

ABSTRACT

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Suffrage refers to the rights to vote in political election. During Progressive Era in America around the early 20th century, women suffered from discriminations, especially different suffrage between men and women that led an activist, Alice Paul, struggling for. It leads the writer to conduct a study entitled Woman's Struggle for Equal Suffrage in American Progressive Era Depicted in *Iron Jawed Angels* Movie. By analyzing the movie, it is aimed to discuss the unjust treatment and discrimination toward women; to describe Alice Paul as either *suffragist* or *suffragette* representation; and to expose the efforts she had done to obtain equal suffrage.

The writer used a qualitative descriptive method by describing the situation, action, and dialogue of the characters on Katja von Garnier's *Iron Jawed Angels*, the object of study. Primary source of data are taken from the video and the transcript, while the secondary data are from books, articles, dictionary, and the websites related to the topic. The data were collected by watching the movie, reading the script thoroughly, identifying, inventorying, classifying, and selecting. The analysis was done by using *feminism* criticism as the approach and several techniques including exposing, explaining, interpreting, and reporting.

This investigation results in several findings. First, unjust treatment and discrimination toward women are in the aspects of social, economy, and politics. Second, the data prove that Alice Paul is represented more to be *suffragette* compared to *suffragist*. Third, Alice attempts by joining NAWSA, holding parade, lobbying Congress, forming NWP, picketing the White House and doing hunger strike contributed in making women suffrage written in a passage of constitutional laws.

The conclusions of this study are that a woman has to persistently struggle for her rights, including suffrage which is considered as starting rights influencing not only politics, but also social and economy. No matter on *suffragist* or *suffragette* tactics she committed, it would be good since the purpose is to improve women's prosperity in society.

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