ABSTRACT

This thesis analyzes the effect of American values through the main character of James Baldwin novel *Giovanni’s Room*. David is a white homosexual man who was born in America. He denies his homosexuality because in America in 1950s, being a homosexual was never right. He has a girlfriend named Hella, which represents the steady ground of David. The researcher conducts a qualitative method bases on the background history of America and France in 1950’s to understand the society and uses the queer and psychoanalysis theory to analyze the character of David. He is an American who has the homophobia issue, which is built by the society pressure. The heterocism authorize all the basic rules in his neighborhood. It makes him fly to France to act as a homosexual man. in fact, even though he flies to another country to find his freedom, he is still an American who his way of thinking is just the same like others American. David cannot separate his nationality away from his body and soul. This thesis is expected to give readers explanation how American values have a strong influences on American people in their life.

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