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Abstract

George Orwell's novel *Down and Out in Paris and London* appears as the collection of suffering, plight and troubles of working class people basically in the societies of Paris and London. It also displays their bleak and gloomy pictures along with poverty, unemployment, lacking, starvation and fragmentation prevalent in the then societies and communities.

This research has further attempted to explore the hidden power of capitalism which has become the major cause of the suffering of minorities. The elite class is the root cause behind the frustrated, fragmented, isolated, unjust life of the working class people. The working class people are being exploited physically, mentally, socially and economically in the then society of Paris and London. There is the system handled by the capitalist bourgeois which corrupted their whole lifestyle completely. The whole exploitation is to bring forward the entire circumstances along with its major or root cause. The assessment is done with Marxism as a relevant theoretical basis.

Thus the thesis tries to find out the actual cause of the suffering of the working class people in the societies of Paris and London. All the difficulties and troubles are brought in the society because of the poor condition of the working class. And the main cause of their suffering is nothing other than poverty, which is the main root of unemployment in the society.

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