

## LIBERAL FEMINISM'S ASPECT IN KATY PERRY'S SONGS

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**Abstract** – *The objective of this study is to analyze the basic aspects of liberal feminism and explain the representation of liberal feminism ideology in the lyrics of Katy Perry's songs. The Data of research are taken from six songs, there are "One of the boys", "Pearl", "Part of me", "Dark Horse", "Roar" and "International Smile". This study used a qualitative descriptive method to collect data and required information. The results of this research indicated that: (1) There are 14 data containing liberal feminist ideology which is based on the value of personal autonomy of freedom. The basic values of freedom seen of personal autonomy that mostly found are being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic (6 data). (2) The lyrics of Katy Perry songs have a criticism of women who should be free from all form of threats of violence, have a facilities in various field and should not always subservient to the men and social law. (3) Katy Perry wants to tell the women, they have power, the form of power is in physical and psychological strength.*

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Humans are the most perfect creatures of God. Humans have the privilege that is given by God and one of them is feeling. Feeling is a learned response of an emotional state in a particular environment or culture. There are many ways a person to express their feelings such as crying, turn to something else, or by writing. Many people choose to write and express what they felt and unconsciously these texts can be referred to a literary work. Literary work is the result of human thought through writing and also form in verbal form.

A literary work is "sincere", meaning it is honest, true to experience and human nature, and thus can speak the truth about the human condition. Literature in its scope includes all written materials. It includes many general grouping from historical books, philosophical works, novel, drama, poems, scientific articles, dictionaries, directories, travel folders, magazines and even school textbook. Song is also taken a part of poem form.

Song is one form of someone's expression about something that has been seen, heard or experienced. In expressing the experience, the poet or songwriter perform a play on words and language to create attractiveness and distinctiveness of the lyrics or a poem. Lyrics is known as the poem or poetry, lyrics have in similarities with poetry but in the lyrics also has its own specificity because the casting idea reinforced through song lyrics with melodies and

rhythms that are tailored to the type of song lyrics and timbre of the singer.

Song is also form of mass communication or media messages between the communicator to the communicant in large numbers. Song can be used to provoke or means of propaganda to gain support and playing with the emotions and feelings of a person with the aim of instilling attitudes or values that can then be perceived as a reasonable person, right and proper.

Propaganda through or not through the lyrics of the song still has a complex effect. For example, if the message in the lyrics of the song by propagandists tell about injustice and inequity in social and indirectly put women as the victims of it, it is not possible only through the song, the women can devote what she feels and can become angry, demanding even against to fight for their rights.

Movement or the emancipation of women who demanded justice and equality rights with men called Feminism (The character called Feminist). Today many singers who have a theme song of feminism such as Beyonce Knowles, Miley Cyrus, Meghan Trainor, Katy Perry and so on. Theory of feminism has a wide variety of genres such as: Liberal feminism, Radical feminism, Post-modern feminism, Marxist feminism and so on. Liberal feminism is a view in which women have a full and individual freedom. Liberal feminism attempted to awaken the woman that they are oppressed group.

Based on the statement above, to analyze Katy Perry's song becomes something interesting because Katy Perry's songs have themes of a modern woman who is not afraid to live alone, and equal in such areas as the opposite sex. The representation is presented in some of the lyrics of her songs.

Although the song of Katy Perry just a form of expression of a singer about something, but it does not mean that songs did not offer things that are interesting to analyze. There are several issues as the problem to be solved in this study. The issues are 1) How many liberal feminism aspect that can be found in Katy Perry lyrics, 2). what are the liberal feminism aspect that mostly found in Katty Perry lyrics. 3) what are the powers of women contained in the lyrics of Katy Perry's songs.

### 1. Definition of Song

Song is one form of expression of someone about something that has been seen, heard or experienced. Song is the most beloved art (Furia, 2006). Many people have the pleasure by listening song and can entertain themselves. Song that can also be heard by someone describes the mood of the person.

(Dietmar, 2004) defined that "song is an act or an art of singing and it can uses in drama." It means that song is an art which composed for singing.

According to (Lomax, 2009) that "Song may be recognized and defined as more frequently redundant at more levels than any other kind of vocalizing." It means that song is not just give voice, as in the song, there are several elements such as meter, melody and harmony.

Song has a wide range of meanings but have the same meaning that song is the most beloved art. Song has a role as an entertainer media and communications media that combine voice with multiple elements become one entity that are preferred by many people.

### 2. Definition of Lyric

Based on (Jackson, Virginia and Yopie Prins, 2013) "a lyric is as a term derived from ancient Greek to designate a song accompanied by the lyre." It means that the lyrics made to complement songs that already exist since ancient times and combined also by musical instruments such as the lyre.

According to (Dumbleton, 2008) "lyric is a text that made to be sung." It means that lyric is a text made for singing.

According to (Davies, 2009) "lyrics are meant to be sung with music and to connect with a listener." It means that lyrics are media link between songwriter to the listener. The message to be conveyed by the creator can be conveyed by the lyrics in the song.

The lyrics are part of a song in the form of text that serves to beautify and tell what is being experienced by a person and the outpouring of the heart of a songwriter who shaped the writing so that

the message to be conveyed by the composer to the listener can be delivered with a fun way.

### 3. Definition of Feminism

The doctrine of the inequality of men and women who have graced human life in all societies at all times, a long time ago, Gender is very important and preferred. Many thought says that women have many differences with men, women are not suitable holding power because women claimed to not have the ability like men. Women had a low position that only work at home. Women synonymous with child care and all the housework.

