

An Analytical Study on a Hollywood Film Seal Team Six: The Raid on Osama Bin Laden

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ABSTRACT

Media plays a vital role to spread awareness, provide information and entertain the mass society. It exerts a great impact on human mind and nevertheless, serves as an essential medium of communication. However, focusing on the elements of media, each element carries its own importance. Moving towards the 19th and 20th Century, film and its industry has developed rapidly. The study is based on a Hollywood film related to the Abbottabad operation by the US army. The film is full of agendas and propaganda but its technicality and strategies are so crystal clear that it is impossible for one to identify the proselytism used throughout. Further, a chronological order of scenes are evident to portray how the message of the US- Militants is spread around the world through the film and how human minds are manipulated through this element. Moreover, a discussion and analysis of the overview is given.

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Introduction

The advancements in the mediums of communication have created a great impact on the perception of thoughts in human mind. Presently, we are living in an era that revolves around these mediums. The pronounced innovations in the field of Mass communication with the passage of time has spread like a rocket science, moreover, it has now acquired a major part under the field of Social Sciences. Mass communication unconfined to a specific area, city or country involves the world and its general masses through instrumental devices: *Newspaper, Radio, Television, Internet and Film*. All of these instruments carry equal importance; however, the invention of film and motion pictures in the 19th century proceeded towards success as a source of entertainment and furthermore became an important channel of communication by attaining a remarkable status in the industry by the 20th century. The film industry is earning business in billions and Hollywood currently stands on the first position celebrating one hundred and twenty one years of success in the film industry producing outstanding films that have left a prodigious and profound impact on the society¹. Hollywood has not only focused on producing films as a source of entertainment but has also brought about various films with themes based upon social issues, sex and harassment and furthermore on political backgrounds and propaganda too. The film “Seal Team Six: The Raid on Osama Bin Laden” is also a great Hollywood

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film based upon worldly issues. This article consists of a study that is based upon propaganda, moral legitimacy and various other aspects portrayed through a controversial issue of the US Military Operation on Pakistan in the film “Seal Team Six: The Raid on Osama Bin Laden”. The film displays facts and details with respect to the American school of thoughts by playing a role of breaking the status quo of the world’s thinking. The study consists of qualitative analysis of the film. Nevertheless, it encloses a chronological order of the scenes in the film and moreover, the analysis and dialogs of twenty scenes are also included in the same order.

Film and Propaganda

Film has always been used as a source of entertainment in the east. However, the western countries use this tool as a weapon towards the eastern nations. “South Asian countries, specifically Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Afghanistan have always taken film as a medium of entertainment and have also been affected by it.”²

In the west, specifically the American film industry ‘*Hollywood*’ has benefitted themselves with this medium to their utmost as they have created it into an industry. “American and European countries have included film as a subject in their universities.”³ They have grouped this medium into different levels and according to the initiator’s will it is included the mainstream. The focus lies on the illustrator’s interest of story and on the subject investment in regard to the appropriate chosen person with respect to the story keeping in mind the choice of relevant actors to perform relevant roles appropriately. All of these aspects are taken into consideration in order to develop a film. However, focusing on such intimacy in regard to a certain subject how is it possible that the theme would not prosper? “Hollywood has making films for the past several decades that has always resulted to be successful at the box office.”⁴

Hollywood Propaganda Films

Hollywood action films genres are classified into four major groups.⁵The first group consists of gang wars, science fiction and horror films. The second group includes films on legendary characters based on realism as well as mock and neo-classicism. The third group comprises of films based on the First and Second World War.⁶

By producing films based on these wars, Hollywood has created a perception that the US military force is one of the most brave and courageous dynamism in the world. In addition to this, another perception brought into light is that the US militants are innocent and have nothing to do with any war or terrorism taken place in the world, they work for the protection of their country and this lies as their only aim and objective⁷. The fourth group of films were produced after the 9/11attack and hence, its subject is focused upon terrorism. These films cover all the stages; starting from the attacks on America to the

