# THE CAPITALIST DOMINANCE IN CHARLES DICKENS' OLIVER TWIST

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#### Abstract

The objectives of this study entitled The Capitalist Dominance in Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist are (1) to find out the capitalist dominance described through the character of Mr. Bumble in Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist. (2) to find out the impact of Mr. Bumble's capitalism toward character Oliver in Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist. The writer used library research to analyze the analysis. The main data is taken from novel of Oliver Twist. Some theories used to analyze the data are Character, Marxism, Capitalism, and Setting. Moreover, the approaches used in this research are sociological approach, psychological approach, marxism approach, ideological approach, and historical approach. For the result, the writer finds the capitalist dominance of Mr. Bumble. He follows the Oligarchic Capitalism and he controls and exploits Oliver without enough food and salary. He also becomes opportunist, snobby, and a wicked man. Moreover, from the impact of Mr. Bumble's capitalism, Oliver becomes abandoned in the capitalist society, and becomes a social anxiety disorder child.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In Victorian period (1837-1901), the emergence of capitalism marked by revolution from public trade to industry sector or many people called it as industrial revolution. In this era, there is a famous author, namely Charles Dickens. His literary works illustrate the condition of society at that time, especially the capitalism. One of his famous his literary works is *Oliver Twist* (1837). It tells about an orphan boy who lived in Victorian period. His life is full of lack and it makes him a slave for upper class. In the story, Mr.Bumble represents the upper class. He is a pompous beadle of the poorhouse where the orphaned Oliver is raised. He considers himself honorable men law-abiding, but in morality he neglects and despises the poor who should be cared by him. It was an ironic condition at that time, because Oliver became a slave who was not paid by the upper class and upper class got huge benefit without paying for the service. Finally, the capitalist becoming a group that exploit poor people to get individual benefit and enrich themselves. Moreover, the writer focuses on two problems the first one is how the capitalist dominance described through character Mr. Bumble. The second problem is the impact of the capitalism toward main character Oliver.

There are four theories to support finding the answer from the problem statements. They are theory of character, marxism, capitalism, and setting. Capitalism is the important role around the society, because it interpreted as a system of economic which its capital, such as capital

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investment and industrial activities derived from private capital or private enterprise capital in free market competition. There are many opinions about capitalism. For example, Dawam in Ismulyadi "*Kapitalisme Suara Hati*" (2016:1) described capitalism is a system economic that dominated Europe since feodalism had been felt out.

Oligarchic Capitalism is the economic system which often used for the burgeois to exploit ploretariat. William stated that capitalism is defined as oligarchic when the economic system is nominally capitalist and property rights protect those who own substantial property (2008:71). In short, oligarchic capitalism in which the bulk of power and wealth is held by small group of individuals and families. It means that Oligarchic Capitalism is example of economic system greed. The economic system makes money circulation is uneven because the it is only focus or centered on one company. So, we can conclude that Oligarchic Capitalism is the worst capitalism.

### 2. RESEARCH METHOD

This study used qualitative method. Burns and Grove (2009:19) said that a qualitative approach as a systematic subjective approach used to describe life experiences and situations to give them meaning. So, it means the aim of qualitative research is to explore the behavior, perspectives, experiences and feelings of people. Qualitative research is appropriate to capture the effect of capitalism toward main character Oliver Twist. While, in this research, the writer uses novel entitled Oliver Twist as a primary data or source of the data. The data of the research that discussed in this research are words, sentences, and also dialogues. This research applies library research. According to George (2008:1), the researcher draws and integrates own ideas to make conclusion synthesize. It also was limited on library research because the data does not come from field. In Analyzing the selected data, the writer has some steps to analyze the data. First of all, first, researcher is reading the novel *Oliver Twist* several times in order to understand and get some information are used in analyzing. The second, finding the topic of the story and also the problems that must be done. The third, finding several appropriate theories and approach that are used related to discussion. In order to answer these problems, theory of Marxism, Capitalism, and also class struggle are used to analyze the data and solve the problems. Moreover, there are five approaches are used to support the analysis, they are Sociological approach, Psychological approach, Marxism approach, Ideological approach, Historical approach. The fourth, collecting the data by marking and underlining the data. The fifth, analyzing the data. The last step is concluding the result analysis.