However, with the development of the times and there was the movement of women who called feminism. Feminism has become one of the rapidly growing movement today (Gamble, 2004) which in shape to fight for their rights then come the feminist movement. Feminism mean to criticize the patriarchal structures that are in the community and strive to establish a more just society structure.

People assume that the position of men and women today are the same. Women are no longer just sit back at home waiting for her husband, but she also has a career opportunity, work to earn money without leaving domestic matters. The feminist movement made by women to reject everything that is marginalized, discrimination, and denigrated by the dominant culture, whether in the political, economic and social life.

Literary works unable to show the forms of feminism in the around environment. Feminism in literature is a describing what happens in daily life, because literature is a form of expression of the community and the environment.

According to (Shari, Benstock. Suzzane Ferriss and Sussane Woods, 2002) "Feminist literary criticism offers strategies for analyzing texts to emphasize issues related to gender sexuality in works by both men and women, but it is particularly concerned with women writing". Definition about this statement is looking at literature with special awareness; the realization that there are many gender related to culture, literature, and life.

According to the (Hannam, 2007) in the book *Feminism*, feminism can define as: 1. A recognition of an imbalance of power between the sexes, with woman in a subordinate role to men. 2. A belief that woman condition is social constructed and therefore can be changed. 3. An emphasis on female autonomy. Feminism is the injustice of rights between men and women in life.

(Hooks, 2000) statement "Feminism is a movement to end sexism, sexist, exploitation, and oppression." The meaning of the statement that feminism is an organization formed by a group of women who had a goal and the same fate or feminine movement to fight for women's rights because women are beings who also want to be respected, protected and also has a value in human society without exploitation and oppression.

According to (Jaggar, 1983) "Feminism is commonly used to refer to all those who seek, no matter on what grounds, to end women's subordinate." It means that Feminism is the theory basis of the women's liberation movement. The movement was born to fight for their rights and for terminate the persecution of women.

feminism is very large but has same point, equality in every aspect for women. If it happen, it can changed people's opinion that women in this era is modern and reject any difference in treatment because of gender differences.

#### 4. Kinds of feminism

According to the book "Feminist" written by (Tong, 2009) There are eight kinds of feminism embraced by the feminist:

**a. Liberal feminist,** View of discrimination of women who are treated unfairly. Women should have the same opportunities as men to succeed in society. According to the liberal feminist, gender equality can start from ourselves. First, the rules for the game to be fair. Second, make sure none of the parties who want to utilize a group of other people and systems which used must be systematically and no one harmed.

**b. Radical feminist,** Assume partrilianism system formed by power, domination, hierarchy, and competition. But it can not be reformed and changed the way of thinking. Radical feminists focus on sex, gender, and reproduction as a place to develop the idea of feminism them.

**c. Marxist feminists and socialist,** It is impossible for anyone, especially women to achieve true freedom in the middle people who embrace class-based system, where wealth produced by people who do not have the strength that is controlled by a few people who have the power.

**d. Psychoanalytic feminist,** The fundamental explanation for women's way of acting is rooted deep in women's psyche, specifically, in women's way of thinking about themselves as women. Relying on Freudian constructs such as the pre-Oedipal stage and the Oedipal.

**e. Care-focused feminist,** Discuss issues why women are connected with reliance, community, and relationships. While men associated with dependence, independence and autonomy. These thinkers assume that in society there is a difference between the reality "feminist" and "masculine".

**f. Multicultural / global / postcolonial Feminist,** Focuses on the causes and an explanation of the status of women under men worldwide. This stream of well-known feminists have a strong commitment to emphasize differences between women and identify various kinds of women in order to cooperation with either.

**g. Eco-feminists,** Emphasizes the point that human are not only connected to other human, but also with the other creatures such as animals or even plants.

**h. Postmodern feminist or third wave,** It has thought to eliminate the disparities between

masculine and feminine, sex, women and man. They tried to destroy the concept of the men who prevent women to position themselves with their own thoughts and not follow the man thought.

#### 5. Definition of Liberal

According to (Jaggar, 1983) "Liberal is the correlate of oppression. It is release from oppressive constrains" it is mean that liberal born because of the repression and wish for freedom.

(Tong, 2009) gives the definition about liberal that "Liberal define reason largely in moral or prudential terms they nevertheless concur that a just society allows individuals to exercise their autonomy and to fulfill themselves. Liberals claim that the "right" must be given priority over the "good". It means that fair means giving freedom to the individual to organize and take care of their own lives without interference from outside parties as long as no harm to others. People can act according to their own desires without any burden in order to achieve the goals and interests.

According to (Sargent, 2009) "Liberalism strongly stresses individual freedom. The role of the government must be limited—it cannot invade the rights and freedoms of the individual." Meaning of the statement is rejects restrictions on the possession of individuals and rejecting any restrictions, especially from government.

Liberal has many definitions but actually liberal can work in every aspect because human have a right to do something, free to choose and get the freedom of expression.

#### 6. Definition of Liberal Feminism

Every human being has the capacity to think and act rationally, as well as women. The roots of oppression and backwardness in women is due to errors caused by women themselves. Women must prepare themselves so that they can compete in the world in terms of "free competition" and have equal footing with men.

Liberal feminism is a view to put women has full individual freedom. Women must have the power and opportunity in terms of education and income, and women must continue to demand equal rights and women's time now freely willed without being dependent on men. According to (Tong, 2009), "Liberal feminism is equality of opportunity, which would undoubtedly require and lead to both." It means women and men is have equality of opportunity that is have a same right.

