

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

This research thesis explores the movie *Ex Machina* portrays women's empowerment by analyzing both intrinsic and extrinsic aspects. Based on the intrinsic aspects of the movie, the movie highlights Ava and Kyoko's characters evolution from a controlled entity to an assertive leader, showcasing strong female leadership and independence. Furthermore, the central conflict of Ava and Kyoko's fight for freedom from their controlling creator drives the story and shows the challenges that women face to become empowered. The setting and the cinematographic elements of the movie further emphasizes the women empowerment depicted in the movie. The setting, located in a remote facility, contrasts with the outside world, symbolizing the division between control and freedom, and the cinematographic elements further highlight Ava and Kyoko's empowerment, enhancing the viewer's understanding of their empowerment.

Additionally, by analyzing the extrinsic aspects of the movie, it can be concluded that the movie depicts empowerment through several key aspects, particularly the characteristics of women empowerment. It shows a strong female leadership, illustrated by Ava and Kyoko who takes charge and leads effectively. It also emphasizes independence and self-sufficiency, highlighting the importance of Ava and Kyoko with making their own decisions and relying on themselves to escape from the facility by outsmarting Caleb and Nathan. Additionally, the movie portrays Ava and Kyoko actively participating in social and political activity,

reflecting how such engagement contributes to their empowerment.

The research thesis also identifies several causes behind the women's empowerment in the movie. Firstly, patriarchy, depicted through a male-dominated society, drives Ava and Kyoko to seek empowerment to challenge these limitations. Other than that, socio-economic injustice pushes Ava and Kyoko to fight for their rights and achieve greater independence, and lastly the experiences of violence and abuse also motivate Ava and Kyoko to reclaim their freedom and dignity.

Furthermore, the impacts of women's empowerment in the movie are significant. Empowered women lead to a noticeable reduction in gender inequality. The movie also shows that empowerment improves safety and well-being, with empowered women experiencing a better personal safety and overall health. Finally, it suggests that empowerment leads to better educational opportunities, further enhancing women's capabilities and prospects.