An Analysis of Social Classes and its Impact in Crazy Rich Asian Novel by Kevin Kwan

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Abstract. This research is entitled "An Analysis of Social Classes and Its Impact in Crazy Rich Asian Novels by Kevin Kwan". This analysis discusses how the social class contained in the Crazy Rich Asian novel and its impact on family life. In this thesis, the writer uses the social class theory and social conflict theory to analyze the novel. The method used in writing this thesis is a qualitative descriptive method. The findings and analysis that can be found in the novel about social class differences. This class difference is created because of the existence of social class, where they classify their social class, the upper class and middle class. Where the upper classes do not want to accept the middle class into their class. The difference in social class is measured by the power or wealth, privileges and prestige that affect the position, lifestyle, habits and behavior between the upper class and middle class so that the gap between the two classes is so striking. The impact is the gap in social status in a family life or relationship. This gap affects the thinking of upper families who cannot accept any class lower than them to enter their families.

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1. Introduction

Novel is the modern or living form of narrative fiction. It shares the construction of feature, themes, subject matter of epic, romance, allegory and satire (Martha 2016: 7). Novel is works written based on fiction or non-fiction stories that are packaged into a long and recorded story. The function of literature is more than entertaining readers and getting them into a world of fiction, actually it can go beyond that.

In fact, literary work’s content goes deeper and includes a plenty of information and events that serve the different sciences such as sociology. Novel entitled "Crazy Rich Asian" by Kevin

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Kwan can be studied or analyzed by using several approaches. The intrinsic aspect is that aspect build literary works from within the work literature itself which includes themes, plots, figures and officers, setting/background, language style, point of view, mandate, while aspects extrinsic is an aspect of that building literary works from outside the body of literary works such as psychology both author psychology, readers, economics, social cultural, social classes, political, individual subjectivity, and even the author's biographical elements.

Crazy Rich Asian is a series of novels written by a Singaporean American novelist Kevin Kwan. Crazy rich asian novel tells about the lives of rich Chinese people in Singapore, who have abundant wealth so that they belong to the upper class, but they also like to interfere in other people's business, find out about other people's lives. The Chinese who are in abundant wealth cannot simply accept others who want to enter their family. Moreover, if other people were not from a wealthy group like them.

Nicholas Young or commonly called Nick, men of Sydney descent Australia and Singapore families who inherited a lot. The young family has a lot of money, generations of money. Besides that, James married Shang Su Yi. The daughter of Shang Loong Ma was an extraordinarily rich man in Beijing, and before the fall of the Qing dynasty, he cleverly transferred his money to Singapore, where he gained even greater wealth in shipping and commodities. Shang Loong Ma had tentacles in every big business in the Singapore area, he controlled all shipping lines from the Indies, the Netherlands to Siam, and it was in the wake of the merger of early 30s Hokian banks. That's how Nick's wealth is obtained.

Rachel Chu or commonly called Rachel, a girl who was only raised by her mother. His mother said that his father had died and his mother had chosen to live alone as a single parent. Rachel is a teacher in Chengdu between her undergraduate and postgraduate education. he is also an economist from a well-known university in London. Rachel is not a girl in the upper class like Nick.

The reason the writer chose to research Crazy Rich Asian Novel because this novel contains many stories about the wealth of Asians which can be classified as social classes and this novel also tells about the relationships and views of the impact from inequality of social status.

In general, social classes are divided into three classes that are upper, middle and lower. The upper class is the highest class which is the top social group compared to other classes. The upper classes are usually influenced by great wealth, influence or power in a good social, have a very sufficient income, undergo a high level of education such as a master or the rest and can also maintain family stability. Whereas the middle class is the level of people who have enough wealth, have jobs and income that can support them, have savings and future plans and are
usually involved in social activities. The lower class is the lowest class that has a modest income even for saving it is difficult, looking for money to live today and can not think about future savings, and relatively low education.

