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ABSTRACT

Trulyfiona, Tiara. 2013. **An Analysis Of Taboo Words Used by Characters in Freedom Writer Movie.** Study Program of English, Universitas Brawijaya.
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Keywords : Sociolinguistics, taboo words, “freedom writer” movie, four ethnic groups.

Sociolinguistics is the study of language in relation to society, it is concerned with investigating the relationship between society and language. There are many majors of Sociolinguistics, but this study only concerns with one major Sociolinguistics. It is taboo words.

Taboo is one study of Sociolinguistics that has relation with culture and society. Taboo is a part of language and language itself is a part of human life. Nowadays, taboo words can be found easily in our environment. For example, “Freedom Writer” movies, there are some taboo words that are uttered by the characters in this movie. This research only focused on the type of taboo words and the purpose of using taboo words by the characters. The purpose of this research is to find out the types of taboo words and the purpose of using taboo words by the characters.

In analyzing the type of taboo utterances, the writer uses the theory of Wardaugh (1986). In analyzing the factors affecting of using taboo words, the writer uses the theory of Holmes (1992). The characters consist of four ethnic groups, they are African - Americans, Hispanics, Asians and white. After doing the analysis, the writer found 39 taboo utterances by African - Americans, 7 taboo utterances by Hispanics, 6 taboo utterances by Asians, and 2 taboo utterances by White people. After analyzing the taboo words used by the character, the writer found out that most African - American using taboo words because of their Status social, the writer found out the factors affecting them use taboo words. The writer also found that the type of taboo words that are mostly uttered are exertion, bodily function and religious matter terms.

The writer hopes that next linguistic student conduct research taboo words involved not only in violence but might also in the other condition. It can be used to compare taboo word in different atmosphere. The writer also suggests using other object to research. It is not only in the movie but it can be in the poem or song. She also suggests the next researcher to use different theories and methods if they want to conduct similar research.

ABSTRAK

Trulyfiona, Tiara. 2013. **Analisis kata – kata tabu yang digunakan oleh karakter pada film Freedom Writer movie.** Program studi Sastra Inggris, Universitas Brawijaya. Pembimbing (1) : Endang Sasanti; Pembimbing (2) : Muhammad Rozin.

Kata Kunci : Sosiolinguistik, Kata – kata Tabu, film “freedom Writer”, kelompok etnis.

Sosiolinguistik adalah pelajaran tentang bahasa yang berhubungan dengan masyarakat, hal ini mengenai penelitian hubungan antara masyarakat dengan bahasa. Di sini terdapat banyak bidang tentang Sosiolinguistik, tetapi penelitian ini hanya fokus dengan satu bidang Sociolinguistic yaitu kata – kata tabu.

Tabu adalah salah satu bidang Sociolinguistic yang memiliki hubungan dengan budaya dan masyarakat. Bahasa tabu adalah bagian dari bahasa dan bahasa itu sendiri adalah bagian dari hidup manusia. Pada jaman sekarang, bahasa tabu bisa dengan mudah ditemukan di lingkungan kita. Contohnya adalah film “Freedom Writer”, di sana terdapat beberapa bahasa tabu yang diucapkan oleh karakternya. Penelitian ini hanya fokus pada jenis kata – kata tabu dan tujuan dari menggunakan bahasa tabu oleh karakter. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk mencari tahu jenis kata – kata tabu dan tujuan dari menggunakan kata – kata tabu oleh karakter.

Dalam menganalisa jenis kata – kata tabu yang diucapkan, penulis menggunakan teori Wardaugh (1986). Dalam menganalisa faktor yang mempengaruhi karakter dalam menggunakan bahasa tabu, penulis menggunakan teori Holmes (1992). Karakter disini terdiri dari empat bangsa, yaitu bangsa African-America, bangsa Hispanic, bangsa Asia, dan bangsa kulit putih. Setelah menganalisa, penulis menemukan 24 kata – kata tabu yang diucapkan oleh bangsa African - American, 7 kata – kata tabu yang diucapkan oleh bangsa Hispanic, 6 kata – kata tabu yang diucapkan oleh Asia, dan 2 kata – kata tabu yang diucapkan oleh bangsa kulit putih. Setelah menganalisa kata – kata tabu yang diucapkan karakter, penulis menemukan bahwa bangsa yang sering menggunakan kata - kata taboo adalah bangsa African - American dikarenakan status sosial mereka, penulis menemukan faktor yang mempengaruhi mengapa mereka menggunakan kata – kata tabu. Penulis juga menemukan jenis kata – kata tabu yang sering diucapkan adalah kotoran manusia, anggota tubuh, dan tentang agama.

Penulis berharap bahwa murid linguistik berikutnya dalam mengadakan penelitian tentang kata – kata tabu tidak hanya dalam kekerasan saja namun bisa jadi di kondisi lain. Hal ini bisa dibandingkan untuk kata – kata tabu dalam suasana yang berbeda. Penulis juga memberi saran untuk menggunakan objek lainnya, tidak hanya dalam film saja tetapi juga bisa dalam puisi atau lagu. Dia juga memberi saran untuk penelitian berikutnya bisa menggunakan teori dan metode yang berbeda dalam mengadakan penelitian dengan tema yang sama.

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