assassination of Osama Bin Laden. All of these films display an innocent face of the US Army fighting for the right and protection of their country. However, the truth is still hidden and here lies a great debate as the facts remain unrevealed. Moreover, portraying these scenarios, Hollywood has used these films as a tool to target the viewing audience with the message that the US army is one of the most respectable and acquitted army focusing only on its main aim i.e. protection of the state. Here lies a question that why hasn't Hollywood produced any film based on the terrorist attacks executed by America? For example, no film has still been produced on the internal attacks of America on Pakistan due to which a number of innocents became victims although the American citizens also raised voices against those attacks⁸. But within a year's time period a film was made on the operation performed by the US Militants in order to assassinate Bin Laden. It may also be perceived that whoever America has stated as its antagonist, their unjust characters may be found in their films. It may be Vietnam or 9/11 or Afghanistan or the conquering of Iraq the Hollywood films revolve around these subjects. It may be assumed through the films based on war and terrorism that which movie is based on the thinning out of propaganda and what is the agenda behind it because such films need to be balanced out by showing the film from both the point of views so that the viewer is able to judge the situation on their own. However, such cases are rare in the Hollywood film industry.

Introduction: Seal Team Six⁹

The film is based on a controversial US Military operation that took place in domicile of Pakistan. It has been displayed through this film that Bin Laden had been hiding in Pakistan. The technical aspects of the film have reached its peak where propaganda dwells among the film but still the film has been subsequently too attractive and worth watching. The film is a mixture of the accurate usage art, capability and digitalization that is quite visible in many Hollywood films. The film 'Seal Team Six: The Raid on Osama Bin Laden' written by Kendall Lampkin, directed by John Stockwell and produced by Voltage Pictures and The Weinstein Company entails a precarious operation on which the Americans spent several months of planning. 'Seal Team Six' had achieved the first record of having receiving the most views. In the movie 'Seal Team Six', the planning of the US Militants attack on Bin Laden has been revealed and furthermore, a targeted courier of Al-Qaeda was exposed.

The film also involves of an intelligence operation of a compound in Abbottabad spied by the Central Intelligence Agency – CIA team. A reflection of the American President Barrack Obama can also be seen during the film due to which it is declared as a part of the election campaign. This operation is said to be the greatest success during Obama's era of president-ship. The film was released two days before the election owing it to be declared a meaningful significance in the election campaign¹⁰. The film shows the preparations made by the American Marine Seal to kill the Americans' enemy number one; Bin

Laden, before the Abbottabad operation. The film is directed by John Stockwell. However, the major roles are played by Anson Mount, Cam Gigandet and Freddy Rodriguez. The ninety minute film was favored by the President Obama himself, and the famous fund raiser Harvey Weinstein. Based on the attack on Laden another feature film 'Zero Dark 30' an on the Iraq war 'The Hurt Locker' directed by Kathryn Bigelow has also won an Oscar Award. Most of the films accredited to the director John Stockwell consist of similar stories such as war and terrorism, action and thriller. However, the director John Stockwell has created an impression that would never create a negative impact on the voters. During his interview he professed that "the film had never been written due to this course nor anything such was assumed during the entire development of the film."¹¹

The Factual Incident Abbottabad, May 2nd, 2011

2nd May 2011, Abbottabad Operation resulted as in a black day for the Pakistani fellowmen that is recalled up to the present day. On the 2nd May 2011', the US Militants dropped forces through helicopters on Osama Bin Laden's alleged compound in Abbottabad; a city of Pakistan. The operation was headed by the special forces of the marine seal team six who had been on a lookout for Laden since 2001 in East Afghanistan. Two black hawk helicopters, twenty three commandos, a translator and trained dogs namely Cairo were included in this mission. Five helicopters from Jalalabad; a city of Afghanistan flew out from which three of them landed on an inhabited area in Pakistan. This vast combat helicopter consisted of two dozen officials. However, the building contained three men and a woman who were then shot dead. Every floor of the building including the verandah outside Laden's room was full of children. The officials took approximately fifteen minutes to reach Laden and the next 23 minutes to destroy the disposal helicopter. Later, a warfare helicopter landed on the building in which the body of Laden, the ruined bodies from the destroyed helicopter and the bodies from the building was collected. The American helicopter was then sent back to Afghanistan Bagram Air Base and Bin Laden's body was flown to an American aircraft carrier in the Indian Ocean. The corpse was buried at sea so that even the thought of building a tomb upon his grave was demolished¹². The news of Laden's death was then spread worldwide as a great victory towards war against terrorism. After the spread of the news an American journalist doubted the news of Laden's death stating that the history of this story is based upon falsehood. Moreover, various scenes of the operation had been aired live in which Pentagon and White House had also been included¹³.

Who is Bin Laden?