Understanding social class is the class division of society based on certain criteria, either according to religion, education, economic status, ancestry, etc. Kinds of social classes according to Aristotle were described as pyramids. The definition of a population pyramid is the arrangement of social classes in a pyramid-shaped society. The pyramid, which is divided into 3 parts, arranges social classes from top to bottom. In the first class is the upper class, this group in the community only a few who meet such as successful entrepreneurs and nobles. The second group is the middle social class where life is adequate but not as much as the first group. The number of the second group is quite a lot. The last group or which is located at the bottom of the pyramid is a low social class which is a very large number of ordinary people.

The impact social class occurs because of social conflict that makes the impact and inequality of social class groups. From a social conflict theorist/ marxism point of view social class and inequality emerges because the social structure is based on conflict and contradictions. Contradictions in interests and conflict over scarce resources between groups is the foundation of social society, according to the social conflict theory (Engels & Marx, 1848). The higher class will try to maintain their privileges, power, status and social position - and therefore try to influence politics, education, and other institutions to protect and limit access to their forms of capital and resources. Whereas the lower class - in contradiction to the higher class - has very different interests. They do not have specific forms of capital that they need to protect. All they are interested in is in gaining access to the resources and capital of the higher class.

This study is in line with the previous studies conducted Rubyanto (2016) with the results of research that basically related to class conflict which is presented in Khaled Hosseini’s “The Kite Runner” novel. This qualitative research is written to analyze the conflicts that happen in Afghan society which is mainly caused by difference of social class.

This research is expected to give beneficial significance for the readers either theoretical or practical significance. Theoretically, Give a concrete picture of the social classes in levels and impacts and its application in the study of literature and Providing understanding that the social classes in novel will contribute to the lectures of literature, especially literary theory. And practically, Provide insight to the reader about levels and impacts social classes as an input material for other researchers to conduct similar research with a broader focus.

2. Research Method

The writer uses qualitative method to analyze this novel because the writer considered explanation and description are the most important things in analyzes this novel. The reason
why the writer use qualitative method is because qualitative research is a scientific method of observation to gather non-numerical data. This type of research "refers to the meanings, concepts definitions, characteristics, metaphors, symbols, and description of things" and not to their "counts or measures. Hancock et.al. (2009:6) said that qualitative descriptive is a kind of research method focuses on descriptions and interpretations, concerned with developing explanations of social phenomenon.

In analysis this research the writer absolutely needs data. Data are factual information which also an important element to make a research. There are many ways to classifying data source of data divided into two, the first is primary data and the second is secondary data. The primary data of this research is found in the Crazy Rich Asian Novel and the secondary data of this research is library research, reading the book, journals, articles, thesis and also open the internet to get other some information.

The writer takes two types in process collecting the data. The two types of data collection in doing this research are primary data and secondary data. The first is primary data in this research is the novel that will be the source data to making this analysis, the writer will start to read the Novel Crazy Rich Asian carefully to understand the story and then takes some notes of important aspect or point in the story. The second is secondary data in this research is library research, reading the book, journals, articles, thesis and also open the internet to get other some information which is relevant to the topic and the writer also selecting the data after read the novel carefully, and then the writer will select suitable data like quotation or statement. The quotation or statement which already collects will put in the thesis later to find the correlation with the topic and make a conclusion from the analysis.

After collecting and selecting all the data and some information that relates to with this study, the writer will be combined and analyzed the data to get what the writer want and has been planned in the object of this research. In analyze the data, the writer uses library research and applied the qualitative descriptive method. The writer has some steps to analyzing this research.

The first step in analyzing this research is re-reading the primary data to get the conclusion especially in social classes and aspect of postmodernism in the novel to solve the problem of this study. The second step in analyzing this research is interpreting the data. The writer interprets the Crazy Rich Asian novel based on their social classes and their aspect in postmodernism. The writer searching and finding as many as possible the information or data needed related to object of analysis. The last step in analyzing this research. The writer will combine all data for many sources. To complete the process of data analysis, the writer makes a conclusion and summarizes in the end. It makes the reader more understand the research overall.
3. Result and Discussion

In this life there are many levels of people in terms of wealth, position and education. Many people who want a perfect life and live happily. But everyone has their own definition of happiness. There are those who assume that having abundant wealth will bring happiness but there are also those who think that not having to have abundant wealth we can live happily. There are also those who do not accept the lives of others to enter their life class.

