

## ABSTRACT

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Satire is one of the literary genres that is used to mock or ridicule a person or thing. Satire also tends to represent human folly in order to look ridiculous and uses irony to expose some aspects of human condition. This research aims to explain Swift's satire through his *A Modest Proposal* which focuses on economic and social problems. Thus, to achieve those mentioned goals, the researcher then proposed two problems: 1) How do Swift's ridiculous ways make economic and social problems becoming a satire in his *A Modest Proposal*? 2) What do Swift's ridiculous ways mean in making economic and social problems become a satire in his *A Modest Proposal*? In analyzing those problems, the researcher uses some theories by applying the concept of irony to know satire itself which is also supported by historical context and Marxist theories to know economic and social problems.

The result of this research shows that Swift uses irony to support his satiric method. Swift's suggestions to solve some problems look ridiculous in which the parents exploited their children to fulfill their needs. Economic and social problems are then determined by historical context at the time in which English people colonized Ireland with the rule which much damaged Irish people. This case plays important in the construction of Swift's satire.