Liberal Feminism is women's position society is seen in terms of equal rights or artificial barriers to women's participation in the public sphere, legal, political, and institutional struggles for the rights of individuals to complete in public (Beasley, 1999). Definition about this statement explains that women should get equal rights not only in social life but also the public realm, law and politics. They could establish an agency or organizations to fight for their rights.

(Jaggar, 1983) "*Kaum feminis liberal (seperti halnya penganut etika utilitarianisme dan deontology Kant) berpendapat bahwa semua manusia memiliki hakikat serta harkat dan martabat yang sama sebagai makhluk yang bebas dan rasional.*" (Liberal feminists (as do adherents of utilitarianism and deontology ethics Kant) argues that all human beings have the same essence and dignity as free and rational beings). It means that every human being is free and rational beings as well as women, so it should be given the same rights as men.

Liberal feminism has a wide range of meanings but have the same goal which is disenchant women. Women had to recover from all forms of oppression and can get the same rights as men.

### 7. Movement of Liberal Feminism

Liberal feminist is a theory which is based on freedom and equality nationality. Women are rational beings, the same ability with men, so it should be given the same rights with men. The problem lies in the many policies which looked at gender differences.

Therefore, in the 18th century often arises the demand that women receive the same education, in the 19th century many efforts to fight for civil rights and economic opportunities for women, and in the 20th century women's.

Based on (Tong, 2009) Feminism liberal has been improvement in 3 period, those are:

#### a. 18th Century thought: equal education

Feminism liberal voice out get equal education for women. The reason of this movement exist because judgment of different capacity and capability of women and men intelligent, so feminism liberal desire equal education of women as the way to change the opinion and make equal positions in society in order to decrease underestimate and discriminations. The truly educated women will be a major contributor to society's welfare. Rather than wasting her time and energy on idle entertainments, she will manage her ousehold-especially her children-properly.

#### b. 19th Century thought: equal liberty and the suffrage

In 19th century, feminism liberal experts civilian rights can accepted for women and get economy chance. Feminism liberal have opinion that education does not enough to get equality between men and women. So, there is chance for women in equality economy aspect to get the goals. The liberation of women did not depend of his ability to prove that all women can do anything men can do, it did depend on his ability to demonstrate that some women can do anything men can do.

#### c. 20th Century action: Equal rights

In this time, most liberal feminists had joined an emerging women's rights group, such as National Organization for Women (NOW) 1967. The purpose of these group was to improve women's status by

applying legal, social and other pressures upon institutions. Betty Friedan as one of the founders and first president of National Organization of Women (NOW). The important issues in this century is about discriminations, sexual harassment.

From all statements above women have rights to get education and being educated women to upgrade herself and also her society to make it better than last and women can do anything without over expose it.

### 8. The Basic Values of Liberal Feminism

According to (Baehr, Amy R. in edited by Edward N. Zalta, (First published Thu Oct 18, 2007)) "Liberal feminism conceives of freedom as personal autonomy—living a life of one's own choosing—and political autonomy." It means that freedom is a basic value contained in the liberal feminism. Freedom here lies in the freedom to make life choices (personal autonomy) and freedom in political terms.

### 9. Personal Autonomy

Humans are different from animals because their rationality. The rationality capability has two aspects: the autonomous decision-making and self-fulfillment. Each individual is given the freedom to choose what is "good" for themselves as long as not harm others. According to (Ford, 2009) "Individual autonomy empowers an individual to make choices in her or his own best interest, thereby elevating individual right above the common good." It means that individual interests are above the interests of the public, they are free to choose what is best for life. Liberal Feminism in the women need to receive or obtain fully equal rights with men such as voting rights, education and equality in law. So women have individual freedom and in full.

According to (Beasley, 1999) "in liberal feminism there is also a critical concern with the value of "individual autonomy" and "freedom" from supposedly unwarranted restriction by others. Meaning of this statement is liberal feminist paying attention to the freedom of individuals to determine their respective rights without restraint or control from others.

"Liberal feminism regards men and women as equal, autonomous individu" (Butler, 2003). It means that all human beings is an independent person, they can do things on their own without depending on others.

Individual rights for the Liberals should be prioritized on the "goodness". The rules of social life often fail to respect personal autonomy of women, and other elements of women. Needs and interests of women is also not sufficiently reflected in the basic conditions in which they live or in their daily lives.

### 10. Procedural Accounts of Personal Autonomy

According to (Baehr, Amy R. in edited by Edward N. Zalta, (First published Thu Oct 18, 2007)) "Liberal feminism conceives of freedom as

personal autonomy—living a life of one's own choosing—and political autonomy.” Personal autonomy itself has the some procedural accounts. There are some procedural accounts of personal autonomy:

- a. **a. Being free of violence and the threat of violence**
- b. **violence**

Violence and the threat of violence violate women's dignity; they make women do what others want or reduce women's sphere of activity to avoiding harm. In some cases violence fractures the self and takes from women their sense of self-respect. The feminist literature on violence against women documents the particular role that violence and the threat of violence play in unfairly disempowering and limiting women.