To understand the Abbottabad incident and the central idea of the film it is obligatory to be acquainted with the background of the person against whom the battle field had been set. Who is Bin Laden? During the eighties, Osama Bin Laden joined the Islamic movement party under the leadership of an Islamic

scholar Sheikh Abdullah Yousuf Azzam and set off to Afghanistan with the intention of jihad against the communist parties. In 1991 when the American troops started entering the country in the name spreading peace; Bin Laden strongly opposed the arrival of American troops in the country and advised Shah Fahd to establish an Islamic force to maintain safety measures against the attacks on Iraq. He further gave Shah Fahd high hopes of persuading the people himself for this purpose. However, Shah Fahd ignored Bin Laden's advice and pursued the American Force for aid that resulted in a conflict between Laden and Shah Fahd and later in 1992 left his country and migrated to Sudan.

Osama Bin Laden led a movement between the young Arabs against the Americans and Saudi Arabians and furthermore contacted different Islamic troops of the world join hands with him in this movement. During this tenure, Laden gave out a *fatwa* to destroy the American interest. This *fatwa* gained fame all around the world, nevertheless bin Laden's voice against the anti-US struggle echoed widely in the halls of America. This was the time when the attacks on American welfares in Tanzania and Nairobi were succeeded and the government of Sudan was under great pressures of the US-force due to Laden's presence in Sudan¹⁴.

During this time the *Taliban* had conquered approximately 60% of Afghanistan. In the same period of 1996, Laden had landed through a private charter jet in Afghanistan where the leader of the *Tehrik-e-Taliban* Mohammad Mulla Umar provided Bin Laden with shelter under the Afghani state. Under the relaxed atmosphere of Afghanistan he created a party named Al-Qaeda whose aim was to fight against the US. Laden had established most of his compounds in *Tora bora* near *Jalalabad*¹⁵. In 1997 the former US president Bill Clinton put the *Taliban* under pressure to hand over Laden to them but the Taliban did not pay a heed and refused to hand over their beloved guest to the US government. Later in 2001, the attacks on the cities of America; Washington DC and New York on October 11, was blamed within an hour after the outbreak on Bin Laden who was miles away from the city during the assault. However, the accusation was denied by him. In addition he was also accused of assassinating six thousand people, which even after his death wasn't proven in any court by any persecutor. However, many people state that Laden belonged to the CIA and the CIA is to be blamed for the position he lies in today. Moreover, with reference to many researchers it is assumed that facts and references state that Laden is said to be a spy of the CIA team who was in contact with the US military team during the Afghan war¹⁶.

When conflicts between the Taliban and America had increased to its limit, several attempts were made in order to exterminate Laden that resulted in the Abbottabad Operation that claimed Laden's death on May 2, 2011. However, the famous journalist Seymour Hersh alleged the statement by saying that White House has calumniated the citizens of America¹⁷.

Literature Review:

According to the IMBD website, Skype Gotts denounces within his analysis that the film is to be produced on the raid on Laden in which the team is preparing to cover every aspect of the raid. However, in the beginning the seal team six was also unaware of the person or target on which the film was based but they were sentient that their mission is to put an end to the supreme antagonist of the Americans. Moreover, rumors were spread that the producer of the film Harvey Weinstein has included scenes in the movie in which the president Obama is also implicated in the making of this movie taking part in significant decisions. Weinstein denies this statement. Nonetheless, it's a matter of fact that the release of the film took place earlier before the elections which ascertains to be a set agenda, however, White House contradicts against it¹⁸.

Conversely, on November 6, 2012, in the famous Britain newspaper *TheGuardian*, *John Peterson* stated that Weinstein has always been a materialistic and democratic producer. He wished to gain more recognition and fame than the film 'Dark Earth'. The movie 'Seal Team Six' worked as a propaganda in the course¹⁹.

Whether it is a business or politics, a human mind is always manipulated through propaganda. This manipulation and propaganda may be widely found in the Americans, according to Edward Bernays²⁰. In the past, film was used as a weapon of propaganda. After the World War I and II, Hollywood produced more than a hundred of films in diverse spans. Many of these films gained a lot of eminence. During the forties many films like, '*To Be or Not To Be*', '*Hangman Also Dies*', '*Listen to Britain*', '*Millionaires Like Us*', '*A Walk in the Sun*', '*A Matter of Life and Death*', '*Went the Day Well*' were produced in which they subjects were the US militants and the displays of World War II²¹.