1. Social Classes Differences

Chinese life is indeed very famous for its glamorous life. Most of them are people who have a lot of wealth. Abundant assets owned by them can be categorized as inherited wealth. Wealth that will never end even a generation. Ibn Batuta (Fourteenth Century) said, “Nowhere in the world are there to be found people richer than the Chinese.” (Kevin Kwan, 2013)

a. The Upper Class

Crazy rich asian novel tells about Asian families who inherited wealth, they are descendants of Chinese Singapore who settled in Singapore. These families belong to the upper class because they are landowners and heirs of wealth. The rich Chinese in Asia have two type of Chinese. Mainland China and Peranakan China. It is they who have abundant wealth by accumulating the wealth they have had for years. The following qoute that explains about their wealth.

"........Well, first of all, you must understand that there are two kinds of Chinese. There are the Chinese from Mainland China, who made their fortunes in the past decade like all the Russians, but then there are the Overseas Chinese. These are the one who left China long before Communists came in, in many cases hundreds of years ago, and spread throughout the rest of Asia, quietly amassing great fortunes over time. If you look at all the countries in Southeast Asia-especially Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia-you'll see the virtually all the commerce is controlled by the Overseas Chinese. Like the Liems in Indonesia, the Tans in the Philippines, the Leongs in-" ............"Let me just say this: we visited Astrid's family a few years ago. You can't imagine how staggeringly rich these people are, Marie-Hélène. The houses, the servants, the style in which they live. It makes the Arnaults look like peasan What's more, I've been told that Astrid is a double heiress there's an even more enormous fortune on her mother's side.....‖. Kevin Kwan (2013: 46)

In the Crazy Rich Asian novel there are several families in the upper class. The most important is the Young family and the Shang family. Chinese families who amassed their wealth and brought it to Singapore and turned it into a generation of wealth. Shang Long Ma has two children named Shang Su Yi and Alfared Shang. Shang Su Yi, who married Sir James Young, was a very famous royal doctor. They have five children, Felicity Young, Catherin Young, Philip Young, Victory Young and Alexandera Young. And Alfred Shang married Mabel T’sien. Philip Young was one of the only boys in Young's family who married Eleanor Sung and had a son named Nicholas Young who was dating Rachel Chu in New York. Nicholas Young is a
young man who will inherit a lot of wealth owned by the Young family. Young's family got abundant wealth not from James Young who only worked as a royal doctor but they got the abundant wealth from his wife, Shang Su Yi, who inherited the wealth of his parents. The quote bellows that explained about the wealth of Shang Su Yi

“.........The youngs had money, generations of money. Besides, James married Shang Su Yi. ..................She is the daughter of Shang Loong Ma. Never heard that name, either, right? He was enormously wealth banker in Peking, and before the Qing dynasty fell, he very smartly moved his money to Singapore, where he made an even greater fortune in shipping and commodities. The man had his tanteceles in every major business in the region – he controlled all the shipping lines from Dutch East Indies to Siam, and he was the mastermind behind uniting the early Hokkien banks the thirties......”

(Kevin Kwan, 2013: 306)

In addition to the Young family which is famous for regenerating wealth, the sons-in-law in the Young family are also included in the upper class family.

b. The Middle Class

In Crazy Rich Asia there is also a group of people who are not in the upper classes, they are in the middle class, who do not have abundant wealth or wealth of generation, but they have jobs that can finance their lives.

Kerry Chu's character who became the mother of Rachel Chu, girlfriend of Nicholas Young, who was born into a Chinese family in Guandong province but was not a Chinese who had abundant wealth. This is explained by the following quote.

“...............I was in my final year of secondary school and working nights as a waitress in the only bar in our village, so that is how I met him” (Kevin Kwan, 2013:512)

“Guess who just closed the deal on the big house on Laurel Glen Drive?” ....................

“................

