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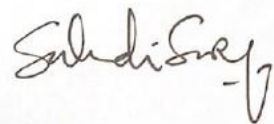
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## ABSTRACT

The concept of the American Dream rooted in core values like human rights, freedom, opportunity, and equality, is reflected in various forms of art, including film. This research focuses on *Ford vs. Ferrari* and portrayal of the American Dream through Carroll Shelby's character. The study uses library research and objective approach. Shelby successfully embodies the American Dream by becoming a Le Mans 24 Hours champion and a skilled GT40 mechanic. The film captures the essence of the American Dream through Shelby's character and his conflicts, highlighting American values like innovation, entrepreneurship, and determination. In brief, *Ford vs. Ferrari* serves as a compelling reflection of the American Dream.

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