

Women and sports in the film Million Dollar Baby = Wanita dalam dunia olahraga pada film Million Dollar Baby

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Abstrak

Makalah ini membahas isu-isu gender dalam film karya Clint Eastwood berjudul Million Dollar Baby yang berkisah tentang Maggie Fitzgerald, seorang petinju perempuan dari kalangan menengah ke bawah. Ketika Maggie memasuki dunia olahraga, ia didominasi dan mengalami diskriminasi oleh pria karena alasan gender. Pembentukan sistematis gender yang membedakan dunia pria dan wanita menyebabkan ketimpangan gender. Sejak dahulu terdapat stereotip yang mengatakan bahwa olahraga identik dengan pria. Namun, beberapa feminis percaya bahwa stereotip tersebut harus diubah. Feminis berpikir bahwa perempuan juga memiliki hak untuk berpartisipasi dalam setiap jenis olahraga termasuk olahraga ekstrim seperti tinju, angkat besi, atau sepak bola, yang biasanya dilakukan oleh pria. Saat ini, jumlah partisipasi wanita dalam dunia olahraga terus meningkat. Sebagai sebuah film tentang partisipasi wanita dalam dunia olahraga, Million Dollar Baby menampilkan semua tokoh perempuan secara negatif dan tidak ideal bagi wanita dalam kehidupan nyata. Makalah ini menyimpulkan bahwa meskipun dunia olahraga telah menjadi lebih terbuka bagi wanita, dominasi pria masih tetap dirasakan.

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This paper examines gender issues in a film directed by Clint Eastwood entitled Million Dollar Baby which revolves around the story of Maggie Fitzgerald, a poor female boxer. When participating in sports, she was dominated and discriminated by men due to her gender. The construction of gender which systematically differentiates the world of men and women leads to gender inequity. Since long ago, stereotypically, sport is considered as men's domain. However, some feminists believe that kind of stereotype should be changed. They think that women also have rights to be involved and to participate in any kind of sport including the extreme ones such as boxing, weightlifting, or football, which usually are practiced by men. Nowadays, the number of women's participation in sports has been increasing. As a film about women's participation in sports, Million Dollar Baby does not portray all of the women characters' in a positive way. All of the women characters in the film represent unappealing life options for women in real life. The paper concludes that even though sport has become more available to women, the domination of men still cannot be erased.