of Lenin, highest military honour. From Khrushchev himself."

Queen Elizabeth II: "And what's the next step?"

PM. Macmillan: "I wish I knew. I wish I had an act up my sleeve?"

Queen Elizabeth II: "Why don't you send me? To Ghana. On what would be seen as a personal trip."

Michael Adeane: "That would be out of question, ma'am."

Queen Elizabeth II: "Why? A visit from the Crown to Ghana would be seen as a **huge compliment**. It would be singling out Ghana as a preferred nation."

PM. Macmillan: And doing so, we risk alienating Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanganyika.

Queen Elizabeth II: But surely, **by singling out Ghana that might be just the thing to keep away from Russians and in the Commonwealth**. Can I not be permitted just once to defend it?

Analysis:

Elizabeth II wanted to defend Ghana so they will stay in the Commonwealth and stay out of Russian's range, it shows that Political feminism of her wants to seek out equality in treatment to other country. Bryson's theory influenced the characteristic of Queen Elizabeth II, from the one she was whom always listen and asking, in this part it shows her courage in persisting her belief.

Data 22

Queen Elizabeth II: I have the greatest sympathy for your condition, Prime Minister. And I fully understand the need to rest... **but given the challenges that are now facing this country, you don't feel that you have a responsibility to execute your duties just a little longer?**

PM. Eden: I asked the physician the same question, ma'am, but he insisted. He felt that I was at the very limit of human endurance. But the country will be in the safe hands. Mr. Butler will take charge in my absence. Mr. Head will oversee the withdrawal of our troops from Egypt, and Mr. Macmillan will oversee the... economic situation.

Queen Elizabeth II: **Economic crisis. How long do you imagine will be away?**

PM. Eden: Not long, ma'am. A few weeks

Queen Elizabeth II: "Well, I suppose one can always reach you at short notice. It's a point I always make to my Private Secretaries. Yes, I'm away, but Windsor really is just around the corner."

Analysis:

In this part Elizabeth II shows that during national crisis she will ask anyone especially Prime Minister the reason why they can't execute their duty longer. Political feminism plays part as instrument of curiosity and affirmation. Bryson's perspective influenced the dialogue for Queen Elizabeth II character in order to uncover her awareness.

Data 30

Queen Elizabeth II: "If it were the occasional blackout, I would understand, but when it disrupts everyday life up and down the country, indeed threatens lives, threatens law and order, **I do begin to wonder whether we really have taken the right course of action.**"

Private Security: "Well, ma'am the government is not to blame. The National Union of Mineworkers has been given every opportunity and has rejected offer after offer. Our last, a more than generous package worth £48 million, was met with wholesale contempt."

Queen Elizabeth II: "But that doesn't explain the blackouts. **I distinctly remember you assuring me that the government had stockpiled enough coal to weather any storm, yet here we are.**"

Analysis:

Elizabeth II seeks out for an answer to the obstacle that standing on top of Britain and she demands answer for justice and equality for the people of Britain. Political Feminism works strongly in the dialogue as it is already stated by Ahmed.

Political and Liberal Aspect

Data 3

Queen Mary: "Dearest Lilibeth, I know how you loved your papa, my son and **I know you will be as devastated as I am by this loss.** But you must put those sentiments to one side now, for duty calls. The grief for your father's death will felt far and wide. Your people will need your strength and leadership. I have seen three great monarchies brought down through their failure to separate personal indulgences from duty. You must not allow yourself to make similar mistakes. And while you mourn your father, you must also mourn someone else. Elizabeth Mountbatten. For she has now been replaced by another person, Elizabeth Regina. The two Elizabeths will frequently be in conflict with one another. **The fact is, the Crown must win. Must always win.**"

Analysis:

Queen Mary told Elizabeth II that no matter how in grieve she is, she needs to put that feeling aside as she is now the head of the country. In this part, both of Political Feminism and Liberal Feminism work equally strong because she stressed it that the Crown and that means Elizabeth II must be firm and accountable in order to preserve stability. The dialogue is aligned with Tong's perspective in Political feminism and Liberal Feminism.

In this part, the focus is to find the element/aspect within the Political feminism and the result is showing that there are 19 data solely political, 9 data are Liberal, and the rest of 2 data are binary, the combination of political and liberal. Based on Tong's theory, it is more efficient that a feminist gets the 'rights' over goods, because they can express their emotion and speak their idea more in detail without receiving any prejudice. Bryson and Ahmed's take on their theory is simply to focus on listening and execute the action efficiently by identify the matter that possibly be excluded for an individual's favour from public discussion and this is why both of their theory compatible for this sort of discussion. Binary element implementing all of the theory of Liberal and Political at the same time because one dialogue cannot exclude one or the other from the discussion because they can correlate by supporting one another.

Data 25

Queen Elizabeth II: "But in light of what I've recently learned about."

Edward VIII: "About what?"

Queen Elizabeth II: "About events that took place, while you were in Lisbon during the war."

Edward VIII: "From whom?"

Queen Elizabeth II: "From **states papers**."

Edward VIII: "**Which** state papers?"

Queen Elizabeth II: "German state papers which American historians, supported by the French and the British, are now threatening to publish."

Edward VIII: "And what exactly is in these papers?"

Queen Elizabeth II: "Letters. And Telegrams. Communications detailing your relationship with Nazi high command. In one telegram, from 1940, it states that you were considering publicly going against the government and pledging your support for peace with Germany, thereby breaking with my father, the King. In another, it says that, in return for your support, the German government offered you a home in Spain, where you wait out the rest of the war in peace and safety while your countrymen gave their lives."

Edward VIII: "I went to Bahamas as the British government instructed."

Queen Elizabeth II: "Yes, you were instructed to go to the Bahamas because of your views. In these papers, you're quoted as saying that the Fuhrer desire for peace was in complete agreement with your own point of view. **We all closed our eyes, our ears**, to what was being said about you. We dismissed it as fabrications, as **cruel chatter**, in light of your decision to give up the throne. But when the truth finally came out ... **The Truth!** It makes a mockery of even the central tenets of Christianity. There is **no possibility** of my **forgiving** you. The question is: how on earth can you forgive yourself?"

Analysis:

In this part, Political Feminism and Liberal feminism play strong part as Elizabeth II dismissed his request for a job and discussed something even more urgent, it show the integrity by appointing something more important than personal indulgence but it is providing clear judgement and preserving security and equality through the government system. As it is aligned with Ahmed's idea: "*Feminism ideas are what we come up with to make sense of what persists*".

CONCLUSION

There are 30 data within 3 seasons consists of Political Feminism that has 18 Political aspect, 10 Liberal aspect, and 2 Political and Liberal aspect. The researcher conducts this study in order to find those aspects above to show that the aspect within the Political Feminism is not going to be Political aspect only but also it has Liberal aspect and it can be binary with Political and Liberal aspects together in one dialogue.

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