“Yes!, I broke last year’s office record! You see, I knew I made the right decision to join Mimi Shen at the Los Altos office,” .......................... (Kevin Kwan, 2013 : 31)

Rachel's mother, Kerry Chu was just a village girl who worked at night as a waitress in a bar in her village when she was still in her final year of school. At that time a rich young man came to their village, Zhou Fang Min, who fell in love with Kerry and took her away to Xiamen where Zhou lived. They married without the consent of the Kerry family, which in the end the marriage was disastrous for Kerry Chu.Astrid Leong's husband, Michael Tho, who also came from a middle class family who was always insulted by his wife's family.
“...............” he was a complete unknown, the son of schoolteachers from the then middle class neighborhood of Toa Payoh. At first her parents were aghast and mystified by how she could have come into contact with someone from “that kind of background,” ........................................she had chosen a fiercely handsome Armed Force Elite Commando who was a National Merit Scholar and a Caltech—trained computer systems specialist. It could have been much worse.” Kevin Kwan (2013:75)

Michael is just a worker in the defense department. Which can fix all kinds of electronic devices. He is also From there he got the money to live with Astrid who did have a lot of wealth. But Astrid never denied what her husband wanted because even though her parents could buy a big house, Atrid still chose to live in a small apartment that she lived with her husband and her son Cassian.

2. The Impact of Social Classes

In social class also has an impact, because every human difference will make one human with another human has a different level, because of the inequality that most people who feel themselves are more powerful so they cannot accept others to enter their families.

In this Crazy Rich Asian novel, the writer gets a lot of impact from the existing story. the impacts become a conflict in family life, the conflict can be obtained from fellow families who are from the same class and the impact can also arise from social class inequalities. Inequality of social class makes separation in the household, unfair treatment of the lower classes, always curious about the relationships of others, and educational groups that really have to be accepted in families that are in line with the upper classes. Besides these impacts, being hedonist is also included in the impact of social class, where rich people spend their money to have fun.

a. Family Life and Relationship

Every family must have a conflict. The conflict can come from between individuals or between families, and the conflict also come from between classes. Every conflict in the Crazy Rich Asian novel is in family life where they often have problems with their assets or their lives that they feel are still lacking.

People who have the upper class are usually difficult to accept people who are not in their class, because they think that other people want to control their property, they also usually limit their children to connect with others, which makes children from the upper social class must really prepare themselves partner to look perfect in the eyes of their families.

“...... “You know what will happen the minute you land to Changi Airport with this girl in your arm, don’t you? You know how brutal it was for Michael when we
first started going out publicly. That was five years ago, and he’s still getting used to it. Do you think Rachel is ready for all that? Are you ready for it?” Kevin Kwan (2013: 39)

This is an impact where their children from the upper class must really prepare their partners to their families because their partners are not from the same class as them. The mother of Nickholas Young has a thought as to who should and should not be dated by her child, thus making her son not want to live with her and asking if she agrees or not with her girlfriend. Eleanor really wanted to know who the girl his son had brought so he looked for a detective to find out about his son’s girlfriend.

“I just got the dossier on Rachel Chu from the private investigator in Beverly Hills who Mabel Kwok recommended. Do you want to know what it says.”

“You hired a private investigator to check up on this girl?”

“Of course I did. We know nothing about this girl and everyone is already talking about her and Nicky—” Kevin Kwan (2013:102)

Eleanor Young is very ambitious with her family, she does not want her children to choose the wrong partner, because she thinks Nick is a good catch for materialistic girls. That is an impact in a rich family where mothers are too afraid to give their children the confidence to choose what they want.

Not only girl-friend or boyfriend of their children, Chinese people who are in the upper classes also limit the friendship of their children, with whom they may be friends or not, they also cannot carelessly allow other people to visit their homes.

“'What a coincidence! I'm so glad that you and Colin are friends.'..... 'Colin, don't be rude! Nicholas is a classmate of yours, and we've known his family for a long time. Of course you are friend.' ..............'Colin has made so few friends since moving back to Singapore, and he's rather lonely, so we must arrange for you to play together.' .........................Colin was astonished by how friendly his normally disapproving grandmother was being toward Nick, especially since she had previously forbidden any guests at their house.......................... 'Colin, we can't have just anyone over, you know. We must know who the family is first. This isn't like California-you have to be so very careful about what sort of people you associate with here.’” Kwan (2013:253)

The rich Chinese who lived in Singapore, looked down on Mainland China which they said were in the lower social classes who were busy looking for money to live.