### 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The writer conducts and finds the answer of the problems' statement by finding and quoting some dialogues in the novel. The writer chooses *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens because it is one of the famous literary work in that era. This novel is telling about the capitalist society in Victorian era. An orphan, Oliver Twist, lives at orphan house which nurtured by a beadle, Mr. Bumble. In the story, Mr. Bumble as pompous beadle of the orphan house who represents the upper class treats Oliver Twist as an orphan boy who represents lower class as a slave. He always thinks about how to get much money which comes from employing Oliver Twist who does not have a person to take care him with love as an orphan boy. Oliver Twist as an oppressed does not have any power to save himself from capitalist, Mr. Bumble. His life is in

the Mr. Bumble's hand, if he does not follow the rules he will face the punishment from Mr. Bumble. So, this is a difficult situation for Oliver because if Oliver does not work he will get punishment. It means, he must work hard to safe his life from the Mr. Bumble. In the other side, Oliver is being irritated because of this condition. He has decided to get out from his zone, workhouse, and urbanize to London. He thinks by going to London he can change his life to get better life. Finally, his efforts can attract the other to adopt Oliver and give Oliver a better life. Moreover, the researcher intends to explain the capitalism dominance described through the character Mr. Bumble in Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist* and also the impact of capitalism toward the main character Oliver in Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*.

## • Describing the Capitalist Dominance through the Character of Mr. Bumble

There are two main social classes based on the capitalism's ideology. They are bourgeoisie known as the ownership of capital and ploretariat known as non – ownership. Marx believes that the bourgeoisie collected money by victimize and exploit the ploretariat. The bourgeoisie forced the ploretariat for working all day long with minimum wage. While, the result enjoyed by the burgeois as the higher class. If this condition still continue, the ploretariat will be rebelled and demanding justice (Suparlan, 2008:334). It means, the bourgeoisie takes the chance to get more benefit from ploretariat by exploiting them. The bourgeoisie as the ownership of capital tries to buy ploretariat services in lower price which has purpose to reduce production costs and also get high profit from the production. Moreover, they do not think the condition each worker although they are in under age.

## • The Type of Mr. Bumble's Capitalism

There are different characteristic of each capitalism type. It can be the best and also it can be worst. It can be the best one if the government as the controller can control each capital owners or factories. The government makes sure that the capital owners do not break the trust of government. In other hand, it can be worst if the government chooses worst capital owners or factories because they will prioritize their self-interest to get more benefit for themselves not the society interest.

## • Oligarchic Capitalism

In Good capitalism, Bad capitalism, and The Economics of Growth and Prosperity, William states that capitalism is defined as oligarchic when the economic system is nominally capitalist and property rights protect those who own substantial property (2007:71). In other words, this economic system is held small groups which have high self-interesting to get more benefit. In this case the parish authorities give a trust to the Mr. Bumble to control the workhouse or orphan house.

Oliver was the victim of a systematic course of treachery and deception. He was brought up by the hand. The hungry and destitute situation of the infant orphan was duly reported by the workhouse authorities to the parish authorities (OT, Chapter 2, 1992: 5)

Parish authorities is the higher authorities to take a control the workhouse where the Oliver has been lived. Oliver as an orphan boy gets bad treatment from the workhouse and the parish. For example, they exploit Oliver to become a hard worker but they do not give a benefit to Oliver. It means that the Government do not do their job to choose the good controller of the workhouse which is parish authorities.

'Make a bow to the gantleman, Oliver,' said Mrs. Mann.

Oliver made a bow, which was divided between the beadle on the chair and the cocked hat on the table.

'Will you go along with me, Oliver?' said Mr. Bumble, in a majestic voice. (OT, Chapter 2, 1992: 9)

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'Well! You have come here to be educated and thought a useful trade,' said the red-faced gantleman in the high chair.

'So you'll begin to pick oakum tomorrow morning at six o'clock,' added the surly one in the white waistcoat (OT, Chapter 2, 1992: 11)

Mr. Bumble is under the control of parish authorities take Oliver from the orphan house then gives him to the workhouse and parish authorities. Oliver, a poor child becomes a victim of the parish authorities exploitation economic system where they exploit Oliver to work at workhouse. In other words, they abuse their power authority to exploit the lower classes and get benefit from them. So, they use lower capital to get higher benefit. It is clearly enough that Mr. Bumble is under the parish authorities command use the oligarchic capitalism.

Oligarchic Capitalism can called as a selfish economy system because this system cannot prosper the whole society. This economy system only focus on one small group how to enrich himself without thinking the other people condition.

