

THE PHENOMENON OF USING HARSH WORD IN ENGLISH AMONG INDONESIAN NETIZENS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Abstract : The purpose of this study is to determine the form of language used in social media and the form of comments on social media Facebook and Twitter posts. This research method uses a qualitative descriptive method. The source of the survey data comes from the social media Facebook and Twitter, but the data comes in the form of verbal abuse comments on Facebook and Twitter. Data collection techniques using documented techniques. Data analysis used qualitative analysis techniques and techniques to confirm the validity of the data performed by confirming the persistence of observations and member checks. We found that the form of speech used in Facebook and Twitter writing is straightforward, accurate, and clear. On the other hand, abusive comments on Facebook and Twitter posts include: Swearing, exaggeration, offense, stigma, and animal treatment. Words of verbal violence on Facebook and Twitter show that Indonesians are still not polite in their language, so information is needed for the government and educational institutions to take strategic steps to overcome this problem be the source. We found that the big amount of harsh words are 81 words of Sex term words which are “f*ck* or “what the f*ck” and the small amount of harsh words are 7 words of Personal background (conditions) which are “b*stard” and “g*y”.

Keyword : *Harsh words, Indonesian Netizens, English, Social Media*

INTRODUCTION

Words are a collection of letters that are connected to each other to create a meaning. The word itself has many uses, one of which can be used on social media. On social media, of course we often share moments or stories and of course we use words to describe or share these stories on social media. But the word is also sometimes or even often used as a harsh word to a subject or object on social media nowadays. And as an explanation, the word 'harsh' comes from the Old English word 'heorsc' which meant rough or rough-haired, and is related to the Old Norse word 'harskr', meaning rough or harsh (Etymoline, 2021). It is often used to describe language that is critical, unkind, or unpleasant. And most of the harsh words that are often used are harsh words in English, and these are often used by

netizens in Indonesia in some of their posts.

Social media can amplify the spread of harsh words and hate speech, creating a culture of intolerance and division (UNESCO 2021). It is important for individuals and platforms to take responsibility for their online behavior and to work towards creating a more positive and respectful online environment. This is of course wrong and using it should be stopped, but it is difficult to do because it is easy to spread posts containing harsh words in them.

In this case, the language used is not only Indonesian but also not a few who use English. The disclosure of expressions, opinions and also stories carried out by social media is also very diverse, one of which is in the use of harsh words or swearing. Meanwhile, harsh words are

words that can cause discomfort to some parties, and harsh words are used not only in Indonesian, but also in foreign languages or usually English.

In the midst of modern society, swearing or dirty words seem inseparable from everyday life. And of course, each of these words has its origins. For example, the word “H#LY SHIT” means feces, or feces is the scientific language. This word comes from the Nordic word “Skita”, which became the loan word for Old English “Scitte”, which eventually changed to “Schitte” and finally to “Shite,” which is still sometimes used today and is the ‘formal’ form from the word Shit. The word itself has also evolved its usage. Around the 1900s, it meant “looking down on others.” Then in the 1930s, it changed again to “Lie.” And in the 1950s, this word could be used to describe “unpleasant circumstances.”

Due to the widespread use of harsh words using foreign languages on social media, such as Twitter and Facebook. the author is interested in finding out more about this topic. Therefore, this journal was created. Indonesians frequently use social networks for a variety of goals, including information seeking and sharing, communication, advertising, or simply to let go of heartfelt emotions (confine). Social networks with a big user base frequently result in uncontrolled and extensive communication Internet users who use abusive words. According to Montagu (1973; in Indrawati, 2006) "Situations and conditions of a person's surroundings might induce the occurrence of emotional changes." Occasionally a speaker's emotions are expressed verbally in an exaggerated manner, resulting in spontaneous verbal expressions (harsh word) (ODIN ROSIDIN, 2010).

Another statement by (Crystal, 1995:172) also said “Swearing is a mean word uttered in anger. Swearing means speaking ill of someone out of anger.

Insults are words that society tends to avoid because it is considered rude to say them.”(Putra, 2004). Because strong words can hurt other people's feelings, it might be considered a form of verbal aggression. And according to Krauss, RM & Fussell (1991), Harsh words are often used as an inappropriate form of self-expression. People who have difficulty expressing feelings or ideas clearly and regularly may tend to use harsh words as a way of expressing themselves. DiGiuseppe, R., & Tafrate, (2007), also said that the use of harsh words is often a form of maladaptive behavior that can harm a person's mental and physical health. This behavior can be caused by various factors, such as anxiety, depression, or personality disorders.

