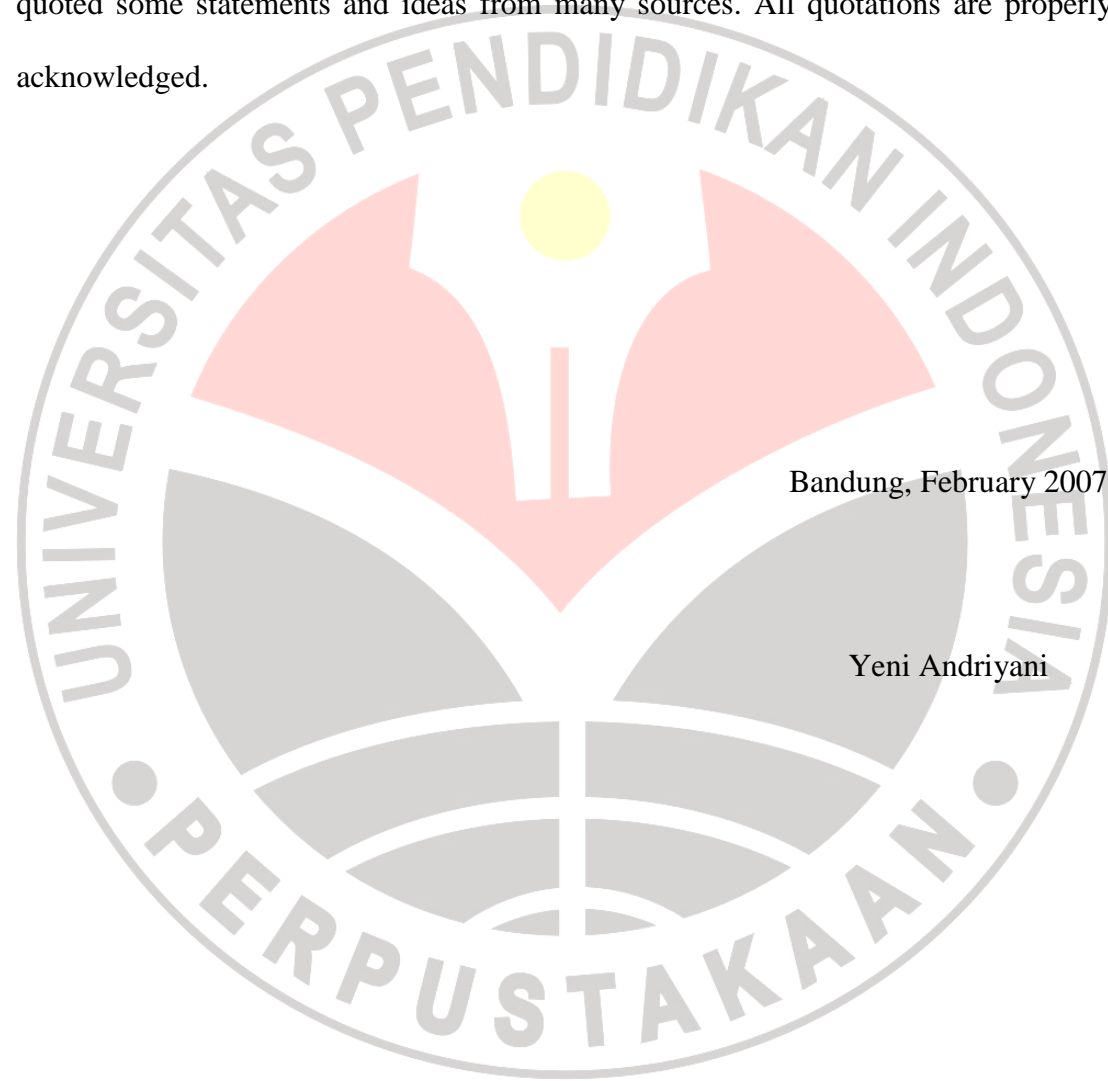


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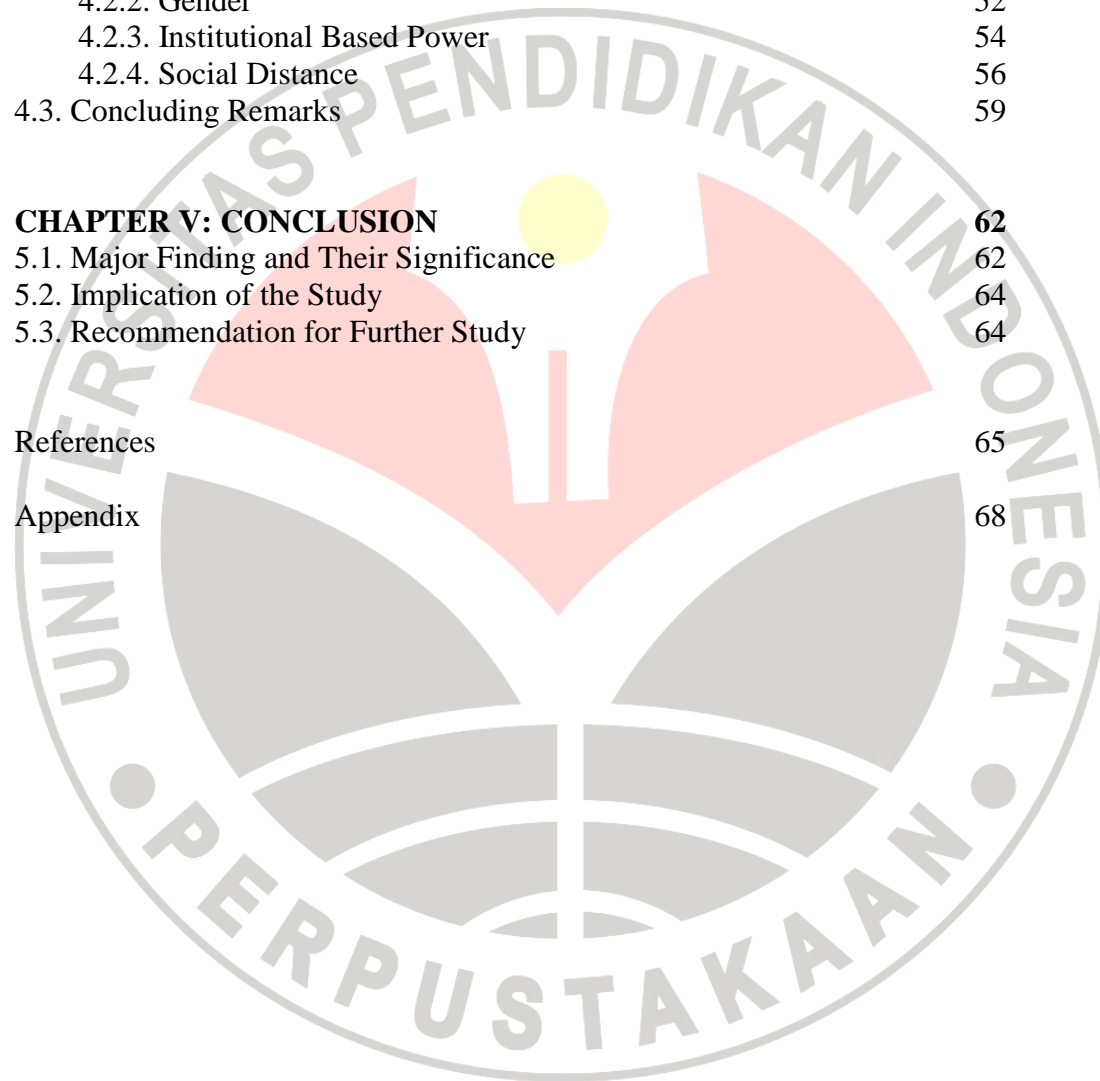
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LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR THE INTERVIEW:

1. What do you think about the term “Politeness”?
2. Do you think you are a polite person? Please explain?
3. In the class setting, during the discussion session for example, sometimes you find the situations that stimulate you to disagree with your friend or even with your lecturer. Will you use any strategies in expressing your disagreement?
4. Could you mention those strategies?
5. Do you think the factors like age, gender, and social distance (power, social relationship) will affect you to perform different strategies to express disagreement? Why is it so? Please explain?
6. Based on my observation, many students expressed their disagreement by performing a long sentence to explain his/her opinions and using the word “but” at the middle of his/her explanation. Do you think it is the strategy to play safety?
7. In expressing disagreement, what do you prefer to use, direct or indirect strategies? Why?

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