With the fifties emanated movies like, '*Cranes are Flying*', '*Eyes Cold in Alex*', '*Night and Fog*', '*Paratroop Command*', '*Bridge on the River Kwai*' and '*Attack*'. All of these movies were interesting and heart taking but these movies did not include any kind of technology in them. In the period of sixties '*Army of Shadows*', '*The Dirty Dozen*', '*Hell in the Pacific*', '*The Great Escape*', '*Battle of Britain*', '*Where Eagles Dare*', '*Hannibal Brookes*' and '*Mr. Clean*' were produced. During the course of seventies '*Soldiers of Orange*, and '*Cross of Iron*' was produced. However, a film namely '*Black Sunday*' was produced in Vietnam. Similarly in the eighties we may see movies like, '*Come and See*' that received a lot of eminence. Consequently other films of this course include, '*Grave of Fire Flies*', '*The Big Red One*', '*Das Boot*', '*Escape to Victory*', '*The Cap*', '*The Last Metro*', '*Empire of the Sun*', '*Mephisto*', and '*Show Hoe*'. Proceeding to this time period films started showing the integration of technology and the pictures were converted from black and white to colored. Moreover, the films like '*The Thin Red Line*', '*Saving Private Ryan*' and '*Europa*' was produced in the nineties.

As time has passed innovative ideas and technologies have been introduced. However, from the past fourteen years to the present many stories and ideas have been introduced and the films produced, were not only based on old wars but were later replaced by films with the subjects of new wars. Moreover, films that were produced subjected to the World War II included 'Days of Glory', 'The Pianist', and other films like 'Downfall'. Nevertheless, after this time period many of the countries initiated the subject of spying on other countries in their films. In accordance, Angelina Jolie's film 'Salt' released in 2010 that was subjected upon the cold war between America and Russia. The film displayed a taciturn conflict, and revealed how various countries train spies for their states and how do they use these spies. Subsequently, the 9/11 films with reference to Iraq and Afghanistan were said to be films that were produce in order to represent the war and struggle against terrorism²²⁻²³. Consequently, under these subjects a film based on the Abbottabad operation named 'Seal Team Six' was to be released just two days before the presidential elections.

However, just after the release of the film, the British newspaper *Daily Mail* declared a statement saying 'where Obama's team was celebrating their success and victory, on the other hand the Republicans declared it as propaganda.'²⁴

The role of media has been critical to the trajectory of bilateral relations but the emergence of media as a party, or worse, an abettor of conflict, is worrying. The film analysis demonstrates that certain theories are used as a strong tool of communication within the movie in which propaganda and Agenda Setting is clearly visible.

Agenda Setting Theory:

Media does not tell us what to think but media influences the minds. An agenda refers to a list of things to be considered or acted upon. It may be said that the media has an impact on agenda settings and hence it has the ability to chooses and emphasize certain topics, thereby, causing the public to perceive these issues as important. Many researches on agenda settings are carried out during political campaigns. The reasons being that firstly, messages generated by political campaigns are usually designed to set agendas; the tactics of emphasizing issues and secondly, political campaigns have a clear-cut beginning and end, thus making the time period for study ambiguous as the movie *Seal Team Six* is also considered as an agenda as it was released two days before the presidential elections. However, the film *Seal Team Six* consists of a Military Operation illustrating the agenda set to convey the specific message and idea to the targeted viewers.

Propaganda:

Propaganda refers to falsehood and persuading solicitation or then spreading of rumors. The main aim is to manipulate through spreading the message. Many a times parties or states use false statements and communicate through incorrect

ways in order to benefit themselves, hence; they use propaganda as a tool. It is not necessary that propaganda may always be negative at times it may be positive too, in order to benefit the public²⁵.

The word 'propaganda' has some negative associations; people often associate it with dishonesty and lies. The working definition is, however:

People need to be slowly prepared to accept radically different ideas and actions. Communicators need a well-developed, long-term campaign strategy in which new ideas and images are carefully introduced and then Cultivated"

Definition of the (British) Institute of Public Relations (IPR):

"Propaganda consists of the planned use of any form of communication designed to affect the minds, emotions, and action of a given group for a specific purpose."

Additionally, it is necessary to know that propaganda is divided into three types. *White propaganda* is issued from an acknowledged source. This type of propaganda is associated with overt psychological operations. *Grey propaganda* does not clearly identify any source. *Black propaganda* purports to emanate from a source other than the true one. This type of propaganda is associated with covert psychological operations.

