

1. According to the movie "Agora", it represents a different paradigm for different situations. In terms of religion, it represents that different locations or countries have different beliefs as a result of "social constructionism". For example, in Greece, local people believe in the god of Greece, while people who come from other lands have different beliefs in religion (Christianity). Meaning of truth for them is different. The woman in the movie is "positivism" representing that there are science and reason for everything or we also know as objective. The women who believe in philosophy try to find the reality of how earth and sun orbit by using science to prove. Apart from that, positivism can be used to solve the problems with reason and cause and effects.

To have too strong a belief and no adjustment, there are some conflicts of people who have different beliefs which lead to war. In this situation, postmodernism is applied because having different points of view leads to different meanings of truth. As a movie in the scene of walking through the fire to challenge and prove that whose god exists, it can represent that actually no one is correct and incorrect. It is only because they have different beliefs which make them believe that their belief is true and other's belief is false or also known as "some belief is biased". Another example is the right of selecting religion. In the movie, Greek people who believe in Christianity have guilt. Some people argue that belief in different religions is false. Others might believe that humans have the right to choose what they respect.

When people are surrounded by a group of people, it is easy for them to believe and behave as those groups which lead to social constructivism. The man in the movie is convinced and influenced by Christianity by wording and showing him about the core of religion "giving". This belief shaped the man to become one of Christian communities because of having similar belief. Another example is when people are under pressure, they will be forced to accept surviving and being normal in society.

In this movie, it can illustrate that to use "religion" or "belief" as the most powerful tool of controlling society, people will believe just only when people say "word of god". People who are against god or ungodliness will be defined as bad people or witches and need to be killed.

For the society with different beliefs, there are separate groups divided by similar beliefs. As a result, society has some conflict because they have strong belief and no adjustment. There is some competition and argument between different groups in the society because there is no central belief or agreement to live together. The main reason is each group wants to lead society by using

their own belief. Although they live in the same society but different beliefs, it seems to be a different society as well.

In this movie, it can illustrate that to use “religion” or “belief” as the most powerful tool in the society leads to many problems. It controls the city with belief in something and people are forced to believe in the same way. For some people who have different points of view will be forced or insulted. In the movie, there are two types of people : people who can be forced and change their belief to survive as one of the society and people who can't be forced and not follow the society law because they have their own reason. For example, the women in Agora movie always try to make question and hypothesis, while the christain or people who belief in religion have the role that they are enable to make question for god. As different point of view, christian criticise the women because women have beliefs that are different of christian.

There are critical paradigms on inequality and society development. In the movie, people will believe and accept without questioning if the command comes from the word of god. No right for women to speak and being over men is gender inequality which is actually said by humans but they claim that it comes from god. People who do not accept will be insulted. The critical paradigm will be created as “what is the main goal of religion”. Some of people believe that religion will help society to be one part and can lead to develop the society with the center role, others will argue that religion might not be the tool to govern and improve the society because although people have religion, they still have conflict to each other and the society are separated into the part as the Agora movie presented.

In conclusion, there are many impacts to society to use belief as the main tool for governing a city. There are no human rights in society as the people can't choose to not believe in God and people can not oppose or asing questions for god. Apart from that, society development is low because it has no different point of view or argument to improve the city. Inequality increases which lead to worse living standards of citizens.

This situation occurs in the reality around the world which is involved in human rights, the government and society change. Nowadays, some countries still have this situation in terms of human rights and power of government, inequality and biased belief as a result of different paradigms.

2. In the word of “development”, there are many different definitions depending on society. According to the movie, it can represent that some countries define their country as a developed country because they have power and higher funds compared to others, the United States for example. On the other hand, some countries are defined as developed country because of greater living standard of people and the grater situation in the countries, including better well-being of citizen, lower criminal, having equality, no discrimination. In the movie, there are some examples of development in each country that affected positively to people and the entire nation. For example, workers in Italy have less working time or less than 8 hours per day and also have holiday for 2 month per year, but the final assignment is effective because workers have good energy to work and not too much stress. Finland is the most effective country in terms of education, while students have less class and less homework which allows students to explore what they are interested in and learn other things outside the curriculum. The important idea of school in Finland is to make every school equal which will lead to no cooperation in the school and focus on their students.