- b. **Being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic laws**

Patriarchal paternalistic laws restrict women's options on the grounds that such limits are in women's interest. Think for example of laws that limit women's employment options on the grounds that taking certain jobs is not in women's interest. Patriarchal moralistic laws restrict women's options on the grounds that certain options should not be available to women because morality forbids women's choosing them. Think for example of laws that prohibit or restrict prostitution or abortion, or laws that favor certain kinds of sexual expression or family forms. Together, patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic laws steer women into socially preferred ways of life. These are unfair restrictions on women's choices, on the liberal feminist view, because women's choices should be guided by their own sense of their self-interest and by their own values for liberal feminist uses of paternalism.

- c. **Having access to options**

On the liberal feminist view, women are entitled to access to options. Women's access to options is frequently and unfairly restricted due to economic deprivation, in particular due to the “feminization of poverty”. Other sources of unfairly reduced options for women are stereotyping and sex discrimination in education and employment. Such stereotyping and discrimination affects some racial, ethnic and cultural groups in particularly pernicious ways. Liberal feminists also point to the way cultural homogeneity unfairly limits women's options for example when culture assigns identities and social roles according to sex.

## 11. Political Autonomy

According to (Ford, 2009) “liberal feminist tend to work within the existing political system and structures to eradicate all forms of sexual discrimination.” It means that sex discrimination in the political field that differentiate between men and women should be in eliminate.

According to (Craig, 1998) “Liberal feminism is primarily concerned with the legal and political right of women and with the justice of political

arrangements.” It means that women should get a legal and political rules equally and fairly.

Political autonomy is women as creatures also have a role in politics and in decision making. The state must ensure that the basic structure of society conform to the principles of justice that women as well as men.

## 12. Definition of Power

The word "Power" is not always identic with a great body and strong because there are some people who have a physical appearance that looks weak, but beyond that this person has the power, because the power is the form of the ability of a person, the ability here not only be possessed by large-bodied person only. Everyone can have it because everyone bles same mind and thoughts by God.

According to (Cohen, 1980) “Power is a mind-blowing entity. it's the capacity or ability to get things done... to exercise control over people, events, situations, and one self.” It mneans that power can also be defined as the capability of someone who can control themselves or other people, and regulate the situation so that people can resolve the problems and the ability is also owned by women.

Based on (Nye Jr, 2004) “Power is the ability to achive one's purposes or goals.” This means that the power is the ability to do anything to achieve the goals or desired future goals. Modern women today already have extensive knowledge about the world, women can survive with their problems, women have strength and morale to fight for their rights and their goals. Women have the nature of will receive advice from others.

According to (Sally, 2010) “Women are continually scanning their environment for information, whereas men are more apt to restrict their observation to what a specific set of actions requires.” It means that women have the properties want to continuously learn, to explore the potential or existing ability to recognize in themselves so that women can get to know themselves better, to know what the advantages and disadvantages so that they can quickly adapt to the environment around them.

Women also often associate with tenderness, beauty, elegance sensitive and various other descriptions that lead to weak or not strong, but behind it all women are powerful beings in emotional or psychological. According to (Montagu, 1999) “Women are much better shock absorbers; that is, they are better able to handle the severe emotional and psychological stresses and strains of contemporary life.”

Women have the power in the term of emotional or psychological, women can control their emotional feelings or what is in the sense it. Women are also able to solve problems in their daily lives.

Physical appearance does not affect how strong a person is, because the power is in the form of the ability of a person. The same thing also applies to women, behind the physical appearance looks

elegant, women were also has power or ability to survive so that they can achieve their goals and also find a solution for their problems cause women have an open minded character that can accept the suggestion or information from other parties.

## II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In this research , the writer used descriptive qualitative method. Many related books, websites and other sources deemed suitable and necessary for this discussion are searched, studied and then used as a reference. The writer collected some information and data from the e-book, the library and pick up some lyrics that relate to this discussion.

After finding the right method to analyze the target object, the writer analyzes about what kind of feminist theory that will be used then do some steps such as hear the songs then read the lyrics and understand the song itself so that the writer can find the most interesting aspects which can be discussed in this paper. The last, the writer makes conclusions from the discussion material of liberal feminism in Katy Perry's songs.

## III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Katy Perry was born on October 25, 1984 in Santa Barbara California. Katy Perry grew up in a very religious family environment. Katy Perry's father was a Christian minister. Since childhood, Katy Perry was just listening to the music of the church and often sing in the local church. Katy Perry is not allowed to listen to what her mother described as secular music. In addition, Katy Perry also regularly attended Christian schools. At the age of 15 years, Katy Perry signed to the Christian music label Red Hill, and she recorded the first album. Katy Perry appeared as Katy Hudson. In 2001, Katy Perry released a self-titled gospel album-rock Katy Hudson. This album did not work so the label stop selling at the end of 2001. Katy Perry later changed the family name became Perry (of the mother's family name) as Katy Hudson is similar to the name of the film actress Kate Hudson.

Some of Katy Perry's songs have a theme song of women or feminism movements. Katy Perry presents the lyrics of the song that can encourage everyone, especially women around the world to make changes and to make something better.

### 1. Liberal Feminism Aspect in Katy Perry's Lyric

There is a phrase that says "music speaks louder than words". Messages that are difficult to expressed through writing and orally sometimes through singing precisely that message is heard. Song is a universal language and can be received by all people. Lyrics in the song can be medium for people to share experiences and feelings or as a medium to present the particular view. Lyrics in the songs should also be talk about many things, not only about love, social issues, religion, the environment

and also as a medium to express criticism of various things. Such as criticisms about the lives of women in social life.