A famous saying on propaganda states that "spread the lie repeatedly and unlimitedly so much that it manipulates people's minds and they start believing it". However, propaganda may not always be considered negative.

The Incident of Abbottabad and Mass Communication:

After the operation in Abbottabad Bin Laden assassination became the mainstream of many newspapers for a long time period. Many newspapers ran Laden's death news as they headline. The largest circulated Daily Jang newspaper ran a headline,

"ایبٹ آباد" میں امریکی آپریشن، اسامہ بن لادن ہلاک، لاش سمندر برد۔

Newspapers all over the world pictured Laden's photos on the main page; and later on it was also published on the internet. Some newspapers claimed that these pictures were edited or photoshopped.

Not only the Urdu newspapers but also the English newspapers ran the news under the headlines stating, "*Bin Laden is dead, say Obama*"²⁶, the news was even delivered through the Daily Dawn newspaper in which voices were raised whether laden was killed by American troops or his security guard shot him dead²⁷. The newspaper meant that the guard saved his life from the American troops by shooting Laden.

The newspapers also gave Obama's statement on the front page in which he spoke about Laden's death. According to the news he said that the world is now secure, after Osama's death.

Scenes Excerpted from the Film Seal Team Six

Scene number	Time Code	Dialogues
1	00:03:45	(The prison of Guantanamo Bay 2002) The inquiry: A CIA Officer with a prisoner: “The Saudi Intelligence wants to talk with you. Talk may be the wrong word... and imagine being tied down and your skin peeled off. Did you know that the skin has three layers? Does this tong look like heaven? I expect you will end up dying ... that torture chambers of ours are state of the art... and your wife.... and children... they will go too...What can I do?” Later, it is shown that with the pressure and fear of the Saudi Intelligence the prisoner reveals all the information he has.
2	00:12:47	The American Official speaks about himself: “The American forces are moving forwards towards Afghanistan”
3	00:19:00	An Afghani woman shown as a suicide bomber whom the officials thought was an ordinary woman.
4	00:19:20	The team Leader of the US militants says: We are trained in such a way, that we have to abide by the rules, we cannot hurt anyone on purpose, women, children and old people cannot be targeted and nor can we tie a fifty pond nuclear to our chests... if we do not abide by the rules than what will be the difference between us.
5	00:22:50	“You understand that people will want proofs. They'll want to see the body and the DNA match the conspiracies will abound. in the state of Obama and our ella in the world we terror that someone would throw up they nuclear reality it may be India or Israel. We need to destroy any of his evidence we could surrender ever.”
6	00:34:35	The mission in charge is told: I am proud of you. Your deeds prove your capabilities. But you need to focus on this. Your wife (shown dead due to a blast) I hope you will never let your past effect you. The mission in charge says “sir, this is a job. I am not here to take revenge; I am bothered about the mission and my men.”

7	00:31:17	This looks like a Madrassah. Looking at this building I feel that this building's roof is made for an air craft to land and they seem like seven soldiers here.
8	00:32:38	We have three operations that we will put in front of the President. To attack with the host. However, we do not know whether our target will be mixed with them. That why this operation is dangerous. The target would run away.
9	00:43:4	Dr. Alfred's talk with a spy in Pakistan: "Even I want Osama to be caught, like others do, the Pakistanis do not support Al-Qaeda. What can people do? Who has the time to think? 90 out of 100 percent people are busy earning for their living, there are troubled with hunger and poverty. And I know the end of my family and me. The work I'm going to me will kill me. They call me a spy. "It's America and the government that is behind our backs."
10	00:49:35	"We believe, Osama is not dead. He's living there with his 27 wives and 127 children and 27 goats. So don't the Pakistanis know that he's living there? Of course we know that he is living in the military area half a mile away from the Kakul Military Academy"
11	00:50:52	Obama while thinking: "We are a sovereign and hardworking state and if we come to know that the Arab Prince is living there, we have sent our special forces to defeat him, and then it would become a problem."
12	00:53:48	Before the operation the members of the Team Six talk, expressing their emotions and feelings with their beloveds and families via Skype.
13	01:02:50	The spies caught at Abbottabad as they were suspected. However, the ISI member absconds the spy.
14	01:03:48	Two of our agents have nearly missed losing their lives..... Our ISI does have sources but the Al-Qaeda has sources there too, Do you think we may bribe them offering two billion annually?
15	01:05:02	Do you know that by this the presidents' seat may be lost?
16	01:09:50	Obama while thinking: the truth is that we were not sure of Osama's presence there.
17	01:18:14	The monitoring room while the operation was in process:

		The Pakistani Jet has taken off, and in the air. What else is shown? “The jet is returning back without any harm,” and the jet is shown returning back due to American threats.
18	01:21:10	The monitoring room while the operation was in process: “Congratulations, the Geronimo (Osama bin Laden) is dead!”
19	01:24:19	Obama! We would never put ourselves into integrity against our country’s reputation. We will do anything to defend our country, we are Americans.
20	01:26:12	An American troop says: “It’s good to be a seal but it’s the best to be an American.”