## • The Capitalist Effect towards Mr. Bumble

The beadles under the parish authorities were very arrogance at that time. They do not give any respect to the other people because they think that they are the delegation of the parish authorities. So, they want to be respected by the other people.

Mr. Bumble is a representation of the parish authorities. Mr. Bumble becomes a powerful beadle because of his authority. Mr. Bumble is described a fat man which refers to a prosperous. Almost all of the lower class in this novel respect to him. In the other hand, he abuses his power authority not in a good way and wisely to take care the lower class. He prefers to use his authority to fulfill his desire which is money. He and the workhouse make a teamwork to exploit the lower class and get more benefit from them.

## • Being an Opportunist

Capitalist dominance is very clearly enough describing in Oliver Twist. Start from the society does not concern with human rights. The bourgeoisie only thinks about how to get much money by employing ploretariat. While, ploretariat do not know how to break free from the slavery, and also to whom they demand and fight for their human rights.

In Victorian era, the beadle becomes an honorable person and also has authority to control the government. Especially, Mr. Bumble as the one of pompous beadle who get a job to take the control of Oliver Twist as an orphan boy. It can be shown through the following quotation:

Mr.Bumble had a great idea of his oratorical powers and his importance. He had displayed the one, and vindicated the other. He relaxed.

'well, well, Mrs.Mann.' he replied, in a calmer tone, 'it may be as you say; it may be. Lead the way in, Mrs.Mann, for I come on business, and have something to say.' (OT, Chapter 2, 1992: 7)

It shows that Mr. Bumble is a person who has experience in negotiation with someone and also good experience in practice of public speaking. Based on the quotation above Mr. Bumble tries to convince Mrs. Mann as a housekeeper of Orphan House to believe him. He invites Mrs. Mann to make a deal with him, especially a bad deal. Actually, a deal that enriches himself by selling off Oliver to the higher class who needs Oliver's services. More evidence are:

'And now about the business.' Said the beadle, taking out a leathern pocket-book. "The child that was half-baptised Oliver Twist is nine year old today."

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'And nowithstanding a offered reward of ten poun, which was afterwards increased to twenty pound – nowithstanding the most superlative, and, I may say, supernat'ral exertions on the part of this parish,' said Mr.Bumble,'we have never been able to discover who is his father, or what was his mother's settlement, name, or cond-ition.' (OT, Chapter 2, 1992: 7-8)

Mr. Bumble acts on behalf of religion to get more money to trade in Oliver to the higher class. He increases the price of Oliver's services up to twenty pound, because of Oliver has baptized. it is very clearly evidence that Mr. Bumble has ability to convince someone who wants to use Oliver's services. Next, he also breaks the rule of parochial with selling his religion and authority to enrich himself.

Mr. Bumble being an opportunist means that he does everything that he wants to make much money and enrich himself, beside of he breaks the rule of his religion and authority, he also breaks the rule about human right. By selling Oliver to the higher class, means that Mr. Bumble takes the Oliver's human right to live freely. In other word, Oliver losses his live and Mr. Bumble gets much money.

## • Being a Snobby

Victorian era is era where authority is everything. Someone who has an authority from the government and has much money can do everything that he wants, moreover he can exploit someone whose economy is under him. Mr. Bumble as a pompous beadle takes the control over the society. He acts like a king who must be service as good as possible. It can be seen in the following quotation:

'Do you think this respectful or proper conduct, Mrs. Mann.' Inquired Mr. Bumble, grasping his cane, 'to keep the parish officers a-waiting at your gardengate, when they come here upon parochial business connected with the parochial orphans? Are you aweer, Mr. Mann, that you are, as I may say, a parochial delegate, and a stipendiary?' (OT, Chapter 2, 1992:7)

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The arrogance of Mr. Bumble does not reflect the discretion of the beadle. He thinks all of the lower class must service him as good as possible. In short, there is misappropriation of authority that shown in Charles Dickens's *Oliver Twist*.

'make a bow to the gantleman, Oliver,' said Mrs. Mann. Oliver made a bow, which was divided between the beadle on the chair and the cocked hat on the table.' (OT, Chapter 2, 1992:9)

All of the people respect to the beadle no exception, Mr. Bumble. However, this condition has abused by Mr. Bumble. He uses it for other bad things. For example, he uses it to be respected by many people. Therefore, everything that his command must be fulfilled although his command is a bad command.

