

Taboo Language in “NEIGHBORS 2” Movie

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Abstrak

Studi ini berjudul *Taboo Language dalam film "Neighbors 2"* adalah untuk mengetahui jenis kata-kata tabu yang digunakan dalam film *Neighbors 2* dan untuk menjelaskan faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi penggunaan kata-kata tabu di film *Neighbors 2*. Data penelitian ini dianalisis dengan menggunakan teori yang diajukan oleh Jay (1992) sebagai teori utama untuk mengidentifikasi jenis kata-kata tabu dan teori pendukung yang diajukan oleh Fakuade (2013) untuk menganalisis linguistik tabu. Berdasarkan teori Jay ada 10 jenis kata-kata tabu; Mereka *Crusing, Blasphemy, Obscenity, Taboo, Vulgarity, Profanity, Epithet, Slang, Insult dan Slurs, dan Scatology*. Namun, menurut Fakuade, ada 5 jenis tabu linguistik: tabu linguistik terkait-moralitas, tabu linguistik terkait-dekorum, tabu linguistik terkait-penghormatan yang dihormati, tabu linguistik terkait-kepercayaan, tabu linguistik yang terkait-ditakuti. Penelitian ini untuk melihat jenis dan faktor pengaruhnya di film *Neighbors 2*. Dalam film *Neighbors 2* ada 10 jenis kata-kata tabu. Oleh karena itu, faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi penggunaan kata tabu ditemukan 5 faktor. Ada 5 faktor kata-kata tabu yang telah diidentifikasi, yaitu: emosi, penghinaan, bingung, kotor, dan kaget.

Kata kunci: *sosiolinguistik, kata taboo, tipe-tipe, faktor.*

Abstract

This his study entitled *Taboo Language in “Neighbors 2” Movie* are to find out the types of taboo words used in *Neighbors 2* movie, to explain the factor influence the used of taboo words in *Neighbors 2* movie. The data of this study were analyzed using the theory proposed by Fakuade (2013) as the main theory to identify linguistic taboo and the supporting theory proposed by Jay (1992) to analyze the type of taboo words. Based on Fakuade’s theory there are 5 types of lingistic taboo; they are morality-related linguistic taboo, decorum-related linguistic taboo, veneration-related linguistic taboo. morality-related linguistic taboo, decorum-related linguistic taboo, veneration-related linguistic taboo. However, according to Jay, there are 10 types of taboo words; *crusing, profanity, blasphemy, taboo, vulgarity, obscenity, epithet, slang, insult and slurs, and scatology*. This study to see the types and factors influence in the movies. In the *Neighbors 2* movie has 10 types of taboo words. Therefore, the factorcs influence the used of taboo word found 5 factors. There were 5 factors of taboo words which had been identified, they are: emotion, insulting, crused, dirtyjoke, and shock feeling.

Keywords: *sociolinguistic, taboo words, types, factors*

1. Background of the study

Taboo terms were firstly introduced by Captain Cook in the late 18th century when he was sent to Tahiti. According to Allan and Burridge (2006: 2-3), taboo or known as *tabuis* a Tongan term that denotes a person, object or act which is dangerous and

therefore it must be avoided. The example of this case is the act of incest which is known as taboo so is the *motherf**ker* that denotes incest activity. However, there are other words that are considered taboo while the action they denote is not considered taboo. When people talk about sex, it is often considered as taboo while the act itself is not

forbidden if it is done by the appropriate person in suitable place and time. Therefore, words that are related or linked to taboo act will automatically become taboo words (Allan and Burrige, 2006: 2)

Taboo word is a forbidden word in a culture, because such a word is not allowed to be uttered, and it includes sex, death, genitalia, intermarriage and

many more on the use of offensive language. Kusuma (2013) stated that taboo words are usually used in daily conversations. It can be found when people express their emotions, such as emotion of anger like “fuck”; “shit”, or shocked feeling like “holy shit”; “damn it”. Taboo words are a unique phenomenon, because they may produce embarrassment, disgust, and social norm violation in the society concern.

2. Problems of the study

1. What types of linguistic taboo are used in “Neighbors 2” movie script?
2. What factors influence the use of taboo words are found in “Neighbors 2” movie script?

3. Aims of the study

1. To find out the linguistic taboo used in Neighbors 2 movie script.
2. To explain the factors influence of taboo words used in Neighbors 2 movie script.

4. Research Method

The data of this study were taken from the movies entitled Neighbors 2. Neighbors 2 is directed by Nicholas Stoller and written by Andrew Cohen and Brendan O’Brien. The film stars by Seth Rogen, Zac Efron, Rose Byrne, Dave Franco and Christopher Mintz-Plasse. Neighbors 2 movies were released on May 20th, 2016. This movie was chosen as the data source because the dialogues of the movies use natural daily conversation and contain a lot of taboo words.

4.1 Method and technique of Collecting Data

The data were collected through observation method and documentation method. Observation is the first step method to collect the data before documentation method. Documentation method is the supporting method of this study.

There is one step to collect the data. First, downloading the movies from <http://www.filmbagus21.com/neighbors2:sororityrising-2016.html> and then watching every scene in detail. Second, finding the taboo words from the script in the movie for every scene while watching the movie.

4.2 Method and Technique of Analyzing Data

A descriptive qualitative method was used to analyze the linguistic taboo and types of taboo words. After all the data collected, the data were classified based on the types according to Jay (1992) and the linguistic taboo according to Fakuade (2013).