Eleanor did not accept Rachel to be her daughter-in-law not only because of her descendants but she also saw the social class of Rachel Chu that she considered inferior.
“......"I'm sure Rachel is a nice girl, but she can never be your wife."
"..............."
"She is just not suitable for you, Nicky. She does not come from the right background."
"Nobody is ever going to come from 'the right background in your eyes," Nick scoffed.
"I'm only telling you what everyone is already thinking, Nick. You haven't heard the horrible things I've heard. Do you know her family comes from Mainland China?"
"Stop it, Mum. I'm so fed up with this ridiculous snobbery you and your friends have toward the Mainland Chinese. We are all Chinese. Just because some people actually work for their money doesn't mean they are beneath you." Kevin Kwan (2013:436)

This is an impact where a mother who strictly forbids her children from marrying women who are not from their circle or who are not from the upper classes like them.

Like Michael Toe, husband of Astrid Leong who is in a middle class than his wife, chose to separate from his wife after having a son named Cassian, Astrid Teo is Nick's famous cousin whose beauty is well known all across Asia. Although she maintains a positive image to her family and society, her marriage is suffering. Michael, her long-suffering husband, is a self-made young man who is looked down on because he does not come from money. Astrid discovers that he might be having an affair with someone in Hong Kong. When she confronts him, Michael admits to having an affair and leaves. With the help of her ex-fiancé Charlie Wu, Astrid confronts him again in Hong Kong where he reveals that he has, in fact, not been having an affair and has only made it seem like he had so that she would want to divorce him, being no longer able to deal with Astrid's family. Michael Toe chose to part with his wife because he felt very depressed by his life that was always insulted when meeting with family his wife. This is Astrid and Michael's conversation

“Everyone in Singapore thinks I married you for your money, Astrid.”
“You’re wrong, Michael!!”
“No, you just don’t see it! But I can’t face another dinner at Nassim Road or Tyersall Park with some minister of finance, some genius artist I don’t get, or some tycoon who has a whole bloody museum named after him, feeling like I’m just a piece of meat. To them, I’m always “Astrid’s husband.” And those people—your family, your friends—they stare at me with such judgment. They’re all thinking, ‘Aiyah she could have married a prince, a president—why did she marry this Ah Beng (Derogatery Hokkien term for a Lower-class young man who lacks education or taste) from Toa Payoh?’” Kevin Kwan (2013:464)

The views of rich families make the people from middle classes feel unworthy to enter their families. The upper classes always want a group equal to those who enter their families. They cannot even assume that someone is really a part of them even if someone has married their child. Even Michael was very angry because his family from middle class was never invited to
eat with his wife's family. This conflict can occur because of differences in social class. When the wife's social class is higher than the husband, the husband will feel that he is not fit to be a husband so he decides to divorce his wife.

Families from the upper class who cannot accept people from other groups also have an impact on relationships that have not been based on marriage, such as Rachel Chu who does not want to marry Nicholas Young because she feels that she is not fit into Nick's family and she does not want to be bound by one family who won't be able to accept it.

“.................., Nick, I don’t want to be your wife. I never want to be part of family like yours. I can’t marry into a clan that thinks it’s too good to have me. And I don’t want my children ever be connected to such people. I want them to grow up in a loving, nurturing home, surrounded by grandparents and aunts and uncles and cousins who consider them equals. Because that’s ultimately what I have, Nick. You’ve seen it yourself, when you came home with me last Thanksgiving. You see what it’s like with my cousins. We’re competitive, we tease each other mercilessly, but at the end of the day we support each other. That’s what I want for my kids. I want them to love their family, but to feel a deeper sense of pride in who they are individuals, Nick, not in how much money they have, what their last name is, or how money generations they go back to whatever dynasty. I’m sorry, but I’ve had enough. I’ve had enough of being around all these crazy rich Asians, all these people whose lives revolve around making money, spending money, flaunting money, comparing money, hiding money, controlling others with money, and running their lives over money. And if I marry you, there will be no escaping it, even if we live on the other side of the world..................” Kevin Kwan (2013: 480-481)

