

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This chapter presents the conclusions of the research that has been conducted based on the results of data analysis and findings obtained. This conclusion is formulated to answer the research objectives and provide a brief overview of the implications of the results obtained. In addition, this chapter also contains recommendations that can be used as a reference for further research and for interested parties. These recommendations are compiled based on research findings with the hope of providing useful contributions to the development of related fields.

5.1 Conclusions

Using Butler's theory of gender violence and Simone de Beauvoir's existentialist feminist philosophy, an analysis of *The Color Purple* is conducted. De Beauvoir believed that a woman ought to be allowed to take charge of her own life and be allowed to follow her aspirations. This concept was revolutionary for its time and had a significant impact on the feminist movement. The environment a woman grows up in has a big impact on who she is, according to De Beauvoir. Consequently, one has to be able to identify and make use of one's own abilities and potential in order to become a woman. There are twenty details on the gender violence and challenges the main female character had in order to survive in this work.

The main heroine, Celie, is depicted in this book as having endured gender-based abuse and sexual persecution throughout her life. From her stepfather's sexual assault, which resulted in her being pregnant several times without realizing the process, to her marriage to a cruel man, Celie's subjugation illustrates how patriarchy employs violence against women in order to control and oppress them. But this book also chronicles Celie's individual quest to define and forge her own identity. Celie gains self-love and self-awareness from her interaction with the strong and independent Shug Avery.

The novel highlights the significance of intersectionality by highlighting the ways in which black women's experiences of oppression are distinct from those of white women. Strong and resolute, Sofia actively challenges repressive societal conventions while also dealing with extra challenges and oppression brought on by racism and economic inequality. Additionally, "The Color Purple" emphasizes the significance of societal change by instruction and firsthand knowledge. Characters who exemplify the possibility of shifting gender power relations include Harpo, who comes to appreciate and encourage his wife Sofia. The novel's portrayal of women's solidarity offers a compelling illustration of how communal support may impact the path of personal emancipation. Overall, "The Color Purple" is not just a story of an individual's struggle against oppression, but also a deep social and political reflection on the condition of women, especially black women, in a society dominated by patriarchy, racism and economic injustice. This novel teaches us about the power of individual will to seek freedom and change their conditions, while emphasizing the importance of solidarity,

identity, and resistance to oppressive norms.

This research contributes to our knowledge of the structural changes required to achieve gender equality and social justice, including the eradication of gender violence, a fairer allocation of power, and recognition of the significance of women's reproductive labor. In addition to being a book, "The Color Purple" is a call to social action that may improve the lot of women everywhere. As a result, this book contributes significantly to the discussion of feminism.

5.2 Recommendations

When writing this study, there were restrictions and issues. Due of a lack of research time, gathering character-related data was the first challenge faced. In addition, there are restrictions on how the data analysis may be done. Only 20 data were examined in this study; it is hoped that further researchers would locate and examine additional data. Other than that, the sole focus of this study is on existentialist feminist theory, which discusses women's resistance to gender-based violence and examines the challenges and barriers faced by women in the book "The Color Purple" as they attempt to realize their potential.

By presenting the experiences of black women in the backdrop of the United States at the start of the 20th century, Alice Walker's "The Color Purple" significantly contributed to the revival of feminist thought. This book gives voice to experiences that are sometimes overlooked in feminist movements that are historically dominated by the stories of white women. Walker illustrates the necessity of an inclusive feminism by showing how black women like Shug Avery, Celie, and Sofia deal with racism, economic injustice, and gender

oppression. "The Color Purple" contributes to the revitalization of feminist thought by emphasizing the distinctive experiences of black women from an intersectional standpoint. This concept recognizes that experiences of oppression are not only determined by gender, but also by other factors such as race, social class, and sexual orientation.

This novel expands the feminist framework by highlighting the complexity and intersectionality of women's identities, providing a foundation for feminist theory that is more inclusive and responsive to the diversity of women's experiences. Walker takes aim at the novel's repressive patriarchal power system. She illustrates how gender discrimination affects women's bodies, emotions, and personal liberties in addition to physical and sexual abuse through her characters. This approach raises significant issues regarding how women might break free from the restrictive social standards and encourages critical thinking about tactics of resistance to oppression. "The Color Purple" also advances knowledge on the unity of women in the fight against injustice. Despite the fact that the ladies in this book deal with a variety of difficulties, they find strength in the support and unity of other women. Walker demonstrates how this kind of unity not only fortifies the opposition to patriarchy but also creates communities that are able to withstand more significant social and political transformation.