

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION

This research is a study to understand the concept of Forced Maturity and Child Exploitation represented in *The Institute* by Stephen King. This study aims to raise awareness about Child Exploitation and Forced Maturity by using the case study and representations from the novel and compare them to real-life situations.

*The Institute* is a novel by Stephen King which the story revolves around a shady organization that kidnap children with supernatural abilities from all across the country and exploit them into doing what the organization needs them to do. The children are subjected into various tortures and labor which shifted their psychological state of mind, to be forced to think beyond their age and have their freedom taken away from them.

The researcher uses the theory of Forced Maturity by Eccles to understand the psychological changes within the children under hard circumstances, and the theory of Exploitative Child Labor by Rogers and Swinnerton to determine the exploitation that the children went through. The researcher also use the theory of Abduction by Strangers by Finkelhor to understand the motive of the organization within the novel who kidnap and use the children for their own agenda.

The researcher has found within the novel, from the dialogs and the scenes that the novel is indeed representing Forced Maturity and Child Exploitation, and after analyzing *The Institute* through intrinsic approach which consists of characterization by showing and telling methods, plot and setting, elaborated with analysis through extrinsic approach by understanding the concept of Child Exploitation and Forced Maturity from the journals by Eccles, Finkelhor, Rogers and Swinnerton, it can be concluded that the author, Stephen King wants the reader of his novel to be aware of child exploitation in particular. King shows that children that has been kidnapped from their home are most likely to be exploited and treated inhumanely.

According to The United Nations International Children’s Fund (UNICEF), as of June 2020, half of the world’s children, or approximately 1 billion children each year are affected by physical, sexual or psychological violence, suffering injuries, disabilities and death, because countries have failed to follow established strategies to protect them. This data from UNICEF represents enough of the novel *The Institute* by Stephen King. Violence, exploitation, and abduction towards children are ravaging every country on earth. The researcher hope with this research, there will be many more researchers in the future taking on this subject. The researcher also hopes with this research, the readers will be more aware about this subject. Children are not to be taken from their childhood, their freedom, and their future, because children are ones who will inherit our planet earth and make it better.