It is clear enough that not all respected man has a good personality but also has a bad one. In this case, Mr. Bumble as a beadle becomes a respected man in the society, but he does not show good impact and personality for the society. By his authority, all of people must obey his orders. In short, his authority make Mr. Bumble becomes a people who gets mental illness that is power hungry.

## • Being a Wicked

A beadle is important people in Victorian era. He can take over the society because he likes a representation of government. In short, people around the society must be followed the rule of the beadle. In other hand, not all of the beadles are a good beadle, such as Mr. Bumble who abuses his authority to enrich himself.

Mr. Bumble is wicked person who can turn back the fact to run his business smoothly. For example, Mr. Bumble decides to sell Oliver to the Coffin maker, Mr. Limbkins. He tries to convince Oliver that his new boss is good person. In other hand, it is a wicked action from Mr. Bumble because he says that Oliver would be safe in his new boss. It can be proved by quotation below:

'Don't make your eyes red, Oliver, but eat your food and be thankful,' said Mr. Bumble, in a tone of impressive pomposity. 'You're a-going to be make a 'prentice of, Oliver.'

'A 'prentice, sir!' said the child, trembling.

'Yes, Oliver,' said Mr. Bumble. 'The kind and blessed gentlemen which is so many parents to you, Oliver, when you have none of your own, are a 'going to 'prentice you; and to set you up in life, and make a man of you; although the expense to the parish is three pound ten! – three pound ten, Oliver! Seventy shillin's – one hundred and forty sixpences! – and all for a naughty orphan which nobody can't love.'

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'Come,' said Mr. Bumble, somewhat less pompously, for it was gratifying to his feelings to observe the effect his eloquence had produced; 'come, Oliver' Wipe your eyes with the cuffs of your jacket, and don't cry into your gruel; that's a very foolish action, Oliver.' It certainly was, for there was quite enough water in it already. (OT, Chapter 3,1992:18)

We can see that Mr. Bumble tries to convince Oliver that he will get a better life if he agrees to live with Limbkins family. However, Oliver answers it with a little hesitant. It proves that Oliver feels traumatic and afraid because he thinks that he becomes a slave of the higher class. For the purpose, if Mr. Bumble succeeds in controlling Oliver and Oliver agrees to live with Limbkins, Mr. Bumble will get benefit from it.

Mr. Bumble acts like he is a good beadle that take care of Oliver, and will find a better place and parents for him. In fact, he does it because he wants to get benefit from selling Oliver to the Limbkins family. So, in this case Mr. Bumble is categorized as wicked beadle.

## • The Impact of Mr. Bumble's Capitalism toward Main Character Oliver

Capitalism has some effects toward people and also society. There are many effects that include negative and positive ones toward people who live in capitalism society. Capitalism is experienced by the upper class as a capitalist, because they can control the role of the society. It means, positive effect can be experienced by capitalist. While, Capitalism is also experienced by lower class, but it is contradictive to upper class, because lower class is a victim of capitalism, and they are controlled by upper class.

Oliver Twist is from the lower class who gets negative effect of capitalism. That is difficult for Oliver to face it alone because he does not have a person or family who can take care of Oliver as a normal child. He does not know where he must go to survive in the capitalism society. Furthermore, the writer discusses the effects of capitalism toward Oliver Twist as a victim of capitalist society.

### • The Negative Effect of Mr. Bumble's Capitalism

Capitalism is an ideology which has some effects. In the other hand, the oligarchic capitalism is the worst economic system which has been used by Mr. Bumble. The economic system which only centralized on the one small group, actually the Parish. At that time, Parish gets authorities from the government to take a control of the workhouse. So, it is clearly enough that the lower class will get the impact of this economic system directly. The negative effect affects the lower class because of the exploitation of the higher class to the lower class. They think by hiring the lower class they can get a high profit with low expenditure. The effect can be psychological effect because of the exploitation make the lower class oppressed.

## • Being Abandoned

Abandoned is something that allow ourselves to be controlled completely by a feeling or way of living. It might be left in a particular place or condition, and usually forever. It seems like a natural law, a person who can survive in the wild world will win the game. In other word, to continue our lives, we must survive against wild world.

