ABSTRACT

Violence is a commonplace in the American society, and therefore it has provided a fertile land for many scholars. However, most of the researches which addressed this theme in the works of either Morrison or Walker, or both together, have dealt with it from a one-dimensional perspective. These researches have been devoted to define one victimizer (usually black males) or one victimized (usually black females). Thus, the aim of this study is to illustrate that violence is mutual between the American society and the Black community, and it is at the same time circulated within the Black community. The first and the main cycle had been originated under the institution of slavery which victimized both black men and women, and reproduced other cycles of violence within the Black community. It is an attempt to show that all members of the black community were victims of the cycles of violence that had been initiated by the whites.