Analysis of Americanah Book

INTRODUCTION

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is very talented writer, who delicately demonstrates to the reader the problems that exist in the daily life. Her approach in writing is sociologically minded that makes her books really demanded by numerous readers. The novel Americanah is a bright example of the story that focuses on the social problems and induces people not only condole to the not easy life of minorities but also take appropriate actions to extirpate it.

Racial Problem in Americanah

The novel Americanah begins with expression of Ifemelu’s point of view, which proves that the heroine is not the one to trifle with. The woman transfers to the U.S. with her husband Obinze searching for the better life (Adichie 34). The transition to the American life was really hard because of the financial and racial problems. The woman overcame numerous obstacles because race and gender significantly affected the ability to find job. However, she could cope with the problem and found work in one wealthy family as nanny (Adichie 156). This event opened in front of her a lot of opportunities and it seemed that she
could start a new life. However, race issues constantly persecuted her. Ifemelu started love relations with several men but every of them saw flaws in her that was connected with the race of the woman. For example, Ifemelu’s new boyfriend tried to change her converting the woman into an activist (Adichie 256). The author tells to the reader more about her black husband Obinze than about the other her lovers because he was the only one who really mattered her. Describing experience of Obinze in the U.S., Adichie emphasized on the post 9/11 refraction of immigrants through the gender (Adichie 289).

Of cause, the heroine knew the real problem of not easy relations between the black and white people and noticed that only real love can destroy the problem. In the other way, the white American man will never find her intelligence and beauty and will not allow himself to see her real core. She emphasized that race prejudice shapes and disciplines the feeling of the American man (Adichie 389). However, despite her strong and active position the U.S. also contributed to her way of life and Ifemelu changed her hair style to be more similar to the American woman. However, she continued to take too hard the racial issue and strongly rejected “Americanization” of her child. She said, “I don’t want them to have American childhoods. I don’t want them to say ‘Hi’ to adults. I want them to say ‘Good morning’ and ‘Good Afternoon.’ I don’t want them to mumble ‘Good’ when somebody says ‘How are you?’ to them. Or to raise five fingers when asked how old they are. I don’t want a child who feeds on praise and expects a star for effort and talks back to adults in the name of self-expression (Adichie 325).”

The winning of elections by Obama brought great hope to the black people concerning the future changes. In that moment, her cousin Dike cried, “My president is black like me (Adichie 478).” People tired to experience the discrepancy and sincerely craved changes that would result in the living the full-fledged life.
The book significantly impressed and helped to aware of the real core of the racial issue. Of course, the majority of Americans know that it really exists, but it is better to understand the real core of the problem studying deeper the fate and experience of definite people. The great benefit of this book comprised in highlighting the discrepancy faced by the blacks despite they are the same people as other. They do not need much but only respectful attitude and equal rights.

CONCLUSION

The novel Americanah is a bright example of the book that deeply touches and makes to think over the difficult life of the minorities. Describing the life of one woman, the author demonstrated the problem faced by all African Americans. It is time for the government to think more seriously over the problem and take the appropriate actions to eliminate it.