Oliver is an orphan boy needs protection from the right people who can take care Oliver in a good way. An orphan boy who must be protected and defended by the other. However, the society look apathetic with the situation in Victorian era. They only think about how to be wealthy in the short time. Although they must sacrifice the happiness of a child. Consider the quotation below:

For the next eight or ten months, Oliver was the victim of a systematic course of treachery and deception. He was brought up by the hand. The hungry and destitute situation of the infant orphan was duly reported by the workhouse authorities to the parish authorities. (OT, Chapter 1, 1992: 5)

It is clearly enough to prove that the administrators of orphan house do not take care orphan boy lovely. They do not do their job in a right way. They do not concern with their children in orphan house condition. Moreover, they do not want to know and understand what orphan boy's condition is.

The exploitation of orphan boy in Victorian Era makes Oliver becoming an abandoned child. His childhood is full of sorrow because he cannot do what he wants, he does not get his right like the other children that get a better life in capitalist society. Moreover, Oliver as an orphan boy must be followed all of the higher class's commands because he does not have enough power to fight against capitalist. It can be proven in the following quotation:

Upon this the Parish authorities magnanimously and humanely resolved, that Oliver should be 'farmed,'or, in the poor-laws rolled about the floor all day, without the inconvenience of too much food or too much clothing, ... (OT, Chapter 1, 1992:5)

Normally, the government as controller of the society must protect Oliver as an orphan child. In fact, the government throws him away to become a slave who does not have high salary, without too much food and clothing. The government do not concern with his education and his childhood. They exploit him to get a high benefit without thinking about Oliver condition. While, Oliver does not know where he can get a better place or better person to save and protect his right. It means, that people around him do not want to deal with the government because they save an orphan boy, Oliver.

Everybody knows the story of another experimental philosopher, who had a great theory about a horse being able to live without eating, and who demonstrated it so well, that he got his own horse down to a straw a day, and would most unquestionably have rendered him a very spirited and rampacious animal on nothing at all, if he had not died, just four-twenty hours before he was to have had his first comfortable of air (OT, Chapter 1,1992:6)

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'Please, sir, I want some more'

The master was a fat, healthy man; but he turned very pale. He gazed in stupefied astonishment on the small rebel for some seconds; and then clung for support to the copper. The assistants were paralysed with wonder, the boys with fear.

'What!' said the master at length, in a faint voice.

'Please, sir,' replied Oliver, 'I want some more.'

The master aimed a blow at Oliver's head with the ladle, pinioned him in his arms, and shrieked aloud for the beadle.

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'For more!' said Mr. Limbskins. 'Compose yourself, Bumble, and answer me distinctly. Do I understand that he asked for more. After he had eaten the supper allotted by the dietary?'

'He did, sir,' replied Bumble.

'That boy will be hung,' said the gentleman in the white waistcoat. 'I know that boy will be hung.' (OT, Chapter 2,1992:13)

Inhumanity of Mr. Bumble and the capitalist society toward Oliver give a bad impact toward Oliver. They do not treat Oliver like a normal human, they treat Oliver like animal. For example, they imagine that Oliver as a horse which they give a food only once a day. Moreover, when he wants to ask some foods again to dietary, he get punishment because of his action. There is no one help him, even Mr. Bumble as a beadle gives support to the Parish authorities to give a punishment toward Oliver. That is difficult for Oliver to face it by himself. He does not have somebody that can be his savior.

'Hush, Dick!' said Oliver, as the boy ran to the gate and thrust his thin arm between the rails to greet him. 'Is any one up?'

'Nobody but me,' replied the child.

'You mustn't say you saw me, Dick,' said Oliver. 'I am running away. They beat and ill – use me, Dick; and I am going to seek my fortune some long away off. I don't know where. How pale you are!'

'I heard the doctor tell them I was dying,' replied the child, with a faint smile. 'I am very glad to see you, dear; but don't stop, don't stop!'

'Yes, yes, I will, to say good-bye to you,' replied Oliver. 'I shall see you again, Dick. I know I shall. You will be well and happy.' (OT, Chapter 7, 1992:44)

Oliver feels that he becomes a useless child in front of the capitalist society. The capitalist society do not care about the Oliver's struggle. They only think how to get much money from exploiting Oliver. Moreover, they do not think how much Oliver suffered because of their treatment toward him. They do not give him a better life. Oliver fights against government and parochial injustice toward him. He tries to find his own way, he escapes from the parochial authorities to find the right place and he wonders that he can get everything what he wants and makes happy himself.

Oliver does not know where he must find justice in the capitalist society. Most of all the people take their job which enrich themselves. This condition makes Oliver feel abandon and alone. It seems like there is no safe place for Oliver because he thinks his life is only to serve the higher class.

