

## **In The Remains of the Day, the domination of the American civilization over the British one is apparent.** **Discuss with reference.**

In "**The Remains of the Day**", the Japanese novelist Kazuo Ishiguro discusses very important idea at that time, which is the domination of the American civilization over the British one. Ishiguro was able to write accurately about the British civilization and the change that happened with it as he spent most of his life in England. This discussion shades light upon one of the main themes of the novel, which is the determination of the English civilization.

Throughout the novel, Ishiguro confirms his idea and tries to convey it to the reader. Stevens, the hero of the novel, is working with a new American employer, Mr Farraday. Mr Farraday deals with Stevens in a free way, that Stevens is not used to. Stevens is annoyed of this way of dealing because British people, and specially Butler, are reserved people. They always look to the Americans as savages and disregarded people.

Lord Darlington, Stevens' old employer, is always dealing with him in a very formal and reserved way. Stevens is very delighted and proud of his employer's manners. He says that Lord Darlington is shy because he always looks at a book or pretends to be reading when he wants Stevens to do something for him. On the contrary, Mr Farraday talks with Stevens sitting on the chaise-longue and stretching his legs, that what makes Stevens not used to the American way of dealing.

At Lord Darlington's time, there was full servants staff. However, at Farraday's time, nobody remains except Stevens. This is a sign of the domination. In addition, Lord Darlington is always gathering politicians from all parts of Europe in Darlington Hall, which is a very important hall for conferences that are hold there. Darlington Hall is always a vital and essential place in England, but when Mr Farraday buys the house, it is the first time for Darlington Hall to be closed. The possession of Mr Farraday to Darlington Hall itself is a sign of the domination of the American civilization over the British one. Stevens cannot adapt with the change of life, he always says that being a butler is a great job. Yet, this job now is extinct, that sheds light upon the deterioration of the British civilization. Lord Darlington, the great English Lord, has also passed away and Mr Farraday, the American employer has replaced him.

In conclusion, Ishiguro is very successful in discussing the idea of the domination of the Americans over the British civilization. The reader can feel this domination through the events and characters of the novel.