There are some of the reasons behind the meaning of development. According to the movie, one important thing about development for each country is perspective toward a particular issue. For example, Finland teaches students to learn by their passion and desire that lead to better living standards and have more freedom, while American students have to study and teach standardized tests. The result is that Finland is the winner of education, while America is at 26. This is evidence that having a different perspective can lead a country to be developed.

The other main issue for development is to allocate the tax for each country depending on the government which can lead to better life of citizens. For example, in France, tax is allocated as basic service to the population which can fulfill the needs of people, while America has to pay extra for personal college, daycare and nursing homes. In other words, development depends on the standard of living in the country.

According to Myrdal and Seer, they represent that development is understood by being influenced from dominant culture and power of a particular period. Different cultures or nations have their own development meaning which means that development for each country has a different level but it leads the overall nation to be greater. For example, Finland has good quality of development in terms of education which leads nations to have good quality citizens who lead the country to be more developed.

Development in my opinion is to improve the living standard of people and growth of the economy in the same direction. I strongly believe that to make the development of a country upward, people and government in the country are the important key. To develop a nation is to develop people's thoughts and behavior. As the example of the movie, it shows that freedom or how children are educated is the first step of development. In other words, if people in a country have awareness, education or treat equally, that nation becomes a developed country.

There are the determinant levels of development. The Measure of development that I choose comes from the concept of Amartya Sen who is writer "Development as freedom" who represents that the determinant of development is the degree of poverty of people. However, poverty in this case means the status of low freedom or lacking the ability to do something. For example, in the agricultural sector, if farmers have no ability to stand alone or depend on others, it means that they are in poverty (of freedom). On the other hand, if farmers can be independent, they have the ability to do what they prefer to do such as trade with others. Therefore, it is called "development". There are some determinants of freedom as social and economic arrangement such as education and health facility.

Those education, health facilities and other services can determine the level of development of each country because they are the root of better living standards which lead to a better society. To have freedom and those support services, the country is enabled to develop both people and economic growth.

I believe that development and economic growth are related in terms of cause and effects. To be a developing country, economic growth is stronger as a result of open up countries including international trade. Development not only is indicated as national income per capita, but also the distribution of income and consumption and standard of living.

3. According to the “American factory” movie, There are situations where Chinese factory invest in the United States to produce glass cars by employing both American and Chinese workers. This investment can solve the unemployment of American workers at first. However, there are several problems occurring at factory as a result of different cultures, the ability of workers and the development of technology.

One of the different issues for both nations is the paradigm and perception of working life.

According to social constructionism, American emphasis on working for spending their wage to live with family and friends. However, in China, working is very important and employees need to work hard for wages. In the argument of wage, Chinese wage is low as a result of labor intensive. However, for American workers, There is low wage for them because in the past they received higher income, but they receive lower wages when working at Chinese factory.

For Adam Smith, capitalism helps the economy to be effective as a result of division of labour, competition and market mechanisms which allow markets to run by itself through demand and supply including the change of environment in the market such as technology. In the movie, Chinese is the best example of capitalism because they seek to maximize profit and look at labor as a factor of production and use labor to be the most effective way, including finding the way to reduce cost and increase profit as much as possible.

According to Adam Smith, productive capacity depends on “Division of labour ” and “Accumulation of capital” and emphasis on free trade and competition. In terms of division of labour, to increase efficiency of production is to allow workers to do tasks that they specialise (labour specialization) which enable production to have more output and spend less time. Adam Smith explains that to apply “division of labour” means that exchanging benefits from both sides by getting what they want for less effort. It will increase national wealth and help poor workers. In American factory, we can see that they divide the take depending on what they specialize and change the task of American workers if they do not specialize.

In terms of working, Chinese workers will perform as operators who control and organize every task in the factory and American work as Chinese guide. It explains that Chinese will benefit from saving more time and allow American to do routine tasks that are easy for them and Chinese do the tasks that they specialize in. To organize this process, production will be more effective : more output and less time-consuming.

In the concept of Adam Smith, it explains that labor is one of the factors of production and competition leads to more effectiveness for production. For this reason, workers who have less ability will be replaced by workers who have more ability. For example, when they lay off labor, firms will keep only workers who have more ability and effectiveness to production. This is called “competition in the labor market” in terms of capitalism.

