



Class Conflict in Chetan Bhagat' S Revolution 2020

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Abstract: - This paper presents the life style of Indian students and the Education system relevant her in the most correct way. All the instances narrated here are part of our daily lives and hence it is close to reality. Also the story is a very inspiring one. The fortunes swing from riches to rages and disrespect. It also depicts the mentality o girls and boys in the modern.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Chetan Bhagat has been a very active name in the recent past. The is the author of many best sellers like **Five point someone, One night @ the call centre, the 3 mistakes of my life. What young India wants, Revolution 2020, Half girl friend.** He is a much respected writer in the modern world. He has presented wide views about the Indian culture and how people live in this great country. He has successfully been able to attract the country's youth through his realistic and frank writings. The content of his books is mainly humorous and real. The facts are real and the incidents are almost similar to the ones we face in day-to-day life. The Book "**Revolution 2020**" is one such effort by the Author. The book is subtitled "Love, Corruption, Ambition". These three aspects are very much covered through the various parts of the book. The book is a tale of two very intelligent boys who want to shake the world in different ways.

This story starts with the introduction of the two main characters in the story. These two characters play a prominent role and are always almost in the scene being

narrated. The author acts as a narrator in many incidents as he is talking to one of these boys after a long time. The act is set in Varanasi, the City of Temples in India. The two boys were in their school life. They are named Gopal and Raghav. Gopal was from a very poor family. He had lost his mother at a small age and his father was looking after him and feeding him. Raghav was from a middle class family and was finely mannered and knew what was good and what was bad. These two boys are in the same class. Gopal is habituated to stealing food from other students' lunch boxes because he could not afford to make his father cook lunch for him as he was a weak man. Raghav used to accompany his friend but never used to steal it himself as he knew that it was wrong. They accidentally steal a new girl's box that day and the girl comes back and starts crying. Gopal is found to be the culprit is punished. The girl then starts getting close to the boy out of sympathy. Soon the three become friends. The girl's name is Aarthi Pradhan, Daughter of the village collector.



The three grow together as good friends and continue their friendship even after their school matriculation. They all pass out 12th from the same class. The two boys were very intelligent and wanted to study in the big institutions of the country as they were very passionate about education. The girl, Aarthi was not interested in science studies and wanted to do Air Hostess training. The two boys give their exams for AIEEE and IIT. Raghav being a brilliant boy gets through the IIT-JEE and the AIEEE. But the other boy Gopal gets dejected as he couldn't clear the JEE and gets 45000 rank in the AIEEE. He gets demoralized and dejected. At around the same time, he starts loving Aarthi. He wants to tell her but whenever he tried, the girl tried to dodge away from the issue saying they were too young to decide. Yet both of them spent time together and Raghav for sided.

The two cared for each other and this made Gopal feels that this girl was his and she also loved him. He felt very sad that Raghav could make it into IIT and he couldn't. he was dejected that some stupid ten questions stood in front of him and a seat at the IIT. Gopal's father gets sick and when he comes to know about Gopal's failure to get passed the exams, he starts cursing his fate as his only said would be a worthless being now. This further hurts Gopal and he breaks down. He assures his father that he will give it another try the next year. He soon finds himself in Kota despite financial problems upon his father's insistence. Gopal still manages to be in touch with Aarthi the relation still flourishes. As he gets busy and loses himself in the dusty lanes of Kota trying to crack the IIT-JEE code, Aarthi gets close to Raghav and they both start having a relation which she hides with Gopal. Gopal though trying hard this time, still fails to make it into the IITs or pass the AIEEE to get a seat. He comes home a dejected man. He thinks of himself as a loser. In a desperate mood, while talking with his roommate, Prateek asked, "What is love?" He says, "Love is what you parents give you if you clear the HT exam." Prateek consoles him by saying "It is okay. Try to forget her. Wish her happiness with her JEE boy." For which he replied, "I can't forget her. I haven't studied a day since she stopped talking to me." Again his friend tries to console him comically, "Don't worry. You will get another girl, even the last rankers. How do you think India has such a large population?"

Meanwhile the father gets very sick and he passes away in sleep. This jolts Gopal much more and soon he sees and influx of family members who pour in showing false love. The family members were ignored because they had cheated Gopal's father over his share of land and were now ready because they would need the land. The Family's intentions were clearly grasped by Gopal. He knew their evil intentions and is given some stupid options to give up the land. He soon comes across a character called Sunil. He is an agent of the local MLA Shukla-ji. Having nowhere to go, the two go to Shukla-ji for help regarding the land matter. The three men discuss the issue and finalize that they will open an Engineering college in some part of land and the rest of the land would be kept by the MLA for later use. They get the permission, approval and other per-requisites through many corrupt practices as the MLA is a very corrupt man. Only thing which mattered to Gopal was that he was going to be finally a winner and not a loser anymore. He was to become the youngest director of a college in town. One day he meets both Aarthi and Raghav and gets disheartened that



his girl was now with someone else. He could not control his anger. He turns Raghav into his enemy for stealing what was rightfully his. He wanted to hit back at Raghav. He waits for a chance to do so. Meanwhile, Raghav graduates from IT-BHU, Varanasi.

Raghav gives up a lucrative career for the sake of his passion which was journalism. He was very passionate about it and joins as the journalist for a local News Paper. He starts writing bravely about corruption in the area. He soon wanders into the dealings of the MLA and writes about his corrupt intentions against his friend, Gopal's wish. This further increases the gap between the two. Meanwhile Gopal starts his college and it starts generating huge income. Raghav loses his job as the MLA had contacts with the Media as well. Now the girl, Aarthi gets close to Gopal upon his insistence and both of them embrace each other at a hotel where Aarthi works as a receptionist. They make love to each other. The relation starts sprouting. But unfortunately, Gopal tries being too smart and is caught on his birthday with some girls in his room. Aarthi was the witness and she herself sees this. She regrets having changed sides and ditching Raghav. Gopal realizes his mistake and gets Raghav his job back and arranges for a marriage between the both of them. Gopal remains a loner for the rest of his life happily running the college and making Cores of profit. All these things mean nothing to him as he reveals to the author in a conversation. Thus ends the story of an ambitious man who deserved a girl but got deprived due a foolish decision in a short time.

Conclusion:

World and their desperation to achieve anything they want. The author indirectly wants to say that the youth

has immense potential and is craving to be utilized and channelized in a proper way.

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If you have loved Chetan Bhagat's earlier books, there are high chances you would like this one too. It has so many experiences that the youth can relate to. It perhaps would have been more enjoyable had the title been something else because you would have known what to expect. Nevertheless, the book makes for an entertaining read and I recommend you read it.

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