

Swear Words In Comment Column Of X Application About The 2024 Presidential Election In Indonesia

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Abstract: Language is very important for every people because by using language people can communicate with each other in daily life. There are a lot studies that discuss language, one of them is swear word. Swear words are one of the language phenomena found in society. Swear words were also found in the utterances uttered by social media users. This research is qualitative descriptive research. Data was taken from comments from posts that exposed the 2024 presidential election. The data collection method used observation. The instruments for this research are the researcher, smartphone and observation sheet. The results of the study show that religion swear words were found 4 number occurrences with a percentage of 7.54%, excrement swear words were 5 with a percentage of 9.43%, 10 animal swear words were found with a percentage of 18.87%, 20 swear words for Mental Illness were found with a percentage of 37.73%, sex swear words and personal background had the same number occurrence, namely 7 with a percentage of 13.20% so that overall there were 53 swear words found. Future, researchers are advised to research swear words in other applications to get to know more about the swear words spoken by social media users on social media.

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INTRODUCTION

Language is used to make interaction with other people. Language, according to Richards and Rodgers (2001) is a system of expressing the meaning. Additionally, they state the characteristics of language these are: 1) language allows interaction and communication; 2) the structure depends on the function as well as communicative uses. Language can be used to inform or maintain the relationship. In communication, sometimes every person may have different expressions between each other. It is because of dissatisfaction, dislike, happiness, or anger which happens when people do a conversation. In this situation, people tend to utter swear words. When someone uses swear words, it may be because they feel stressed, sad, angry, happy, shocked, confused, and want to express their feelings. When the speaker just experienced a bad day and emotionally, she/he can express it through exclamation or swearing language. In this case, every person has different ways to express their emotional feelings such as crying, laughing, and swearing.

People also swear to express feelings of annoyance, anger, or insults at someone. Hughes (1991) contends that swearing taps into powerful and incongruous resonators as religion, sex, madness, excretion, and nationality, encompassing an extraordinary variety of attitudes, including the violent, the amusing, the shocking, the absurd, the casual and the impossible. Swear words are commonly employed across all circles, both adults and children.

In any case, these days swear words are not only spoken directly by someone when they speak. With increasingly rapid technological developments, humans can communicate via social media on every smartphone they own. Social media is a medium for socializing with each other and is done online which allows people to interact with each other without being limited by space and time. Social media often becomes a forum for people to communicate either personally, in groups or in general, such as in the comment's column. One example of social media that is currently popular among people is X Application.

X Application is very popular with many people, including adults and underage children. X Application is a social media that comes in a different format, where X Application has the concept of disseminating message information briefly, concisely and in real time with sentences of less than 140 characters to readers throughout the world which can be used as a means of disseminating information to all good people who known or not.

Currently, the topic that is receiving great attention is politics, with the main focus on political elections and the presidential election which will be held in 2024. X Application is one of the places where users can share their comments and opinions regarding the presidential election in Indonesia. Through various post, users use the platform to voice their views on presidential candidates and current issues related to the election. Every post created by a user often gives rise to pros/cons for the video being discussed, which does not rule out the possibility of inviting other users to provide comments, both positive and negative comments. Freedom to provide comments is one of the features of the X Application platform. In the context of research on the use of swear words in X Application comments regarding the politics of the 2024 Presidential Election in Indonesia, it is important to understand how X Application users use swear words in X Application comments. It is not uncommon to find several swear words in negative comments in a video related to the presidential election.

METHOD

The research method used in this study was descriptive-qualitative. Swear words are part of the sociolinguistic phenomenon. The data in this study was collected using an observation sheets. There are some steps to collect data. First, search some post about 2024 presidential election and read each comment to find swear word in the comment column. After found swear word in the comment column, do screenshot and highlight swear word in the comment. Then classify the swear word into the types and give the meaning of each swear words.

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

In this section presents the finding and discussion of the types of swear words found in comment column X application about presidential election. Hughes’s theory (2006) states that there are 6 types of swear words, namely Religion, Excretion, Animal, Mental Illness, Sex and Personal Background. In this research, it describes the data contained in the comment column X application. Researchers only focus on analyzing the types of swear words and dominant swear words that found in the comment column X application. Based on table 1. It can be seen that there are a total of 53 swear word data found in the comment column X application about Presidential Election. The most widely presented mental illness types of swear words occurred 20 data.

1. Types of swear words

No.	References	Number occurences	Percentage
1	Religion	4	7,54%
2	Excrement	5	9,43%
3	Animal	10	18,87%
4	Mental Illness	20	37,73%
5	Sex	7	13,20%
7	Personal Background	7	13,20%
Total:		53	100%

There are 53 swear words found in the comment column X application. The words are divided into six categorises based on Hughes (2006). The finding and discussion can be seen as follow:

1. Religion

Swear words are related religion that may include the name of God, the devil, death, and damnation. Some words are commonly used in this term: Goddamn, Jesus, Christ, Jeez.

