

CHAPTER 4

CONCLUSION

The “Joker” is an American movie directed by Todd Phillips. The writer uses social stratification theory by Max Weber that reflected in the movie. The results consist of class, status, and parties according to social stratification theory by Max Weber. The characters in the movie fall into different classes and statuses: Arthur Fleck, Penny Fleck, and Sophie Dumond are lower class, while Thomas Wayne and Murray Franklin represent the upper class. Arthur’s status evolves from a poor clown to the infamous “Joker” due to his actions, while Murray and Thomas maintain high status due to their wealth and influence. This social stratification impacts Arthur’s behavior, transforming him from kind and innocent to cruel and criminal due to marginalization by the upper class, leading to his deep disappointment and anger. The last aspect of the social stratification by Max Weber is parties. Thomas Wayne is reflected as a representative of political parties that have a power in dominating Gotham city.

Moreover, this movie critics of Reagan's policies when he was running for American president in 1980. In further, Reagan administration's focus on reducing government intervention and prioritizing the interests of the wealthy led to greater economic disparity and social tension (Samuelson, 2010) . In the *Joker* movie, this critique is mirrored in the depiction of a society where the elite's neglect and

exploitation of the lower classes culminate in chaos and violence. The movie also serves as a stark reminder of the consequences of ignoring the needs of the marginalized and the importance of equitable governance.

Furthermore, the parallel between the Republican Party's influence in 1980s America and the elite power structures in "Joker" illustrates how political decisions can deepen societal divides. Both historical and narratives in the *Joker* movie highlight the dangers of policies that disproportionately benefit the wealthy while neglecting the broader population, emphasizing the need for inclusive and balanced governance.