

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter of the thesis based on the results of the findings and interpretation in Chapter IV. This chapter contains two parts, such as conclusion and suggestions.

A. Conclusion

Margaret Atwood's primary concern in *The Handmaid's Tale* is the objectification of women in patriarchal society. *The Handmaid's Tale* is a story about women's stereotypes in which women are forced to severe control in all aspects of their lives. In the novel, Atwood depicts women's second-class place in society. She portrays a depiction of a world in which women have no freedom, choice, or voice. Women are men's property or objects, and the patriarchal system has stripped women of everything, even their individuality. As can be seen, women were subjected to stereotypes in the story. Atwood's objective in writing this novel is to facilitate the reader understand the social conditions of women over time.

According to Atwood and Beauvoir, women as a group are treated as second-class citizens in society. They continue on to assert that women's stereotypes are mostly based on their ability to reproduce. They claim that the social construction of women provides a generalized image of women that all women must conform to.

Furthermore, the study's result in the findings is related to the five types of woman stereotypes faced by the woman characters. There were 50 quotations which consisted of 12 quotations women as sexual partner, reproducer, and erotic object, 11 quotations of women as motherhood and housewife, 10 quotations of women as weak creatures, 10 quotations of women lacked in political and education, and 7 quotations of women are more emotional expressiveness.

Finally, it can be concluded that the stereotype of women still exists and becomes a problem in society. Since all women have the freedom to make their own decisions and determine the course of their lives, it is important to eliminate the stereotype of many women that still experience and is still prevalent today because women actually have equal rights.

B. Suggestions

The study has explained women's in the novel faced stereotypes because of patriarchal system. The writer recommends further studies can be more in-depth and broader in cases of feminism. Hence, the writer suggests for new researchers that interested in analyzing this novel have a broader perspective in using different theoretical approaches, for example sociology, ecological feminism and others. This novel utilized the author's point of view on the image of women, which may be thoroughly evaluated. Thus, the writer hopes that the readers can provide corrections to this study so that it can be used as learning material to conduct good research.