

ABSTRACT

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Literary characters are often placed in conflicts that require them to make difficult decisions, and their responses to those conflicts can reveal their moral character. Robert Harris's novel *Conclave* presents Cardinal Jacopo Lomeli, the Dean of the College of Cardinals, as he leads a papal election marked by personal, political, religious, and institutional tensions. These circumstances provide the context for examining Lomeli's characteristics, the conflicts he experiences, and the virtues reflected in his responses.

This study has three objectives. First, it identifies the characteristics of Cardinal Lomeli in *Conclave*. Second, it classifies and examines the internal and external conflicts experienced by Lomeli. Third, it explains how Aristotelian virtue ethics is revealed through Lomeli's responses to those conflicts.

This study employs a qualitative method and library research within a moral-philosophical approach. The primary data are taken from Robert Harris's *Conclave*, particularly passages containing Lomeli's speech, thoughts, actions, decisions, and interactions with other characters. The secondary data are obtained from books, journal articles, theses, and other academic sources. Burroway and Stuckey-French's theory of characterization is used to identify Lomeli's characteristics, Kenney's theory of conflict is used to classify the conflicts, and Aristotelian virtue ethics is used as the main theoretical framework for analyzing the virtues revealed through Lomeli's responses.

The study finds that Cardinal Lomeli is characterized as observant, rational, honest, and courageous. He experiences a principal internal conflict concerning his spiritual uncertainty and responsibility as Dean, and five external conflicts involving Cardinals Adeyemi, Tremblay, Bellini, Tedesco, and Benitez. Through his responses to these conflicts, five Aristotelian virtues are revealed: practical wisdom (*phronesis*), justice, courage, temperance, and truthfulness. These virtues are demonstrated through Lomeli's efforts to evaluate circumstances carefully, act fairly, confront opposition, regulate personal impulses, and communicate relevant facts accurately during the conclave.

Keywords: *Aristotelian virtue ethics, Cardinal Lomeli, characterization, Conclave, conflict*

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Tokoh dalam karya sastra sering ditempatkan dalam konflik yang menuntut mereka mengambil keputusan sulit, dan respons terhadap konflik tersebut dapat mengungkapkan karakter moral mereka. Novel *Conclave* karya Robert Harris menampilkan Kardinal Jacopo Lomeli, Dekan Dewan Kardinal, ketika ia memimpin pemilihan paus yang diwarnai ketegangan personal, politik, keagamaan, dan institusional. Keadaan tersebut menjadi konteks untuk mengkaji karakteristik Lomeli, konflik yang dialaminya, serta kebajikan yang tercermin melalui responsnya.

Penelitian ini memiliki tiga tujuan. Pertama, penelitian ini mengidentifikasi karakteristik Kardinal Lomeli dalam *Conclave*. Kedua, penelitian ini mengidentifikasi dan mengklasifikasikan konflik internal dan eksternal yang dialami Lomeli. Ketiga, penelitian ini menjelaskan bagaimana etika kebajikan Aristotelian terungkap melalui respons Lomeli terhadap konflik internal dan eksternal tersebut.

Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif dan studi pustaka dengan pendekatan moral-filosofis. Data primer diambil dari *Conclave* karya Robert Harris, khususnya bagian yang memuat ucapan, pikiran, tindakan, keputusan, dan interaksi Lomeli dengan tokoh lain. Data sekunder diperoleh dari buku, artikel jurnal, tesis, dan sumber akademik lainnya. Teori karakterisasi Burroway dkk. digunakan untuk mengidentifikasi karakteristik Lomeli, teori konflik Kenney digunakan untuk mengklasifikasikan konflik, dan etika kebajikan Aristotelian digunakan sebagai kerangka teori utama untuk menganalisis kebajikan yang terungkap melalui respons Lomeli.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa Kardinal Lomeli memiliki karakteristik observan, rasional, jujur, dan berani. Ia mengalami satu konflik internal utama mengenai ketidakpastian spiritual dan tanggung jawabnya sebagai Dekan, serta lima konflik eksternal yang melibatkan Kardinal Adeyemi, Tremblay, Bellini, Tedesco, dan Benitez. Melalui responsnya terhadap konflik-konflik tersebut, terungkap lima kebajikan Aristotelian, yaitu kebijaksanaan praktis (*phronesis*), keadilan, keberanian, pengendalian diri, dan kejujuran. Kebajikan tersebut tampak dalam upaya Lomeli untuk menilai keadaan secara cermat, bertindak adil, menghadapi pertentangan, mengendalikan dorongan pribadi, dan menyampaikan fakta yang relevan secara akurat selama konklaf.

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