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## ABSTRACT

This study analyzes about American Dream with *The Pursuit of Happiness* film as the object of the study. Will Smith as Chris Gardner who played as main character is focused as the major analysis, a black people who is struggling to live in America. The aim of this study is to know and to analyze the concept of American Dream in *The Pursuit of Happiness* film. Moreover, this study also conducted for knowing American life style in pursuing the happiness.

A descriptive qualitative is used as a method of this study which embraces the primary and secondary data. The primary data fully deals with “*The Pursuit of Happiness*” film. Meanwhile the secondary data are cited from some sources such as books, articles, journals, and internet. The study covers several techniques included exposing, explaining, and interpreting.

The result of this study proves that the American Dream’s values is described distinctly in Gardner’s life as a main character in the “*The Pursuit of Happiness*” film. Chris Gardner is a “Black people” who decided to stay in America with his small family. They come with a mission and believe that to be welfare and got a better life is by hard working, patient and believing in God. The way how they are struggling for living is called American Dream “*life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*”. which follows the value of Chris and his family.

**Key word:** American Dream, The Pursuit of Happiness, Black People, American Societies.

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## INTISARI

Penelitian ini menganalisis tentang American Dream dalam film *The Pursuit of Happyness* yang di perankan oleh Chris Gardner sebagai orang kulit hitam yang menetap di Amerika Tujuan utama dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mengetahui dan menganalisis tentang konsep American Dream dalam film *The Pursuit of Happyness* yang di perankan oleh Chris Gardner. Selain itu penelitian ini juga di gunakan untuk mengetahui pola hidup orang Amerika dalam mengejar kebahagiaan “*Pursuit of Happiness*”.

Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif yang mencakup data primer dan sekunder. Data primer merujuk pada film *The Pursuit of Happyness*. Sementara data sekunder dikutip dari beberapa sumber seperti buku, artikel, jurnal, dan internet. Penelitian ini mencakup beberapa teknik termasuk mengekspos, menjelaskan, dan menafsirkan.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa, adanya nilai-nilai American Dream yang di gambarkan dalam kehidupan Chris Gardner sebagai pemeran utama dalam film *The Pursuit of Happyness*. Chris “orang kulit hitam” yang memutuskan untuk memulai hidup bersama keluarganya di Amerika, menyakini bahwa dengan kerja keras, bersabar dan percaya akan adanya Tuhan dapat merubah hidup mereka mejadi lebih baik. Nilai-nilai perjuangan serta cara bertahan hidup yang di jalani oleh Chris dan keluarganya hingga tercapai mimpi mereka, demikian yang di sebut sebagai American Dream dengan konsep “*life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*”.

**Kata Kunci:** American Dream, *The Pursuit of Happiness*, Orang kulit hitam, Masyarakat America