According to Poerwandari (2004), “intervention real psychology demonstrates that communication, whether it takes the form of humiliation, apathy, rejection, crude insults, or threats, may be extremely damaging and result in protracted wounds. Violence This type of violence is frequently referred to as mental or psychological violence. In many of its forms, psychological violence involves an assault on one's sense of self-worth, motivation for destruction, humiliation, behaviors that are degrading, attempts to instill fear, and terror. As an illustration, use of profanity, threats, harassment, humiliation, and several other types of physical and sexual abuse behavioral effect.” (ODIN ROSIDIN, 2010).

The research objective in this journal is to find out which harsh words are frequently used by Indonesian netizens, what are the categories of Harsh Words, and how many Harsh Words are expressed. The use of harsh words can have negative effects on mental health, including increased stress and anxiety, and decreased self-esteem. It can also lead to conflict and damaged relationships, (Verywell Mind, 2021). There are some ways to decrease of using harsh word first,

make a friend with good people. people around us can build a personality to ourself that's why we should find a good friends. Second, do not follow your emotion when you talk. try to control your emotion, do not let your emotion controlling you. third, practicing to talk with a good manner. Attitude while talking is important, so try being nice to each other. and last but not least is think before talk. Maybe for you your word is not a big deal for them, but they did not feel the same.

RESEARCH METHOD

Harsh words is a word or phrase that's generally considered blasphemous, vulgar, or otherwise offensive. These are also called bad words, obscenities, expletives, dirty words, profanities. The act of using a swear word is known as swearing. It can be divided into six types; Excretion, Death, Body Function Term, Religious Matter, Mother in Law and Sex Term In (Suryadi et al., 2021). In this study, the authors will use qualitative methods which according to Ali and Yusof (2011) define qualitative research as: Any investigation which does not make use of statistical procedures is called "qualitative" now days, as if this were a quality label in itself (Wibisono, n.d.). And using a descriptive approach According to Moleong (in Zunitasari, 2020) , a qualitative descriptive approach is a research approach where the data collected is in the form of words, pictures and not numbers. These data can be obtained from interviews, field notes, photographs, video tapes, personal documentation, notes, or memos and other documentation.

The author uses basic technique and advanced technique. The basic technique which the author uses is tapping technique. Tapping technique is recording all the profanity in the comments section of each social media post. After that, there are three advanced techniques. Watching technique and recording technique. According to Sudaryanto (1993) Watching

technique is the watching technique Free Involvement or in bahasa simak, bebas, libat, cakap (SBLC). In the SBLC technique the researcher does not participate in a conversation, dialogue, or speech exchange using the SBLC method (ODIN ROSIDIN, 2010). So, the researchers did not engage in discussion with others to the same extent as other people. Author are solely about the data connected to harsh word that is contained in the comments column on social media, The second is recording technique the author recorded and caught the comment column screen with harsh words in it. This technique is useful to listen back to the information and look back at the data that has been obtained, and the last is note-taking technique, in which the author records all the facts and information acquired, even the harsh words in the column comment on social media. So the author will continue by collecting data. based some comments which contain harsh words that are usually found in some posts in social media such as Twitter and Facebook.

Data collection will be carried out by observing each comment column on the posts of each posts in social media in the form of screenshot. Then it will be followed by comparing how many harsh words are used among Indonesia netizens in social media. After doing a comparison, the author will find out what words are most used as harsh words in the comments column of existing posts and will immediately be encouraged by finding out the motives for using swear words in the comment's column. The instrument which author uses for this research is observation list.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

There are six different categories of harsh words: excretion, death, body function, religious matter, mother-in-law, and sex term in (Suryadi et al., 2021). Conditions, animals, astral creatures,

items, body parts, family members, activities, and professions are common sources of harsh words (Okky Ibrohim et al., 2019). In this research we took some samples, five accounts from twitter and five accounts from facebook.