### • Being Social Anxiety Disorder

The National Institute of Mental Health does the research in *Social Anxiety Disorder: More Than Just Shyness*, social anxiety disorder is a mental health condition (2016: 3). It is a common type of anxiety disorder. A person who gets social anxiety disorder feel fear in certain or all social situations and daily works, such as meeting a new people, being on job activities. So, this condition is like Oliver faces in Victorian era

which lower class being afraid with higher class because they do not have enough power to come out from the circle of injustice.

The negative effect of capitalism can affect the psychology of the person controlled by capitalist society, lower class. They make Oliver have been affected by capitalist society. He feels afraid to face other people, actually higher class. Consider the following quotation:

Oliver was frightened at the sight of so many gentlemen, which made him tremble; and the beadle gave him another tap behind, which made him cry: and these two causes made him answer in a very low and hesitating voice; whereupon a gentleman in a white waistcoat said he was a fool. Which was a capital way of rising his spirits, and putting him quite at his ease. (OT, Chapter 2, 1992:10)

The writer concerns with the response of the Oliver after he faces the gentlemen. In the beginning, Oliver looks afraid because he thinks he will face judgment done by the gentlemen. It seems like Oliver as lower class becomes an antisocial because of the psychology effect from the capitalist society toward him. He cannot feel a normal life as a boy who is playing in the yard with his friends. Moreover, it decreases the level of Oliver's confidence toward parish delegation.

Oliver feels so fear toward the environment around him. He looks like a rabbit which is ready to be torn to pieces by a hungry lion. He does not have a savior to save him and take care of him. The only thing that he can do as a child is cry all day long. His afraid is haunting him wherever he goes. Consider the following:

There was a still greater obstacle in Oliver's youth and childishness. He only cried bitterly all day; and when the long dismal night came on, he spread his little hands before his eyes to shut out the darkness, and crouching in the corner, tried to sleep; ever and anon waking a start and tremble, and drawing himself closer and closer to the wall, as if to feel even its cold hard surface were a protection in the gloom and loneliness which surrounded him. (OT, Chapter 2, 1992:14)

Obstacles in front of Oliver can reflect the greediness of the government, workhouse and actually parish to make terror toward lower class. He does not enjoy his childhood as a normal child. Oliver is being covered by fear all night long because of this environment and this worst condition. He seems like not ready to face the next day. He thinks that it will be the same as always that he will get punishment from the higher class. He thinks only afraidness and loneliness will accompany him as an orphan boy.

Afraidness of death is the Oliver's biggest enemy. He is afraid because of the starvation that can take his life slowly but surely. He only has two choices to survive. First, he surrenders to the worst situation, and second, he must fight against the injustice in his society and find the right people around him to take care and support his life to still continue. Regarding the quotation below:

Oliver Twist and his companions suffered the tortures of slow starvation for three months. At last they got so voracious and wild with hunger, that one boy who was tall for his age, and hadn't been used to that sort of thing... he was afraid he might

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some night happen to eat the boy who slept next him, who happened to be a weakly youth of tender age. (OT, Chapter 2, 1992:12)

It is clearly that Oliver's life is full of afraid. He does not know how to solve his afraid. He suffers from capitalist society that makes his life worthless. He is always afraid and wonder all night long what will happen in the next day, and how to survive in the next day. The condition, exile and starvation make his circumstances sorrowful.

### 4. CONCLUSION

Capitalism is an ideology which economic system which arise from the desire of the capital owners to expand the production and industry sector to get more benefit from the business. The example of capitalism can be seen in the Charles Dickens' novel entitled *Oliver Twist*. Therefore, the writer chooses the novel entitled *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens to be dig up since the reality of capitalism in the Victorian era is clearly describe in the novel, the emotional, survival, and capitalist society that will be main topic of the discussion. *Oliver Twist* portrays about capitalism at London in the Victorian era where industrial revolution is grow up. Mr. Bumble, the beadle, conducts as the capitalist exploit Oliver as an orphan boy.

Moreover, the writer applies some theories namely; theory of Character, theory of Marxist views in general and the relation in the literature, theory of Capitalism, and theory of Setting. Besides, there are five approaches used as the method to analyze the data. They are sociological approach which gives on understanding about the problem that happens in the society, psychological approach which gives on understanding the human character, marxism approach which is giving the political, economic, and social point of view in the society, ideological approach which explains the core of the mindset of the society, and also historical approach which is helpful to understand about the background of the society.

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