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“But for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.”

- 2 Chronicles 15:7

“Sometimes, if you want to see a change for the better,
you have to take things into your own hands.”

- Clint Eastwood

“If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk,
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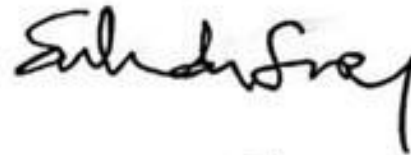
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ABSTRACT

Dark Waters (2019) movie is an American legal thriller movie directed by Todd Haynes that is based on a true story. This research examines a capitalist company that defends profits and a society that fights for rights. This study aims to analyze *Dark Waters* (2019), which successfully describes how the domination of capitalist corporate power forms, the struggles of each lawyer, and the effects of capitalist corporations polluting a city. The writer uses library research to compile data, and sociocultural and exponential approaches to dissect the collected data. Furthermore, conflict theory and the related theory of capitalism describe the domination of capitalist power and its extrinsic aspects. This research illustrates that manipulation information and oppression are forms of domination of capitalist corporate power. The struggle of each lawyer is described by DuPont who does not want to lose, the public who wants DuPont's responsibility and vocalizes the dark side of capitalist corporations, and Robert's party who managed to win the trial. Furthermore, the actions of capitalist companies have detrimental effects such as damaging the environment and the health of the people around the DuPont Company.

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