4.3 Method and Technique of Presenting Data

This study used the descriptive method in presenting the data related to the subject of this study. The data were categorized, depending on each scene. Furthermore, each scene was presented descriptively. The data from movie was presented based on the selected conversation movie scenes. There are 28 scenes of Neighbors 2 movie. From 28 data which were analyzed, linguistic taboo and the types of taboo words can be seen.

5. Analysis

5.1 Types of Linguistic Taboo in Neighbors 2 Movie.

5.1.1 Morality-related Linguistic taboo.

Nora : Personally, i’ve made love to three man.

Shelby :Um, i’ve done like everything, but...

Nora : But what?

Shelby : Like everything you can do, but that one thing.

Nora : You've never eaten out a guy's ass before?

Shelby : Mmm...

Nora : Woah, i can't believe that

There is **vulgarity** type. At night Nora and Shelby enjoy the night on the terrace, Nora tells the story with Shelby. At the time, in the middle of the story Nora is confessing that she's made love with three men. Shelby responds and she said that she had done everything but she's actually ashamed that she had never done that before. Nora was surprised by what she said. Shelby has done everything but one thing she never did. Nora said to Shelby that "*you're never eaten out a guy's ass before?*". Shelby did not just answer and then Nora did not believe her that Shelby never did that before. This term is vulgar because Nora said *a guy's ass* she described a part of human beings. Based on the Oxford dictionary, *a guy's ass* is a male organ.

5.1.2 Decorum-related linguistic taboos.

Mac : Fuck, they will come.

Kelly : Clean it.

Mac : Stella, how do you keep finding mommy's Dildo? Just put it away, okay?

Stella : No

Mac : Fuck! She saying no all the time

Kelly : Hide your bongs!. What's that smell?

Mac : It's bongs.

Kelly : Threw away!

The first scene is located in the house. There are 1 type of taboo words found on this scene, namely **obscenity** type. The type is spoken by Mac. There is Mac who was cleaning his house because there would be guests who would come to his house. After that, he saw his daughter playing with an object called Dildo. Mac told Stella to put it away but Stella didn't respond to his father's words. The word *fuck* was spoken by Mac. This context belongs to obscenity type. Mac said *fuck* because, his daughter did not listen

to him and kept playing with the dildo. This utterance is categorized as obscenity type.

5.1.3 Veneration-related linguistic taboos.

Teddy : That's how you talk in front of your daughter

Mac : She's a baby, she doesn't retain any of shit

Teddy : Well, yes she will.

Mac : No, She doesn't. Watch. Fuck, fuck, fuck.

Stella : Fuck.

Teddy : That's **your daughter**.

In the conversation in scene 20, **insult type** was found, spoken by Teddy. At first Mac said some bad words in front of his baby but even though teddy said that maybe she would retain the word that mac's said but mac denied that his baby would hear what he said, and suddenly the baby said the bad words. Teddy said "*Your daughter*" to Mac. Cunt is female genital, Teddy's statement is insult. He insulted Mac with verbal attack.

6. Factors Influencing the use of Taboo

a. Emotional

Emotion could cause someone to use taboo. Someone who often use taboo words to describe a situation which is restless against something. This could happen when someone releases a feeling of anger or lured by the emotional atmosphere. Indirectly, the use of taboo words depicting someone to express what is in his mind. Emotional feelings came when someone in anger, sad, worried, and dissatisfied. At the time, the feeling of speaking becomes the determinant of the form of language we choose such as: fuck, shit, motherfucker ect. The words are classified in non formal language. Those words arise because of so much anger that the self cannot control not to say word.

b. Confused

This factor also influences the use of taboo word. When you feel yourself in a state

of confusion, the word is sometimes just blurted out. The cause is that confusion has no settlement or no other way.

c. Dirtyjoke

The following mention of taboos relates to parts of human body which are not necessarily spoken openly only as a curse in order that the word taboo is not referring to the true meaning.

The words vagina, penis, boobs in this category are not publicly spoken. The words refer to the private part of the women and is not well spoken.

d. Insulting

The use of taboo words in this type is to insult someone like; pig, bighead, bitch. The word means when someone insults people. This word is considered taboo because it is not polite when it is said in front of the community. The taboo words are expressed for having an unhappy feel to someone and insult someone that we do not like. Trying to lower your opponent. This proves that the original is weak so it needs a reinforcement effort, which is not obtained from the raw words of the intellect. Further weakness appears when not being able to control his tongue regardless of context, topic or situation.

e. Crused

Taboo word appears when we are angry but there is no one. This is a cowardly attitude, because only dare to vilify people. When disliking the person and finally the curse will be given with a word for that person.

6. Conclusion

In Neighbors 2 movie script, there are taboo words found in the conversations. Based on the analysis, linguistic taboos, types of taboo words and also some factors were found in Neighbors 2 Movie. There are 5 types of linguistic taboo. However, there were 5 types of linguistic taboo which had been identified in the movies, they are morality-related

linguistic taboo, veneration-related linguistic taboo, decorum-related linguistic taboo, religion-related linguistic taboo, fear-related linguistic taboo. There are 3 types of linguistic taboo are found in the Neighbors 2 movie, which are; morality-related linguistic taboo, veneration-related linguistic taboo with euphemisms and decorum-related linguistic taboo without euphemisms.

According to the theory of Jay, from 10 types of taboo word only found 7 types of taboo words, which are; cursing, profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, epithet, slang, and insult and slurs in the Neighbors 2 Movie. The factor influences the use of taboo words in this movie are: as a emotion, confused, dirtyjoke, insulting, crused and the shock feeling.

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