Nowadays many songwriters or singers who expressed their views on the women's movement. The songs that tell about effort woman or what can be done by the woman and this may be considered a taboo to be done. Attempt to gain equal rights and show the power of women to those who have considered them weak, left or ignore them. One of the female singer who has a theme or the women's movement is Katy Perry.

According to Baehr, the basic values of liberal feminism that is freedom. The meaning of freedom here refers to the personal freedom of each and in terms of political. In the Katy Perry's song is only contained one aspect of the liberal feminist that is personal autonomy which is free to choose life. Women are rational being who blessed the same sense and mind by God, so women can do or choose whatever they want. In Katy Perry's songs, there are some songs which is contain the value of personal autonomy freedom. Where women can determine what they are doing that may have been banned. The same thing said by Ford that where each individual was given the opportunity to make choices in life, as well as women. Women do not want to be limited or stay under pressure from the other party. Women want to show that while in modern times like this, they have the same freedom with men, or even be more advanced than the men.

### 2. Liberal feminism aspect that mostly found in Katy Perry's Lyric

Songs that analyzed starting from the song were released from 2008 to 2015, where in general theme of the songs about love and women.

According to Baehr personal autonomy that divided into three types of basic values, they are "being free of violence and threats of violence", "being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic laws", and "having access to options". At this point songs will be determined which aspects of personal autonomy of freedom that shows the liberal feminist.

Songs analyzed consisted of six songs which starts from the song were released from 2008 to 2015. The first song titled "One of The Boys-2008". In this song, the writer found 1 data that reflects the liberal feminism that has aspect of being free of the limits set by patriarchal. The second song titled "Pearl-2010", in this song has 3 data which all data have aspects of being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic laws. The third song titled "Part of Me-2012" in this song has 2 data and both of them also have the aspect of being free of violence and threats of violence. The fourth song titled "Dark horse-2013", in this song has 1 data included in the aspect of having access to options. The fifth song titled "Roar-2013", in this song has 3 data consists of 2 aspects of being free of violence and threats of violence, and 1 aspect of being free of

the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic laws. The sixth song titled "International Smile-2013" which has 4 data consists of 1 aspect of being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic laws and 3 aspects of having access to options.

**a. Being free of violence and threats of violence**

The first song of Katy Perry that can be analysis entitled "Part of me", which is one of her songs in the album Teenage Dream: The Complete Confection which released in 2012. In the lyrics of the song "Part of me" have personal autonomy seen from being free of violence and threat of violence and the lyrics are as below

**Data 1: Song "Part of me"**

*Throw your sticks and your stones,  
Throw your bombs and your blows  
But you're not gonna break my soul*

In the lyrics above can describe freedom from violence or threat of violence, especially in the psychology of violence. In the lyrics above the word "stone" or "bombs" or "stick" objects are generally used when there is a big fuss that is used to attack or hurt the opponent and in this song that things can be likened to a threat or acts of violence that could injure the woman, but the woman is not weak, she is like a knight who is not afraid of anything that even though a lot of threat or pressure from other parties. The woman said, "you're gonna break my soul" it would not make her retreat. People would not weaken her soul and her establishment, she will not be afraid and remain steadfast in the face it. Then, still in the same song there were lyrics that still describe personal autonomy seen from being free of violence and threat of violence.

**Data 2: Song "part of me"**

*I fell deep, you let me down  
But that was then and this is now  
Now look at me  
Now look at me I'm sparkling  
A firework, a dancing flame  
You won't ever put me out again  
I'm glowin'*

In the lyrics above can describe freedom from violence or threat of violence. In the lyrics of the song contained the word "down" which means fall and can be compared to the woman is no longer helpless due to the treatment of the man, and the word "deep" meaning describes the sad mood anxiety heart or mind erratic, because the man had been hurt her, but she was not ordinary woman, the woman has a strong heart. The woman began to realize that this can not be let it happen, because it has become the past and see now. The woman is like a "Firework". Firework can describe the atmosphere of joy and beauty are preferred by many people, the fireworks have beautiful colors that can make others amazed at the sight, that the depiction of the girl after the escape and get out of the grief and to say

she was more excited and happy to have been free from all the treatment of the man.

The next song to analyze is Katy Perry song "Roar" which is one of her songs in the album Prism which was released in 2013. "Roar" turned out to have its own story. Katy Perry while writing the song while she was doing therapy after album Teenage Dream. It could be referred to the difficulty Katy was a time when divorce with Russell Brand in 2010. In the lyrics of the song "Roar" has personal autonomy seen from being free of violence and threat of violence and the lyrics are as below:

**Data 3: Song "Roar"**

*I let you push me past the breaking point  
I stood for nothing, so I fell for everything  
You held me down, but I got up (HEY!)  
Already brushing off the dust*

In the lyrics of the song above describes a woman who often has experience unpleasant act of man. During this time, the woman let her fall and survive herself for things that do not mean, and then she realized and liberate herself from the situation. The word "held me down" in the lyrics of the song fragment can be considered as any form of pressure that makes the woman powerless but then in the following words, the woman said "I got up", the woman is not received on all treatments that have been experienced by her then she got up from all threats of violence from the man and remove the "dust" or can be interpreted as all the bad memories or unpleasant treatment ever received. Still in the same song but in the different lyrics there is also the basic values of personal autonomy seen being free of violence and threat of violence.

