

## **The Allegorical and Dystopian elements in George Orwell's novel "Animal Farm"**

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### **Abstract**

This research paper tries to highlight that power and control are essential for the growth and development of any society but excessive control might create negative impacts. Mr. John tried to use the animals by disrespecting them and giving lowest food stuffs. Although, it was accepted by the animals but later on, all the animals decided to take measures against Mr. John. The same deed needs to be introduced by the citizens of the Russian society as well. They would need to carry out procedures that are not in favour of the ruler in order to rescue the section. In consequence, it may be said that mutiny is the ultimate force that may dwindle the intense power.

### **Introduction**

The archetypal tale, Animal Farm is a unique blend of political, history, as well as, the social scenario. The descriptions of the situations offered a significant impact over the literary globe. The fictional tale of Animal Farm also unmasks the brunt of corrupted power, as well as, obnoxious leadership over the unfortunate individuals of that era. Thus, as per the views of Willingham (2013), power may be symbolised as the ability to bring or implement changes. Such type of changes or alterations may prove optimistic or bring about evil results for the less fortunate individuals.

Apart from this, the English novelist, George Orwell also highlighted that control, as well as, total domination are recognised as the signs of greed and brutality. After attainment of power or control, an individual gets influenced by the thought of greed. This is mainly due to the unfair treatment by the owner of the Manor farm. The owner presented a very poor behaviour with the animals of the farm. Neither was the animals free, nor were they

respected. This kind of behaviour by the owner presented a negative impact on the minds of the animals and a sense of rebellion built-up in them.

### **Discussion**

Animal Farm is considered to be a wonderful example of the post-revolutionary social order. As per the ideas of Rodden (2014), revolution is described to stem as a result of the domineering power presented over the general people by the government or the ruling party. In the same way, George Orwell's book also tries to focus on the wrong deeds that took place inside the farm. As a result, the animals of the farm might be quite unhappy, since the owner (Mr. Jones) used to abuse them a lot. The animals of the farm are not offered good treatment and get improper quantity of food and this created a pessimistic influence within their minds. To get relief from such unwanted treatment, some of the animals (Snowball, Napoleon) assumed leadership so as to reduce the ill-mischief of the leader. Along with Snowball, Napoleon, many other pigs of the farm assisted them to subdue the utmost chaos within the Animal Farm.

Such a disordered situation took place mainly after the death of Old Major. Soon after the death, Mr. Jones took the charge of the farm and tried to impose his own rules and regulations. The ideas of Mr. Jones were just opposite to Old Major as he tried to extract maximum output from these animals by offering lowest diet (Orwell, 2014). After accepting such treatment for a long time, some of the animals decided to rebel against Mr. Jones in order to live a trouble-free life in the future. Similar scenario may be viewed in reference to the lives of the human beings of Russia. During 1905-1924, the region of Russia was under the control of extreme brutality and violence. The government of Russia desired to attain maximum benefits by optimum utilization of the human resources. Against such utilisation, the government failed to offer unique treatment and democratic rights and privileges to the citizens. Therefore, the distressed condition of the general public is evident in the novel of Animal Farm by Orwell. To illustrate such a scenario, Orwell utilised allegory, as well as, fables that proved effective in building parallel rendition. The prime objective behind it is to limelight the traditions and ways that need to be followed by the general individuals of Russia to get freedom from such cruelty. However, Reed (2012) argued that improper analysing power might prove problematic for the general individuals to act against the rebellion. This might present detrimental impact over the living standards and lifestyles of the individual that would enhance the anger and level of distress. In addition, Orwell and Baker (2015) also reflected that change is the evitable aspect that may be attained only through the

support and inspiration of the leaders; they play an active role in the process of rebellion. The strategies and ideas need to be scrutinized by the leaders so as to judge their efficiency. In *Animal Farm*, Scalia (2015) talked about the support and thinking capability of the leaders such as Snowball, Napoleon.

Both these leaders had a strong determination of offering freedom to the animals from the fierce behaviour of Mr. Jones. Therefore, it may be determined that strong will and power of the leaders is the prime requisite to mitigate the problem of malice. Considering this, it may be revealed that high leadership skills and encouraging power need to be present in the people of Russia so as to safeguard themselves from the control of King Louis XVI. The ruler used to charge huge debt or taxes from the common workers. Numerous soldiers took part in such revolution so as to diminish the custom of attaining taxes from the common workers (Rodden, 2014). To do so, the leaders of Russia need to pay maximum attention to communication. With the help of conversing, the ideas and facts may be easily presented to the common masses. In such conversation, the pros and cons of varied ideas may be examined and the best one might be utilised for improving the living conditions of the people. Considering the same, the leaders and the other animals also organised meetings and discussions so as to reduce the spite of Mr. Jones.