Rachel and Nick finally broke up. Nick tried to convince Rachel to keep in touch with him, Nick stated that he no longer cared about what society and his family expected from him. Rachel didn't believe it, claiming that no matter how hard they tried to disregard their family inheritance, they knew they might not be able to. She told Nick that she wanted his children to grow to be valued and loved by their families as Rachel's own family did, not to be raised with families whose primary concern was their own wealth, family inheritance, and the kind of rich people they knew. As a result Rachel broke up with him and Nick realized that he lost her.

The impact of social class is also felt by Kerry Chu who is not from the upper class. After he chose to run away from his parents' house to marry a rich man named Zhou Fang Min. After getting married without the blessing of Kerry's parents, they chose to live with Zhou Fang Min's parents, but the happiness that Kerry felt was only brief, because the mother of her husband made her like a maid. Her husband's mother never made him forget that she was just a girl from the village.
“Then, a few months later, when the construction project was finished and Fang Min was heading back to Xiamen, we made plans for me to run away with him. That’s why I never finished my studies. I ran away to Xiamen, and we quickly got married. My parents were devastated, but I thought all my dreams had come true. Here I was living in a big house with his rich and important parents, getting to ride in a big Nissan Sedan that had white curtains on the back windows. So she was very snobbish, and she never let me forget that I was just a village girl who got very, very lucky because of my looks. At the same time, I was expected to perform a million and one daughter-in-law duties, like preparing tea for her every morning, reading the newspapers to her, and rubbing her shoulders and feet after dinner every night. I had gone from being a student to being a servant.” Kevin (2013:513-514)

This impact includes a family conflict, where a daughter-in-law who is not from the same social class as they are treated as a maid. The impact of social class is not only felt by differences in social class, but also felt between individuals who belong to the same social class, as in the Cheng family, Edison Cheng was never satisfied with the wealth he had, he was also ashamed to be born from the Cheng family. Though his life can make the envy of prestigious people who come from Hong Kong. Edison did not want himself to look poor, so this could have an impact on his family's life, where the mother of Eddison Cheng did not want to live a luxurious life even though they were from wealthy families.

―Eddie glanced around for a second and continued on his tirade. “Why are you always like this, Mummy? Why do you always behave so provincial? You are filthy rich! Why can’t you be a little less cheap for once and have more a sense of your own self-worth?.” His three children looked up momentarily from their math practice test books. They were used to his rages at home but had rarely seen him so upset in front of Gong Gong and Ah Ma. Fiona pulled at his sleeve, whispering, “Lower your voice! Please don’t talk about money in front of the children.”

His mother shook her head calmly. “Eddie, this has nothing to do with self-worth. I just feel this sort of extravagance is completely unnecessary. And I am not Singaporean royalty. Singapore has no royalty. What a ridiculous thing to say.” Kevin (2013: 53)

This conflict between family members is a big part of the upper class family in the Crazy Rich Asian novel. Edison Cheng is Nick’s spoiled Hong Kong cousin who works as a banker. He is one of the few members of his clan who lives up to his birthright as a member of one of the wealthiest families in the world. But not only in the upper classes, conflicts also occur in the middle class, when Rachel knew that her father had not died and it turns out his father was in a prison in Shenzhen. Rachel felt her mother was lying about her life.