**Data 4: Song "Roar"**

*You held me down, but I got up (HEY!)  
Get ready 'cause I've had enough  
I see it all, I see it now*

In the lyrics above, the words "held me down" that all forms of pressure that makes the woman powerless but later in the next lyric of the song, the woman said "I got up", the woman is not received on all treatments that have been experienced. The woman tried to tell to the man that she already knew all the bad treatment of the man and she was already aware of it, so even though the man wanted to continue to hold her or want to continue to rule over her, but she was ready to fight. Although in general males have greater strength compared to of women, but in this lyrics Katy Perry wants to women know or realize that all the oppression of women or duping against women must end.

**b. Being free of limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic laws.**

The first song of Katy Perry that can be analysis entitled "One of the boys" which was one of the song in album "One of the Boys" was released in 2008. In the lyrics of the song which is titled "One of The Boys" in the album One of The Boys - 2008.

There is a personal autonomy that seen from being free of the limits set by patriarchal, paternalistic and moral laws. Here is a fragment of the lyrics:

**Data 1: song “One of The Boys”**

*And I chose guitar over ballet*

In a fragment of lyrics can be seen choice of a woman who chooses a musical instrument that is generally played by man, namely “guitars” than “ballet” which is dancing activities done by many women. Depiction of a woman in these lyrics describe moralistic patriarchal law restricting freedom of choice with a woman reason that a particular option should not be available to a woman because morality forbids a woman to doing that. In a society or in a family life is usually a woman is more pleasure or directed to learn ballet dance to make her look graceful and beautiful, but the long-held assumption can break in the lyrics of the song above.

The next song is a song of Katy Perry that can be analysis entitled “Pearl” who was one of the song in album “Teenage Dream” was released in 2010. In the lyrics of the song "Pearl" in the album Teenage Dream-2010, there were basic values of personal autonomy in terms of being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic law. Here is the lyrics can describe it.

**Data 2: Song “Pearl”**

*She used to set the sails of a thousand ships*

*Was a force to be reckoned with*

In the lyrics of the song contained the word "set" which means arranging or composing everything, controlling the one hand, and the social life of this role is done by a man. However, in this song the term "set" is addressed to a woman who usually only as implementers or she has no power in the care of something. Woman must obey the command of man. In the lyric fragment “She used to set the sails of a thousand ships” that describing a woman can regulate many ships, or could be referred to as formidable "captain" because under her authority is a lot of ships and even thousands of ships being regulated, it must have great power to run it all. Usually work as a "captain" only the designation by man, but the woman showed she can do it, she can get a job in general or the moral law is inappropriate for woman or woman should not choose or undergoing this job.

Still in the same song, but in the different lyrics, there is also the aspect of freedom in terms of freedom from being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic law.

**Data 3: Song “Pearl”**

*'Cause I used to be a shell*

*Yeah, I let him rule my world*

*My world, ohh, yeah*

*But I woke up and grew strong*

*And I can still go on*

*And no one can take my pearl*

In the lyrics of the song can be seen depicted a woman trapped in a "shell" or rules where such rules regulate all behavior in life. The word of “rule” has meaning things that must be followed and should not be banned are usually made by the powerful to the weak. The man thinks that woman are not suitable holding power because woman claimed did not have the ability like a man. A man should has and dominate woman, the man who held the power to make this woman difficult to show what she wants and it is difficult to develop herself in her life, but then in the lyric “ woke up” and “grew strong” that tell she tried to get up, or free from the pressures of the man who had been set up or controlled all her life because of any differences gender. The woman does not want a man to set or control herself again and take a "Pearl" or the most precious thing in her life. Still in the same song, but in the different lyrics, there is also the aspect of freedom in terms of freedom from being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic law. Here are the lyrics:

**Data 4: Song “Pearl”**

*You don't have to be shell, No*

*You're the one that rules your world, ohh*

*You are strong and you'll learn*

*That you can still go on*

*And you'll always be a pearl*

*She is unstoppable*

In the lyrics of the song contained the word "shell" that can be interpreted as a restriction or confinement which tells that the woman should not continue to be in jail or the rules of the other party, no party should dominate in her life because God gives grace also to every woman in the form of a mind that can be used to determine what they want, determine which ones right and wrong. The woman can set the "world" of her own without the interference of others or can set up her own life so that the woman can continue to learn and grow into strong personal. The word "pearl" describes the beauty and the prettiness. The woman are beautiful creatures and must be in respect of its existence and the lyrics of the song "Unstoppable" has the meaning that this woman rule over all her life no one who can manage her, because the regulate her life is herself. In other analyzed of the song is "Roar" song which also contained the basic value of personal autonomy seen from being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic law

**Data 5: Song “Roar”**

*I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through*

*the fire 'Cause I am a champion and you're gonna*

*hear me roar*

In the lyrics of the song above, the woman described herself as a "fighter" gallant and brave which is in general term in leaning on the man but in the lyrics, the term "fighter" is owned by a woman. The woman



had eyes sharp and frightening as the tiger. Tiger is the king of the forest and stout and powerful symbol that usually associate with man, but here is precisely woman who becomes the object. The portrayal of woman in these lyrics describe freedom of patriarchal, paternalistic because usually in the day-to-day of life man who governed or dominated by woman, this inversely proportional to the lyrics on above and in general is usually a woman associated with the softness and beauty, as well as social rules woman are not allowed to be a fighter that is synonymous with strength and struggle. In the lyrics of the song is precisely a woman described as a great warrior and hero.

