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Abstract
This study is aimed to discover why the main character of *Woman at Point Zero* choose to be a prostitute to fight against patriarchy and how the society, especially men, respond to her opposition. Patriarchy shows men’s power to keep women in a secondary status. Patriarchy is divided into two categories: private patriarchy which is related to the rule of husband and father in the family and public patriarchy which occurs outside the family in Firdaus’ life. This research found how both private and public patriarchy made Firdaus an object instead of a human being and how her suffering ultimately led her to choose prostitution as her means of fighting against male dominance. Her struggle for taking control over men carries her to death, because the patriarchal society considered her a dangerous figure who can inspire other women to resist men’s authority.

**Keywords:** patriarchy, prostitute, feminism, injustice.

Introduction

Human beings are created equal. This means every individual has the same inherent rights regardless their race, age, gender, and social status. As stated in the United Nations Charter which was legalized on 26 June 1945 in San Francisco, one of the aims of the United Nations is to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small (http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/preamble.shtml). It shows that as human, men and women have the same responsibility to respect each other’s right in order to keep their equality as human being. Implied in the reasons for establishing and in the existence of the United Nations is that human rights have been violated so that they need to be reassured.

One form of human rights denial is gender-related. In this patriarchal world, women are often considered to be in a lower position than men and are actually still under control by men. As a result, some women have fought for a more equal position as reflected in feminism movements