―I just need to know one thing, Mom: Is my father will alive?” There was a fraction of a pause on the other end of the line, “What are you talking about, daughter? Your father died when you were a baby. You know that.”
Rachel dug her nails into the plush carpeting. “I’m going to ask you one more time: Is. My. Father. Alive?”
“I don’t understand. What have you heard?”
“Yes or no, Mom. Don’t waste my fucking time!” she spat out.
Kerry gasped at the force of Rachel’s anger. It sounded like she was in the next room. “Daughter, you need to calm down.”
“Who is Zhou Fang Min?” There. She had said it.
There was a long pause before her mother said nervously, “Daughter, you need to let me explain.”
She could feel her heart pounding in her temples. “So it’s true. He is alive.”
“Yes, but—“
“So, everything you’ve told me my entire life has been a lie! A BIG FUCKING LIE!” Rachel held the phone away for her face and screamed into it, her hands shaking with rage.
“No, Rachel—“
“I’m going to hang up now, Mom.” Kevin Kwan (2013:471-472)

It was a conflict in Rachel’s family. when Rachel felt that her mother had lied to her about her father’s whereabouts. Many conflicts that occur in this social class based on family relationships make many impacts in it. These effects make a child no longer trust his mother, a husband who wants to divorce his wife and the lives of upper class people who feel that they should not be so easy to accept others to enter their families.

b. Education

In the impact of social classes, education also greatly impacts the lives of social class groups. Where they must have a classy education too. Go to a place where they can get a prestigious job.

"......................: Beginning at age six, you were enrolled at Methodist Girls' School (MGS), Singapore Chinese Girls’ School (SCGS), or the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus (CHIJ). After-school hours were consumed by a team of tutors preparing you for the avalanche of weekly exams (usually in classical Mandarin literature, multivariable calculus, and molecular biology), followed on the weekends by piano, violin, flute, ballet, or riding, and some sort of Christian Youth Fellowship activity. If you did well enough, you entered the National University of Singapore (NUS) and if you did not, you were sent abroad to England (American colleges deemed substandard). The only acceptable majors were medicine or law (unless you were truly dumb, in which case you settled for accounting). After graduating with honors (anything less would bring shame to the family), you practiced your vocation (for not more than three years) before marrying a boy from a suitable family at the age of twenty-five (twenty-eight if you went to med school). At this point, you gave up your career to officially encouraged by the were have children (three or more were government for women of your background, and at least two should be boys), and life would consist of a gentle rotation of galas, country clubs, Bible study groups, light volunteer work, contract bridge,
mah-jongg, traveling, and spending time with your grandchildren (dozens and dozens, hopefully) until your quiet and uneventful death.” Kevin Kwan (2013:71-72)

The children of this group have been prepared from their childhood until they are mature about their educational life so that they make their families feel proud and do not make their families feel ashamed. This is also part of the impact of the education of social groups where a child must really get a good education.

In the crazy rich Asian novel Eleanor Young also looked down on Rachel Chu's education. Although Rachel lectures in a place that is famous and can made her to be a Professor.

"She's very smart and accomplished, Auntie Elle. I think you'll like her."
"Oh, so she's the brainy type, like Nicky."
"Yes, definitely. I'm told she's one of the up-and-coming professors in her field." Eleanor was nonplussed. A professor! Nicky was dating a professor! Oh my, was this woman older than him? "Nicky didn't tell me what her specialty was."
"Oh, economic development."
A cunning, calculating older woman. Alamak. This was sounding worse and worse. "Did she go to university in New York?" Eleanor pressed on.
"No, she went to Stanford, in California."
"Yes, yes, I know Stanford," Eleanor said, sounding unimpressed. It's that school in California for those people who can't get into Harvard.” Kevin Kwan (2013: 47)

The views of people at the top who make the lower classes feel themselves inappropriate. Even though school is not a place to brag. As long as someone can be educated and learn that makes them have broad insights and makes them able to socialize with those around them.

4. Conclusion

After analyzing this thesis, the writer comes to this part which consist of conclusion. The conclusion is drawn based on the research problem and the result of analysis. In this research, the writer found two different social classes which have been written in the Crazy Rich Asian novel, the first is upper social class and middle social class. Crazy Rich Asian tells about the lives of peranakan Chinese and mainland Chinese, who have different social classes and have an impact on their lives.

The impact of social class inequality is a social conflict that can occur within the family or their environment. In Crazy Rich Asian there are many social conflicts that become differences and disputes between families and between social classes. Conflict from this study is the social class differences that make people in the middle class feel themselves very low. So the conclusion in this research is the difference in social class and the impact that occurs because of differences in social classes.
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