Hence, it may be said that revolution arises mainly due to the extreme unwanted behaviour and regulations of the rulers. To get rid of such problems, in both situations, discussions take place and result in a revolt. This proved quite advantageous in both the circumstances such as in the *Animal Farm* and in the region of Russia. Since, it helped the animals to become free in the farm and improved the conditions for citizens of Russia. So, the theme of the novel of Orwell is that peace and harmony is the only way to improve relationships and coordination among the all the people. Failure to implement it, would result in revolts thereby taking the lives of numerous.

### **Review of Literature**

According to the ideas of Menchhofer (2014), revolution arises mainly due to some unnecessary deeds. Imbalanced activities within the society make the people very unhappy, thus, leading to clashes and conflicts. Due to this, the contentment and pleasure of the region declines resulting in upheaval. In such scenarios, some of the individuals act as leaders and try to inspire others to revolt against such fierce behaviour. Contrary to the latter statement, Rodden (2014) contradicted the thought that failure to encourage all other members of the group to act in favour of the uprising might prove troublesome in the future. Along with this,

improper respect and humiliations are also recognised as some of the essential elements leading to insurgency. Although, such behaviour is accepted by individuals for a very long time; however, after a certain point it starts to create discrepancy among members of the society. A similar situation arose with the animals of the Animal Farm after the death of the Old Major. When, Mr. John started controlling the rules and duties of the farm, he tried to implement his own regulations. As per his rules, low food is offered to the animals of the farm and this created a negative impact on them. All the animals became quite demoralised and dissatisfied. Moreover, Mr. Jones failed to offer respect and admiration to the animals and this is also another vital reason that led to the rebellion.

In this regard, Orwell and Baker (2015) determined that uprising and inadequate attitude are directly proportional to one-another. Improper esteem creates a negative feeling in the minds of the members or animals of the farm and hence, the working ability or desire reduces significantly. As a result, the productivity of the animals also diminishes and hampers the reputation and perspective of the farm. So, to resolve such a conflicting situation, many animals with leadership talent came into the scene. These included Napoleon and Snowball. Both of them presented active support to the animals and saved the farm from the violent situation. The support and mutiny of all the animals of the Animal Farm helped to free the farm from the activities of the owner (Mr. John). This offered the opportunity to the animals to live freely in the farm without any disturbance and fracas. Likewise, demur of the ethics and inner confidence of the citizens of Russia, would decrease the performance of the region. The image and position of the region also diminishes considerably leading to it becoming unpopular. Just as the leaders of the farm, the citizens of the society of Russia need to take steps against the power of the rulers. Only then, they may be able to free the society from the tax problems of the common workers and the poverty rate may be brought down. Against the above point, Scalia (2015) mentioned that inadequate leadership skills might prove problematic for the society in the years to come. Considering this, the citizens of Russia, need to present leadership capabilities in order to lessen the exertion of the society.

Other than this, Reed (2012) denoted that riot and communication/coordination are mutually related with one-another. In order to trim down any situation, conversing with all the members of the region is the prime requisite. It may help in presenting varied ideas and facts as per the situation. After analysing all the facts, the finest one may be detected and might be implemented. Doing so, may prove effective for the leaders to determine any sort of problems. However, Willingham (2013) argued that indecent harmonization skills might

present negative influence over the entire section. To make up with such types of challenges in an efficient manner, management, guidance, and communiqué are the most crucial aspects. Proper utilisation of all these elements would prove positive results and the common people may be able to lead flourishing lives (Orwell, 2014).

So, according to the views expressed above, it may be said that support and assistance is the only way to decide or ease away a difficult situation. Consequently, message is also equally responsible to allay the nuisance in a competent way.

**Conclusion:** Conclusively, it may be mentioned that appropriate support and assistance of the members is the only aspect needed to make alterations in an existing unpleasant situation. At the same time, planning and discussion also play a significant role in resolving any sticky situation in an easy manner. This is because; it would offer the opportunity to make decisions after conferring with all the members of the group or the city. Doing so, might prove effective in accepting the new change in an efficient manner resulting in the augmentation of the current situation. Along with this, strong determination and will power of the leaders of the team would also act as a driving force to implement the change in an accurate phenomenon. Subsequently, to get liberation from the disrespect of Mr. John, the animals revolted against him. With high arrangement and vocalizations, the actions that need to be taken or implemented were presented to the members and all agreed to them.

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