Karl Marx is known as against the concept of capitalism because he represents that capitalism will lead to inequality. For people who have a higher position or have opportunity to improve, they will find the method to maximize profit and reduce cost of production. Labor or people who belong to lower positions is one of the factors of production. Therefore, to reduce cost of production can be the method to reduce the number of labor as well which means that higher positions improve their profit successfully but labor will suffer from this situation. In the other word, labor has a tendency to take advantage by reducing wages, forcing them to work harder and lay off. For example, investors in capitalism have a tendency to reinvest by increasing technology, while reducing the cost of labor (wage).

Capitalism has led to reinvestment, especially in technology to raise production and effectiveness. In this movie, it explains that development of technology allows factory to have more efficiency which enables factory to produce more by spending less time than workers. As a result, Demand for labor decreases as replacing labor with technology.

For against the concept of capitalism (Karl Marx), the Labor Union is the important key because this organization will help labor to have power to against or protect labor from firms such as the amount of working time, safety and salary. In this movie, Chinese CEO does not agree with the labor union because it prevents him from operating fully. Without this organization, Chinese CEOs have the capacity to control all of the operations including wage and time to work. Apart from that, labor unions can be representative of socialism which means that every worker is the owner of production factors and has equal rights. The reason that American prefer labor unions is that they want to have the right to choose and speak of what they want.

In the other word, Chinese look American as workers who are less capable that work slowly and sometimes are trouble makers. Therefore, Chinese mainly order American workers to work hard. Apart from that, Chinese want American to work harder and work during holidays and have no safety for them while working which might cause injury. As a result, American workers start to protest and request for the labor union to protect them for issues such as wage, safety and forcing hard working.

In conclusion, Adam Smith and Karl Marx have different points of view of capitalism. Chinese is representative of capitalism which seek for the most effective production and maximizing profit by using the concept of labor specialization and finding the way to improve production, while the labor union is representative of socialism or Karl Marx concept which is representative of equality of social class or labor and chairman in order to against impacts of capitalism.

4. Karl Marx is the person who has thought of socialism and defence of capitalism because he explains that people should have equal rights and capitalism will lead to class struggle for society. In the history of Thailand before democracy occurred, there were class struggles in society which meant that bureaucrats, middle class people and farmers had a big gap of rights and welfare. In the movie, there are many explanations about how bureaucrats are treated and how small welfare of farmers. This is the reason that Pridi Banomyong created the “people's party” and asked for changing from absolute monarchy to democracy. The main reason of people's party has six important parts : to maintain independence, to maintain safety of the country, to maintain an economy in which the government has the ability to eliminate unemployment and improve living standard of people, to have quality among the people in the nation, to have freedom and right and to access education. However, Pridi Banomyong was blamed to be communist and those things were not accepted.

The main goal for people's party is to eliminate the gap between the class of society which is the Karl marx concept as people should have equality. In the past of Thailand, there were definite classes of society where the government could not operate well enough and seek for their own benefit more than the benefit of society. Investors, loyal family and bureaucrats have more power, while the farmers or middle to low positioning have less power and face unemployment and low living standards. This is the concept of Marxist historical development against this inequality.

As a result, protesting for democracy is inspired by Marxist historical development because middle-to-high class people (workers, farmers, students and other normal people) can not endure with

high class (loyal family and bureaucrats) in order to maintain the equality and transparency of the nation.

14 October 1976 , students in Thailand were educated and influenced by revolution which is the concept of socialism of Marxist ideology. Therefore, they have more concern on social class struggle between the society. Marxist ideology creates opposition between the class of society and against capitalism and dictatorship which affects society to have more inequality.

In the period of Thaksin Chinnawat, he emphasized liberalism and seemed to support capitalism in terms of economy which relate to increasing trade and information technology (IT) such as telecom and other technology to support welfare in the country. Apart from that, he has applied the concept of Marxist historical development to reduce the gap between class struggle. In the past, rural areas were not developed or solved the problem for people in that area, while the big city was developed. Thaksin saw this situation as a class struggle and aimed to reduce inequality by laughing at the policy to improve rural areas. including healthcare, education and living standards.

To apply to Marxist concept (socialism) to the development in Thailand means to make society class become equal. Power of the nation belongs to the people in the nation and they have more freedom under democracy. Nevertheless, to reform the system of the country depends on each country which consists of education and awareness of citizens, including the particular period.