

**THE INFLUENCE OF THE USE OF LANGUAGE FOR HIP-HOP RAP
MUSIC USED BY N.W.A MEMBERS
IN THE FILM STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON**

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ABSTRACTS

This study aims to explain the influence of the language used in the Straight Outta Compton Film for the wider community, especially the United States where the language used is the language of black people to describe the experiences of racism that they get from white people in America. The method used in this study is an observational method by watching the movie Straight Outta Compton and observing the influence of the language they use for their hip-hop rap music.

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I. INTRODUCTION

According to Wibowo (in Rizal, 2014) film is a tool for conveying various messages to the general public through the medium of stories, and can also be interpreted as a medium of artistic expression for artists and filmmakers to express their ideas and story ideas. From the film, we get a picture of the social life of the people that we do not know. From the film we also get the characteristics of each existing character and the norms that apply in the film.

In the film Straigh Outta Compton, we can see the influence of the language they use on their Hip-Hop Rap music where at that time, rap music was considered "black people's music". Rap music is often used by black people to express the racism they get from white people. In this

music, they often use provocative language towards white people, especially white police. Many times black people use a different vocabulary that they can understand by themselves.. They also use provocative language because they devote to music in their social life

This film is a 1987 biographical drama film that chronicles the rise and fall of Compton, California, N.W.A. hip-hop grub. It consists of Ice Cube, Dr.Dre, Eazy-E, and manager Jerry Heller. While pursuing the world of hip-hop. They often get intimidation from the police, white people, and hip-hop groups from different places.

II. METHOD

Research methods are the strategies, processes or techniques utilized in the collection of data or evidence for analysis in order to uncover new information or create better understanding of a topic. There are different types of research methods which use different tools for data collection.

The method used in this study is an observational method where we watch the movie Straight Outta Compton and observe the influence of the language they use for their hip-hop rap music on people in the United States.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This study aims to explain the language used is the language or vocabulary of black people to describe the experiences of racism that they get from white people in America.

There are three main discussions in this study. The first is the classification of slangs words. The second one is the contextual meaning of slang words used by the main characters in this movie. The last one is the function of using the slang words used by the main characters in this movie. In addition, the writer uses The Routledge Dictionary of Modern American Slang. and Unconventional English by Dalzell

(2018) and NCT's Dictionary American Slang and Colloquial Expressions 3rd Edition by Spears (2000) to help the writer defines the meaning of slang uttered by the main characters.

A. Slang Types used by The Main characters

There are three main characters in this movie that the writer selected as the data, the first one is Dr. Dre, Ice Cube and Eazy. Each characters produced slang words that will be analyzed by the writer. In this section, the writer classifies slang data found in Straight Outta Compton movie based on Allan and Burrige's theory (2006) of type of slang as guideline in classifying the slang, which are: Fresh and creative, Compounding, Imitative and Clipping. The writer also uses The Routledge Dictionary of Modern American Slang and Unconventional English by Dalzell (2018) and NCT's Dictionary American Slang and Colloquial Expressions 3rd Edition by Spears (2000) to help the writer defines the meaning of slang uttered by the main characters.

B. The Contextual Meaning of Slang Words Uttered By The Main Characters In Straight Outta Compton Movie

Straight Outta Compton movie was released in 2015 and directed by F. Gary Gray which is an American biographical drama film that revolutionizes Hip Hop culture in the mid-1980s with creating a group named Niggaz Wit Attitude or known as N.W.A. This movie tells about their music and tales about life in the hood. Each of the main characters uttered slang words in their music and their daily conversation. Thus, the writer analyzes the contextual meaning that will be divided into four parts based on the types of slang words which are fresh and creative type, flippant type, imitative type, and clipping type.

C. The Main Characters' Functions of Using Slang in Straight Outta Compton Movie

The writer uses theory from Zhou & Fan (2013) for examining the function of slang uttered by the main characters in Straight Outta Compton movie. There are three slang functions found in this movie, achieving politeness, pursuit self of identity, and emotive feeling.

IV. CONCLUSION

This part is a conclusion of the study. The writer has examined three problem formulated in this study. First, the types of slang words uttered by the main characters in Straight Outta Compton movie. Second, the contextual meaning of slang words uttered by the main characters in Straight Outta Compton movie. Last, the function of slangs used by the main characters in Straight Outta Compton movie. The data of this study are chosen based on the conversation of the main characters from the movie.

In total slang words uttered by Dr. Dre, Eazy-E, and Ice Cube that the writer found is 45 slang words which later classified into the types of slang words as 5 fresh & creative slang words, 11 flippant slang words, 11 imitative slang words, and 16 clipping slang words. From those slang words, the writer determines the contextual meaning based on social factors such as the social relation of the participants, the setting of place, and the topic of conversation. Most of slang words uttered among the main characters and other participants have intimate relationship than those with distant relationship with each other. There are only 11 slang words used by the main characters in their conversation with other participants who have distant relationship and 34 slang words used by the main character in their conversation who have intimate relationship with them.

In this study, the writer found 3 slang words that are commonly used by the main characters. The first one is the slang word nigga is commonly used by the main characters. In total of number, Dr. Dre uttered the word nigga 9 times, Ice Cube 11 Times, and Eazy E 11 Times. The main characters use the of word nigga to pursuit self-identity as the function of slangs. The other slang words that are commonly used is the word fuck. The literal meaning of the word fuck has different meaning on the context based on the topic of conversation. Another slang words uttered by Dr. Dre that has different meaning based on the context is the word dope. Dope has several meaning which can be as excellent to praise someone or as a drug. Based on the social factors (the participants, setting and topic), the contextual meaning of dope is excellent. So, the slang words can have various meaning depend on the social factors to determine the contextual meaning. The writer found three different functions of slang words that uttered by the main characters. First, the slang words acts as a tool for speaker to address speaker's interlocutors and also as a tool to show phatic function in achieving politeness. The second slang functions acts as a tool in showing speakers' feelings is emotive feeling of slang user. This slang functions is the most used by the main characters. The effect of using slang words that has function as emotive feeling of slang user could completely change the emotional status of an audience and also help the user to get their group identification. The last slang functions that the main characters used is pursuit of selfidentity. The main characters use the slang words to show the emotion that they belong to inside their groups and constantly that they wanted to be admitted that they are qualified among a certain distinct group.

Throughout this study, the writer concludes that the choice in language usage is considered by the social factors. Slang words are constantly used based on the relation between friendship or a certain group that has intimate relationship and also the topic of conversation.

Slang words act as a tool to show group identification, so slang words tend to be found among teenagers society and become a daily communication among them.

The writer suggests future researchers to be careful on data collection of slang words, because many similar slang words that have different meaning depends on context of conversation. The writer also suggest to enrich the sociolinguistic analysis in conducting slang words from other literatures or movies.

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