Manuel Pig’s Kiss of the Spider Woman

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**Introduction**

Monuel Puig’s Kiss of the Spider Woman is an excellent example of writing in post literature society. The novel generalizes the popular culture as the general mode of expression in contemporary, Western Society. The book was written in experiment mode and therefore, it draws attention to the post literature situation. It is therefore, addresses the society forces of oppression that hinder human liberation through cultural and politically issues. Molina and Valentin were jailed for different reasons. Molina was jailed for the corruption of the minor while Valentin was a political prisoner who was jailed for trying to overthrow the government. Valentin was part of the revolutionary group working overboard to change the political composition of the country and that pissed off of the government of the day (Colchie, 1978). However, under democratic government Molina and Valentin would have not been jailed. In a democratic society, people have freedom of expression and association and therefore, organizing government and campaigning for good governance would have not led Valentin to jail.

Whether Molina and Valentin committed depends with the society they live. In democratic society like the United States and other Western nations Valentin and Molina would have not been jailed (Colchie, 1978). But in other society like in Middle East and some of Africa, agitating against the government is a big crime and individual could be jailed for treason like what Valentine faced for attempting to overthrow the government. Since Molina was a transgender activity, Molina operations are limited and could be jailed for such as activities in autocratic society. However, Molina and Valentine did not commit any crime in any democratic society like the United States. It is evident the society where Molina and Valentine were jailed was dictatorial of autocratic state. Crime is an action which is considered as an offense and punishable by the law. The state decides what is regarded as crime since it is the state which makes laws which everyone is required to follow.

However, at the end of the novel both Molina and Valentin run away from the cell and decided to work together to bring down a corrupt system. Placing the two into the same cell gave them an opportunity to share information and strategy how to bring to the end a system which has paralyzed citizens for years.

# References

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