Discussion and Analysis

The study of the film and its scenes and dialogs proves that the film scripts is designed as an agenda setting and further the film also entails a list of black , white and grey propaganda. The film portrays that the American Army stands as the most righteous leader in the world whose only motive is to fight against the wrongs and maintain peace. The reason given by the American president against Bin Laden’s death was that he believed the world had been save by the most dangerous and most wanted terrorist just through the efforts made by them. However many analysts oppose the president’s thoughts as denounce that America has freed itself from the person they felt had been the greatest antagonist and terrorist to them. Osama was not an issue to the whole world. The facts in the film had been presented in such a way that the viewers themselves would gain sympathy for America. Moreover, when we state America as an organization of propaganda we may also prove through many scenes in the film for example refer to Scenes Excerpted from the Film Seal Team Six, scene number 1; analyzing the scene and its dialogs we may state that the message given here declares the Saudis to be very cold, torturous and cruel people where as the American are very humble though they have been many criminal acts that occurred by the opponent but still America has never shown injustice towards anyone. Keeping in view the terrorist acts of America, it is necessary to know that in the eyes of the world Pakistan and Saudi are in favor of war against terrorism but looking at the inner phenomenon we may see that the trust factor between these states and America is missing. Nevertheless, when necessary the US initiates its agenda on theses states and even performs acts of terror and further at times these acts performed by them are used to gain sympathy and at times its focus is to “do more” as in it is not enough to keep distance from terrorism. In the scene number 1, it is also visible that the people are so frightened with the Saudi Government that in fear the prisoner starts revealing each and every piece of information he has. Later it is shown that the prisoner (a member of the Al-Qaeda) reveals every bit of information he has to the Saudi Intelligence.

Referring to scene number 2, it is quite visible that the message portrayed there states the American success in Afghanistan and their total power over the state. Scene 4 displays that the force has a trust over women but in return they always face fraud and dishonesty hence in accordance to this the team leader of the Force says that “we have been trained in such a way that we lead our lives abiding by the rules not to harm anyone, never make women, children and old people victims and not to attack with fifty pound explosives tied upon our chests. If we do not obey these rules they would remain no difference between the world and us”. Moreover, there are many such dialogues and scenes found in the movies that tend to gain sympathy and tell the world that the Americans are righteous and consist of a high character and caliber. They are capable of understanding rules even to the situation of war and hence, they are soft with the enemies too.

After the Abbottabad operation in the film, the audience raised high questions that were answered very smartly by setting up a good effort. Referring to scene no.5 a great attempt has been made to show that it wasn't that easy for America to kill Osama in Pakistan. Although there are many such cases and in the end a lot of queries are to be answered. However, it had been the same with this situation.

With reference to scene no.6, we may comprehend that an understanding is delivered that the American Troops have one and only thing in their minds and that is their mission. Relevantly, scene no.7 shows Laden's Compound/ house. With reference to this scene we may see that how agenda setting is used by their focus on showing the negativity of the compound. Merely, it is an acknowledged fact that in the west these compounds (Madrassah) are known as a house or training academy of terrorists though they have no proofs for this statement. Few years back, America had put a ban against the Peshawar Madrassah. In addition, they put blame on the Madrassah that it was a place where the minds of the students were being washed out, they were taught how to make bombs and how to perform suicide attacks²⁸.

Nevertheless, as it is repeatedly being stated that the film is an agenda setting movie focusing on the terrorist affairs many issues have been based on propaganda (referring to scene 8). This is a fact that America does not have faith in Pakistan that is quite visible many a times. In a conference held on May 1st in Washington DC, the head of the America Special Operation Commander, Edward McRayan explored through Osama's compound personally and stated the same that “if Pakistan was given prior notice of this (Abbottabad Operation) the mission would have fallen into a lot of crises”. Here, America shows its disbelief in Pakistan and beats about the bush that the Pakistan is a dishonest nation. However the film here uses propaganda as an essential tool.

