

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This is the last chapter of this research. In this chapter, the conclusion of the previous chapter is presented. Besides, this chapter also suggests the recommendation for further research.

5.1 Conclusion

The object of this research was a American 2016 movie directed by Matt Ross entitled *Captain Fantastic*. This movie was about Ben Cash who raised his six children alone in a quite unique way: living in the jungle and applying quite primitive lifestyle with certain rules. This research focused on Ben's parenting styles. This research provided analysis of Ben's authoritative and authoritarian parenting styles as well as his parenting backgrounds. Even though Ben applied both authoritarian and authoritative parenting styles, the authoritative one was more dominating. Ben's parenting styles were influenced by his personality traits, socio-economic status (SES), culture, and belief.

In this movie, Ben's authoritarian parenting style was marked with his high behavioral control and high psychological control. With his high behavioral control, he decided to take his children living in an isolated area and taught them many things that seemed less relevant if it was applied in this modern life. He applied homeschooling, gave reading deadline to his children, and forbade his children in speaking Esperanto. Furthermore, Ben's high psychological control could be seen when Ben told his children about Leslie's suicide and demanded his

children to continue doing physical exercise while the children were grieving. Thus, Ben's authoritarian parenting affected two of his children to have low self-confidence, explosive tempered behavior, and rebellion.

Ben Cash's authoritative parenting style was marked with his high level of affection, two-way communication, family discussion, and expectations. Ben's high level of affection was shown through his verbal appreciation to his children, physical contacts, and his rewards to the children after accomplishing a mission. Then, his two-way communication with his children was by letting his children to say their arguments if they disagreed with Ben's minds. The family discussion happened when Ben gathered all of his children to talk about how they would live after Leslie died. Furthermore, he expected his children to have good behavior and to be critical. Thus, Ben's authoritative parenting style resulted in his children positive behaviors such as being creative, curious, and capable in education.

Ben's parenting styles were influenced by his personality traits, socioeconomic status, culture, and belief. In the movie, Ben could be considered as a perfectionist father. It could be seen from how Ben Cash target his daughter to complete a subject in one of their study sessions and Ben's decision on how they would live after Leslie's death since it showed the strong power that Ben had as an authoritarian and perfectionist father who had extreme thought and action in nurturing his children. His perfectionist behavior also made him an authoritative father by being responsive toward his children and tried to always accompany them in learning, both in academic and non-academic learning such as physical training.

Socioeconomic status (SES) was often measured as a combination of education, income and occupation. Ben's socioeconomic status (SES) was considered as high as it was seen from his high educational background which could be seen from Ben Cash's thinking ability who knew many things and how he applied the rules of reading many books to his children. Ben's high educational background apparently made him know a lot of strange things around him which made him decide to home-school his children. From this high education level also, Ben was more careful in parenting his children.

American culture that influenced Ben Cash's parenting was the life modernity there. America's technological advancements and existing lifestyles did not make Ben Cash implement modern parenting as well. Ben Cash's reluctance to bring his children closer to modern life could be seen from how Ben Cash did not send his children to public school and did not let them to pick the menus at the restaurants they visited. He hated the consumer culture which supported capitalism in America.

The beliefs that Ben had influenced his parenting style. In this movie, Ben had bad impression on American hospitals, educational institutions, religions, and economic system. He hated capitalism as well as its product and its influence on people around him. Therefore, this ideology factor made him have authoritarian parenting style. He decided to take his children live in an isolated are so that his children would not getting influenced by the capitalism in America.

Based on the research, it could be concluded that Ben Cash in the movie had practiced both authoritarian and authoritative parenting style. It was counducted

through his actions and statements. From the analysis, Ben's authoritarian parenting resulted in his children negative behaviors such as having low self-confidence, explosive tempered, and rebellion. On the other hand, his authoritative side made his children being creative, curious, and capable in education. Both of his authoritarian and authoritative parenting were influenced by his personality traits, socioeconomic status (SES), culture, and belief.

5.2 Recommendation

There are at least two recommendations of theories that can be presented from the results of the analysis. Those are comparative study and cultural study. Hopefully, these recommendations will be beneficial for those who are interested in doing literary research.

The first recommendation is comparative study. In this study, the comparison of Ben Cash's parenting style with the other parents in *Captain Fantastic* movie, namely Harper and Dave, her husband, can be analysed. Harper is Ben's sister in law. They have different parenting style although they live in the same country and modern era.

The second recommendation is a cultural study. In this study, the counter-hegemony of American modern society in *Captain Fantastic* movie can be analysed. In this study, the theory of ideology and hegemony can be used to analyze what things have been done by Ben Cash to oppose the hegemonies that exist in modern life in America.