Harsh Words	Type of Harsh Words	Amount of Harsh Words
Sh*t, holy sh*t, Bullsh*t	Excretion Term Words	43
F*ck, what the f*ck, F*ck off	Sex Term Words	81
B*tch, Ch*ck, jack*ss, Pig	Animal	30
Bast*rd, g*y, sl*t	Personal Background (conditions)	7
Crazy, dore, dumb, idiot	Mental Illness	61
D*mn, damn it	Death Term Words	62
God d*mn it, go to hell, what the hell	Religion Matter	26
*ss, d*ck, pen*s	Body function words	23

According the result which we got. We found that the type of harsh word which is often be found is Sex term words and the specifically words are “f*ck” and “what the f*ck”. Meanwhile the type of harsh words which is rarely to found is personal background (conditions) and the

specifically words are “b*stard” and “g*y”. We found that the type of harsh word that is used the most is the type of harsh word “sex term word”. We tried to compare the results of this study with other studies that have the same subject, namely “harsh word” and the writers found that there were eight studies that had the same discussion as this study, namely, the first was research on “Social Media Toxicity Classification Using Deep Learning: Real-World Application UK Brexit” (Fan, H., Du, W., Dahou, A., Ewees, A. A., Yousri, D., Elaziz, M. A., Elsheikh, A. H., 2021) and the second research on “USE OF EXPRESSIONS IN ENGLISH IN REACTING SONG COVERS IN PLAYING ALIP BA TA GUITAR ON YOUTUBE” (Hasan, N. & Andriani, 2022).

The results of the first study show that there are three types of harsh words that are often used, namely the words “sh*t, f*ck, and idiot” which are included in the types of “Excretion term words, sex term words and mental illness” and each type of harsh word is increasingly being used. While the results of the second study show that the type of harsh word that is often spoken is “fucking” which is included in the type of harsh word sex term word. The third study “A Socio-pragmatic Analysis of Taboo Language Using Animal Names in Facebook Messenger in the Jordanian Setting: A Gender-Based Study” (Eid, 2021). we found that, the big amount of harsh words were “pig” classified as “Animal” and the small amount of harsh words “lizard” classified as “Animal”. The fourth study “The Usage of Taboo Words and Euphemism among Malaysian Students on Social Media: A Comparative Study” (Morsalin, Ahmad Zahid Saidil & Adnan, 2022). We found there were five words of “f*ck”.

The type of the words were classified as “Sex term words” and also we found there was one word of “sh*t” and the type

of the word was classified as “Excretion term word”. The fifth study “Verbal Responses toward Insults in the Celebrity Read Mean Tweets Segment” (M.Muflihatunnisa, 2023). We found that, the big amount of harsh words were “f*ck” which classified as “Sex term words” and also there were four words “d*ck” which classified as “Body Function Words” and the small amount of harsh word was “b*tches” classified as “Animal”. The sixth study “Swearing Words in “Celebrity Read Mean Tweets” in Jimmy Kimmel Late Night Show: A Sociolinguistic Study” (Darma, Rezky Surya Wennyta Fitri, 2017). We found that, the big amount of harsh words were 164 words which classified as “Sex Term Words” in some variations of words and the small amount of harsh words were 7 words classified as “Religion Matter” in some variations of words.

The seventh study “The Analysis of Swear Words Used by The Characters in The Moonlight” (Prayuda et al., 2019). We found that, the biggest amount of Harsh Words were 21 words of Excretion Term Words and the smallest amount of Harsh Word was 1 word of body function. The eighth study “Types and Function of Taboo Words Found in American Gangster Movie” (Serti et al., 2023). We found that, the biggest amount of Harsh Words are 10 words of “f*ck” and those were classified as “Sex Term Words”. While the smallest amount of Harsh Word was “bullsh*t” and that was classified as “Excretion Term Words”. The last study “Swearing in modern British English: the case of fuck in the BNC” (McEnery & Xiao, 2004). We found that the biggest amount of Harsh Words are “F*ck” as “Sex Term Words” and we didn’t find the smallest amount of Harsh Words. From the information above, we conclude that “Sex Term Words” is the kind of Harsh Words which is often be mentioned by people.

CONCLUSION

In the findings of this study, it was shown that the most frequently used harsh word type in social media is sex term words. The number of words used from its type is 104, and some of them are f*ck and what the f*ck?" which are also the most used harsh words in our findings on social media. Despite this, the most common harsh word type in social media is personal background (condition), and the number of times it is used is 7. The words used from that type in our monitoring and collecting data are b*stard and g*y. The use of harsh words in English must be our starting point in social media because it can be upsetting to some people, parties, and others and can offend anyone, especially those who are unaware of the meaning or motive for using these harsh words. For this reason, we as users must be careful when using certain words in the comments section on social media and always use good ethics when using social media itself. So we can minimize unwanted things happening in social media.

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