In the past as well as the present, the US army has claimed many a times and on various moments and occasions that Osama Bin Laden has been provided shelter

under the Pakistan Army. However on September 11th, 2015 the Lieutenant General (R) Micheal Tiflan , who served the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) as a team lead since 2012 to 2014 and was also the director of the Intelligence Agency of the ISAF forces, he said “After acknowledging that Osama was given protection in Pakistan. I don’t feel as if it was a mistake entering Pakistan and if we would have done this we would’ve made a great strategically mistake. It would take us another ten more years to capture Laden.” Michael Flinn also claimed that whatever Pakistan may say today, it is clearly visible in the reflection of Pakistan’s history that Pakistan has provided terrorists with shelter. However, Pakistan could have done more for the terrorists as compared to what they have done²⁹ .

Moreover, analyzing scene no.12, we may see that not only the strategic point of view is beautifully brought forward but a very thin line streaming towards emotional bonds are visible here where through the movie sympathy is gained by the targeted audience when we see the troop members talking to their relatives, families and loved ones and an emotional bondage is shown at a very high ratio.

Subsequently, proceeding to Scene no. 13 and 14, where a spy is stopped by a police officer as a suspect but the ISI officer departs him. The scenes try to send in a message that the US troops also have access to the ISI and when needed this source can also be utilized.

Moreover, the entire film aim is to spreads the message to the world about the US Militants that they take pride in fighting for their country and there only objective is to maintain a peaceful atmosphere in the world and fight against terrorism. The evidence this relevantly lies in scene no. 20 where a member of the Seal says that “It’s good to be a seal but it’s the best to be an American.”

In addition to this discussion, we may find that this is not the first time the American Troops have performed such an action, previously, the militants have many times performed such actions in the north and south of Tanzania. However, in a city like Abbottabad none such actions have ever taken place before this. Moreover through the detail given in the film we may have certain doubts against the situation placed. As shown in the film, since two hours the American Black Hawk remained in the air, and the American Force landed in Pakistan, and then being said that the Air Force and spies of Pakistan did have no information regarding the landing of the US troops in Pakistan. This piece of information here is impossible to digest. This is the cause behind our perception that the Army was well aware of the raid on Bin Laden , the Pakistan Army was also requested not to interfere in the US operation and nor perform any such act that may lead to the fail in their mission. Consequently, monitored through the operation room the Pakistani jets took flight and then changed their positions and returned back without

any harm. Nevertheless, they had returned due to the threat of the US troops. (*Refer to scene 17*). Consequently, in accordance to this issue with reference to the newspapers in relevance with the foreign ministry and the Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gillajni dated May 3rd, state that the act of the US force maintained justice. The Prime Minister further said that the US army had done what they had delivered before. If Osama Bin Laden's presence would be acknowledged in any other place in the world the US army would perform their operation in that particular place. In other world the world has been sent a message that the powerful America in recognition of Pakistan succeeded in their mission. Furthermore, through the mass media it was revealed that to gain victory in the mission the US troops had 40 to 60 percent of hidden information that was enough to triumph. This may be possible that to achieve success to Pakistan army was informed at the eleventh hour against to operation to be taken into action and hence they were asked to keep this information confidential.

Conclusion

Hollywood films and its high level of technicality and new methodologies induced in the production of film are earning in billions in the industry. However, movies in the east and have always been use as an entertainment whereas in the west it is used as a source to convey a message, or manipulate minds and at times even as a tool towards the eastern nation.

The relevant film is also a part of an agenda. Analysis of the film shows America's dream to the world that started from the World War I and is still present up to today. The political ambassadors created paths to make their dreams come true and in order to execute this they used the most essential and strongest tools that was agenda settings and propaganda that is present throughout the film *SealTeam Six*.

Furthermore, based on the agenda setting theory used in the film, the impact of the Abbottabad operation on the US citizens and the world portrays America as a just state. Hence, under the judiciary of justice Jawed Iqbal, the Abbottabad Commission was undergone; moreover the commission report was submitted on January 4th 2013. However, as new discoveries about Abbottabad were at its peak, after the submission of the report, various concerns regarding the operation was shown. It is high time that the report should be revealed to the masses and the public should be given the right to information so that the propaganda spread by the Americans is revealed openly.

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