The next song of Katy Perry that can be analysis is entitled "International smile". This is one of Katty Perry's songs in the album Prism which was released in 2013. The lyric of song has the basic value of personality seen from being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic law and the lyrics are as below

**Data 6: Song "International Smile"**

*Black ray-bans, you know she's with the band*

In the song lyrics above, the word "band" that is identified with a group that consist of two or more musicians who play a musical instrument or singing is usually composed by men only, but woman in the lyrics of this song can also be a member of the band. This shows that the woman is free from the patriarchal system paternalistic and moralistic law that restricts a person on the grounds that woman is not in accordance with moral values. Today many bands whose members are women, but also a lot of bands that have male members but put woman as the primary role or as a vocalist who previously synonymous with the man and put woman as backing vocals or a role that is not important. It indicates the woman is free from the old rules or limits set by patriarchal paternalistic who said that man who have an important role in this life.

**c. Having access to option**

The first song of Katy Perry that can be analysis is song of Katy Perry "Dark Horse" which was one of her songs in the album Prism which was released in 2013. This song is a song that has some controversy started from similarities of intro this song with deceased old Indonesian singer Nike Ardila and the music videos which is published an offering for the illuminati. The basic value of personal autonomy seen from having access to options is basic values contained in one piece of the lyrics of the song. Below is a piece of the song lyric

**Data 1: Song "Dark Horse"**

*And here you are*

*But you better choose carefully*

*'Cause I, I'm capable of anything*

*Of anything and everything*

The purpose lyrics of the song is the woman warned the man that she has the freedom or ability to do everything else whatever it is. The word "capable of anything" have meaning that she is entitled to do anything according to her will and desire. It is like an arbitrator that usually associated with man but here Katy Perry says that a woman can also do that, woman has a way to get what she wants, she can not be restricted. Woman can do what she wants to do, choose what she wants without any difficulty or restriction of any parties.

The next song is analyzed Katy Perry song "International smile" which is one of her songs in the album Prism which was released in 2013. The lyric of song has the basic value of personality seen from having access to option.

**Data 2: Song "International Smile"**

*'Cause she's the muse and the artist*

*Always leaves a trail of stardust*

*'Cause she's a little bit of Yoko*

*And she's a little bit a, oh no*

In the lyrics of the song, the woman describes herself as an artist and a source of inspiration that has works of exceptional, she's like "Yoko" - an artists of the late John Lennon's wife who had given birth to the works of world-famous. Yoko is also known for her work in avant-garde art, music, and filmmaking. Lyrics above shows this woman can determine her choice that is as "an artist" if the first artist in associate by a man because of cultural properties unfairly limit woman's choice. For example when cultural identity and social roles based on gender, but it did not apply to her because in free to choose. Woman in these lyrics are free to choose the work that she wants. The woman get the ease to run it, she even could always create a great many works that could make many people amazed. In other words there is the word "muse" which means it can inspire a lot of people or many people could be a role model, generally an inspiration usually held by the men, who do not know the founder of Facebook Mark Zuckerberg, founder of Apple Computer Co Steve Jobs, Mario Teguh and Bill Gates. Those of people were able to achieve what they want and in the end many people were inspired by the life story of their journey, but in fact many women can be source of inspiration such as Oprah Winfrey, Marry Riana, Joanne Kathleen Rowling and others. This proves, woman today is modern woman who has the ease to make a choice.

The next song to analyses is Katy Perry song entitled "International smile", in this song also contained the basic value of personality seen from having access to option

**Data 3: Song "International Smile"**

*Passport stamps, she's cosmopolitan*

In the above fragment contained lyrics "she is cosmopolitan" this word can be interpreted as a woman that women today are sophisticated, modern, and with an independent self-smelling. The statement indicates that woman can be said to be

able to get what she wants because she can become a developed and an independent woman who reflects the modern woman's life at this era. The woman did not have trouble getting what she wants.

Still in the same song, but in the different lyrics there are also basic values of personality seen from having access to option

**Data 4: Song "International Smile"**

*But she's footloose and so fancy free*

*Yeah, she dances to her own beat*

In the lyrics above are the words "footloose" describes freedom determines the way of life, has the ease to get what she wants, then the word "fancy" which means that the woman's life was so plush and free. Luxury and wealth owned by person who are generally strong as man, but luxury here can also be obtained by a woman. "She dances to her own beat" this could mean that the woman can do what she wants because the woman is rich and has a variety of things and the woman is also a free no matter which encumber any move with her footsteps. It indicates that the woman has the right to choose what she wants.

After an analysis of some of the Katy Perry's songs, the writer finds basic value of freedom of personal autonomy that mostly found is being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic and moralistic laws. This indicated woman today can show to the man that she is created the same as the man, woman must be respected and protected, not for the oppressed. Woman must be able to show the surrounding environment which is the assumption that had been developing in the social life that woman was a follower and only a man who should determine her future is wrong and should be changed because basically woman is rational creatures who was also able to make decision and if woman kept be limited like that then woman will be difficult to develop herself and will continue in low regard by man.

Woman has begun to rise and able to show her ability. Woman has the right to live freely choose what she wants and also has right to achieve. Woman in this modern era is proper to live independently without relying with others. Although many assumptions that says woman can not do that, but it should not make woman feel insecure even woman should rise up and show to the people in the surrounding area that a woman is capable. Woman should have the ease to get what she wants. The restrictions on woman because of her gender differences make it difficult for woman to get her individual freedom. Fairness or equality of rights between man and woman is also highly needed by woman because she also want respected.