Data 1



Iblis jahanam yang diomongin hanya seputar bokep
‘The evil devil that is talked about is only about porn’

Iblis are creatures of the supernatural world that human senses cannot detect. *Iblis* is the leader of Demon, a creature full of ego and excessive lust. In the comments above, the word *Iblis* is associated with humans who have devil-like characters who are full of ego and excessive lust.

2. Excrement

The swear words in this category include shit, piss, fart and crap. Words from excrement are generally assumed as dirty, disgusting, and rude if being done in public. Some examples of these words are shit, piss, turd, fart, and crap.

Data 2



Manusia Sampah!
‘Rubbish humans’

In the sentence above, *Sampah* has a negative connotation. *Sampah* is the remaining waste from a product that is no longer used. In the comment above, the word *Sampah* is associated with dirty people, leftover waste and should be thrown away.

3. Animal

Animal is described as a creation of gods that don't have a brain to think. The examples of animal types of swear words is "dog" and "bitch".

Data 3



Anies itu seperti kecoa si pembawa penyakit. Ingat kecoa itu binatang ya.

‘Anies is like a disease-carrying cockroach. Remember that cockroaches are animal’

Calling humans with *kecoa* is a derogatory term and is often used to dehumanize and belittle someone. This implies that the person is insignificant, dirty, and disposable, like a bug. In the comments above, Anies is likened to *kecoa* or a cockroach that carries disease. In this case, Anies is said to be a dirty cockroach, carrying disease and can be thrown away.

4. Mental Illness

Swear word are used to insult and abuse people. Mental illness is also used to swear someone or something, for example crazy, stupid, and idiot.

Data 4



Tolol nya Ganjar bokep

‘Ganjar porn is stupid’

The word *tolol* is a swearing expression which is often interpreted as a person who is very stupid. In the first sentence, Gibran is associated as a very stupid human being. Likewise with the second and third sentences where the X comments refer to Ganjar who is labeled as a porn film lover who is also associated as a stupid human being.

5. Sex

This type of swear word is related to the biological activities and part of genital body human being. For the example if this type of swear word is "fuck", ass, dick, pussy, etc.

Data 5



Ganjar ngentot sok akrab

‘Ganjar fuck pretend to be friendly’

The basic word *kentot* is an acronym for *ngentot*. However, as time goes by, the word *kentot* or *ngentot* has changed its meaning, leading to negative things, namely sexual intercourse. So, the

swearing expression *Ngentot* is associated with people who behave negatively. In the comment, swearing *ngentot* was directed at Ganjar, who was said to be pretending to be friendly.

6. Personal Background

Swear word included in this category are spoken by the participant to a person which is considered to have a low status or profession. It means an insult, degrade, or put down to someone. The swear words in this category are: sod, bugger, fucker, bastard, etc.

Data 6



Boikot Prabowo boti

‘boycott Prabowo boti’

On social media, the word *boti* has a negative connotation, namely a dashing man who prefers the same sex, in the sense of men who like men. In the comment above, the word *boti* refers to Prabowo who is associated as a man who likes the same sex.

2. Dominant Swear Words

Based on the data collection and data analysis that have been conducted during this study, it was found that total 53 swear words have been observed from total 12 post from X application about 2024 presidential election in Indonesia. From those swearing expressions, the highest level of occurrence was the mental illness mental illness by 20 or 37,73% level occurrence. The dominant word found in the comment column were *tolol* and *tengil*. These words are a type of mental illness swear words with the same number of occurrences, namely three times found in the comments column.

CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis of swear word types in the comment column X application, using theory put forward by Hughes (2006), for the problem all types of swear words put forward by Hughes (2006) were found 6 categories, namely Religion, Excrement, Animal, Mental Illness, Sex and Personal Background. Religion is a swear words related to religious matter that may include the name of God, devils, death, and damnation. Example: setan, iblis, dajjal, and damn. Excrement is a type of swear word considered dirty and impolite. For example: sampah, bangke, Pesing, ngebul, and rabies. Animal is a swear word that associate humans as an an animal. Example: kecoa, anjing, and babi. Mental Illness is a swear words are used to unsult and abuse people. For example: goblok, tolol, tengil, keok, jamet, dan culun. Sex is types of swear word related to the biological activities and part of genital body human. Example of this type are ngentot, kontrol, cabul dan sangean. Personal background is the types of swear word that used to abuse people who have a low status or profession. For example: gelandangan, boti, and banci. All types of swear words found in the comment column include Religion 4, Excrement 5, Animal 10, Mental Illness 20, Sex 7, and Personal Background 7. The result of this study will not only useful to help students of English Language

Education but also will be useful to help all common people in order to know more about English language especially swear word.

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