**3. The Powers of Women in Katty Perry's Lyric**

Man is the main actor when in associate with strong words. Man is free to do what he wants to do. Woman often associate with tenderness, beauty, elegance sensitive and various other descriptions

that lead to the conclusion that she was being weak or not strong. It is undeniable when the words were inherent in woman because more or less all of the properties that exist in a woman. Then the physical differences between man and woman cannot be refuted. But this time psychologically or physically, a woman can be strong as well as man because strong is not only be based on physical appearance, because of the strong is an ability to achieve goals and solve problems. Woman today can be prepared to deal with problems. Woman has a cooperative characteristic will open up to input from the outside so as to neutralize and find a solution of the problem. In terms of employment, these days many women who work in jobs that require strong physical. It is also present in some of Katy Perry song. Songs analyzed consisted of three songs. They are pearl that consist of 2 data, Roar that consist of 2 data and Part of me that consist of 1 data. The lyric of the Katy Perry song's such as in several fragments lyrics to "Pearl" below:

**Data 1: Song "Pearl"**

*'Cause I used to be a shells*

*Yeah, I let him rule my world*

*My world, ohh, yeah*

*But I woke up and grew strong*

*And I can still go on*

*And no one can take my pearl*

In the fragment of lyrics above can be seen the relationship between psychological and physical strength of women. The word "woke up" means to rise up and second sentence "strong" shows the interconnections where to get up or get out of it. The woman should has power or motivation that comes from the heart or within herself. The encouragement or the inner strength that made her brave. The woman can handle and solve the problem then continue her life, the woman can rise from adversity has been a result of the restriction imposed by man, after having confidence or have been mentally prepared then the woman prepare her physically so that the woman could even grow stronger no one who can scramble "pearl" or can be interpreted right or desire again. The woman will open a new sheet of life and continue her life because the woman realized that she could not continue to be in the shadow of the man.

In the lyrics of the song "Pearl" there is also the power of a woman in view of physical and psychological power

**Data 2: Song "Pearl"**

*She used to set the sails of a thousand ships*

In the fragment of lyrics above are the words "she used to set the sails of a thousand ships" that can be interpreted as a female captain of ship who has the power which regulate the activity of ships there, and also set the crew and to be a captain who can control everything. The physical strong is needed because the woman had sailed through a sea where the sea state was not sure sometimes there are large waves that could have sank the ship, or against crimes such

as robbery which occurred in doing by the pirates. A captain ship must have the courage to face all possibilities that will happen.

In terms of the psychology, a captain is also required to have a spirit and mental strength, a ship captain or helmsman should be a spreader of encouragement for the subordinates. When generally man who have a position as a captain, but in the lyrics of this song woman who has this positions. This indicates that the woman also has physical and psychological power.

The same thing is also contained in a lyric of song "Roar" below

**Data 3: Song "Roar"**

*I let you push me past the breaking point  
I stood for nothing, so I fell for everything  
You held me down, but I got up (HEY!)  
Already brushing off the dust*

In the song of lyrics above can be seen also psychological and physical strength of woman, where she able to survive the "push" or the pressure of man, woman has the willpower to accept all the pain that during the time she felt and in the end has become a time bomb who burst into emotion and then grows impetus or confidence that comes from the hearts of these woman then she got up. The woman prepares her physical training to be strong that can not be hurt again by the man and she is also ready to remove all things happened so far for a better life.

**Data 4: Song "Roar"**

*I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing  
through  
the fire*

In a fragment of song lyrics above forms of physical strength that can be described from the word "fighter" said the fighter is focused on a person that fights, especially as a soldier or a boxer who must have the physical strength able to resist their enemies, not afraid of anything and never give up. In psychological terms, a fighter must has high morale mentally strong so it is not easy in the defeat by their opponents. Usually man who has it but in this song that woman actually has it. This shows that in fact woman also has the same power as man and more than meets the eye, or do not see the woman from the outside view only.

Then in the lyrics of the song "part of me" below:

**Data 5: Song "Part of me"**

*Throw your sticks and your stones,  
Throw your bombs and your blows  
But you're not gonna break my soul*

In a fragment of lyrics above, another forms of psychological and physical strength is the woman does not has a fear and never gave up. It shows the woman has a heart toughness despite many threats but she remains confident that it will not break her heart. After having willpower, the woman apparently also have physical strength because she can withstand an attack or pressure from others.

Strength, confidence and physical heart can bring herself as being strong and resilient.

From all the above fragments of lyrics turned out to woman also being physical and psychologically power but the most people prefer to judge what is visible by naked eye. See woman as being weak, caretaker house and modest. People sometimes can not see much deeper, something that can only be seen from the understanding and the experience.. God has blessed human beings with intellect and mind are equal between men and women, so that women also have the ability or the same power as men.

**IV. CONCLUSION**

Lyrics in a song is a medium that has spread ideology to the public. People as part of the community has touched their private space as an audience to accept that ideology not by repressive (pressing), but in other ways more pleasant. This study analyzed six songs by Katy Perry, there are "One of the boys", "Teenage Dream", "Part of me", "Dark Horse", "Roar" and "International smile". There are 14 data that contains an ideology of liberal feminism which is based on the aspect of personal autonomy freedom. The liberal feminism that mostly found are being free of the limits set by patriarchal paternalistic.

Katy Perry also wants to tell the women that they have power. The power or the ability is in the form physical and psychological cause women today are different from the women in the past. Submission of ideology or message about liberation of women or liberal feminism through the lyrics of the song is a creative way, so the ideology which was appointed to be easily understood and accepted by a wide audience.

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