Does Place Affect The Use of Taboo Words?
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ABSTRACT
This research belongs to descriptive qualitative research as it fulfills five axioms and describes the data as a real phenomenon. It aims to find out whether there is the effect of place in using taboo words or not by comparing two movies that took different places as the setting. After analyzing the data, it is found out that place does affect the use of taboo words because (1) taboo words related to sex and excretion are increased (11.2 and 2.5%); (2) taboo words related to functions and parts of body and religion are decreased (8.5 and 2.6%); and (3) taboo words related to death only appear in the first movie. The reasons why this happens are (1) college students have more freedom to speak up than high school students; and (2) college students are more familiar in using taboo words than high school students.

1. INTRODUCTION
In daily conversation, there must be words that are forbidden to be spoken because by speaking those words may cause someone's hard feeling and they are considered as inappropriate. Those words are taboo word (Wardhaugh, 2006). Zhou (2010) believed that the term of taboo word was proposed by Captain Cook that was brought from Tonga, Polinesia. Taboo word refers to something that sacred or something that forbidden to touch, to do, or to speak. It is the same with social, behavioral, and cultural prohibition (Arini, 2015).

Theoretically, taboo words exist to filter those words to be spoken. But practically in social life, taboo words, in a certain situation, are still spoken by people (Wardhaugh, 2006). For instance, mafias or villains are familiar with taboo words because they speak taboo words everyday. This must be contrary with the nature of taboo word itself. Another example of the use of taboo word in social life is in movies, especially for action and thriller genres.

Furthermore, Wardhaugh explains that there are six categories of taboo words, they are sex, death, excretion, bodily functions, religious matters, and politics. Taboo words that belongs to sex category are related to sexual activity and the label for those who actively connected to sexual activity, for instance fuck, suck, bitch, whore, motherfucker, etc. The examples for taboo words related to death are die, dead, and hell. But according to informants' thoughts, die and dead are not considered as taboo words anymore. Taboo words classified as excretion category are related to excretion activity, organ that relate to the excretion, and the result of its process, for example shitting, holyshit, and shit. Then, taboo words related to bodily function consist of some parts of body that are rude to be spoken, they are dick, pussy, ass, and nipple. The next category is taboo words related to religious matters. The words that belong to this category are forbidden to be spoken because in some society, the names of God are sacred, so they change the name into something else. The last category is taboo words related to politics. This might be the symbolization of the political figures or their followers into something else for mocking purposes. It can be animals, physical characteristics, etc.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW
If we look at different point of view, in this case, academic views, many researches about taboo word have done. Pebriani (2016) conducted a research to find out types of taboo expression used in Cimpungan Subelen, Mentawai islands. Beside to find out the types of taboo expression, she also figured out why taboo expression was expressed by the speakers and the way they substituted taboo expression in order to avoid breaking the rule or prohibition. In her research, she finally revealed that taboo word (1) functions as a thickening taboo expression of religious emotions and beliefs; (2) the expression of a taboo as a means of educating children; (3) the expression of a taboo as educating youth; (4) the expression of a taboo as educating the adult; (5) the expression taboo as educating the general public; (6) the expression taboo as entertaining. Based on the type of expression of the taboos that were found, there were two of them, euphemism and disphemism. Euphemism is divided into three namely (1) a euphemism in the field of...
trust; (2) a euphemism in the field of manners; (3) a euphemism in the social field.

The other research was conducted by Lawalata (2015). She classified taboo words in a movie, Friends with Benefits, and the reason why characters in that movie speak taboo words. From that movie, she classified taboo words into six categories, they were (1) sex, (2) bodily function, (3) certain game of animal, (4) death, (5) excretion, and (6) religion. She also figured out why the characters speak taboo word, it was because they tried (1) to express the emotion, (2) to talk about sex, (3) to joke and (4) to insult someone.

In line with Lawalata, Tumeno (2017) also classified taboo words in a movie, but with different title. Tumeno used Bad Boys II as her source of data. She found that there were seven types of taboo words in that movie. They were taboo words related to (1) mother in law, (2) animal, (3) sex, (4) death, (5) excretion, (6) bodily function, and (7) religion.

Sarono (2016) did the same thing with Lawalata. She classified the types of taboo words and the purpose of using them. The difference between their research was while Lawalata only used English as the source language, Sarono used English that taken from books and movie and Javanese that taken from native speakers in Kampung Jawa Tondano. She found out that there were five types of taboo words in her data, they were (1) sex, (2) bodily function, (3) certain game of animal, (4) death, and (5) religion. She also found that the purpose of expressing taboo words were (1) to express emotion, (2) to talk about sex, (3) to joke and (4) to insult someone.

After reviewing those researches, researcher himself is interested to conduct a research about taboo words but with different point of view. If those researches mostly only discuss about classification of taboo words and the purpose of using them, the researcher conducted this research to find out whether there is an effect of place in speaking taboo words or not. In order to find that, researcher compared taboo words in two movies that still related but they took different place as setting, they were 21 Jump Street and 22 Jump Street.

3. METHODOLOGY
This research belongs to qualitative research, based on formulation of five axioms proposed by Santosa (2017) as adaptation of axioms from Lincoln and Guba (1985). Those axioms are: the nature of reality characteristic is not single, it may mean different, depends on the context; the researcher is directly involved to this research, so there is no boundary between researcher and the object; findings cannot be generalized; the researcher does not manipulate the data or situation, it comes naturally; the value is bounded in this research only. Also, this research is categorized as descriptive research because research findings are described as a real phenomenon.

In order to find whether there is the effect of place in expressing taboo words or not, the researcher used two related movies but both had different settings as the data. They were 21 Jump Street and 22 Jump Street.

21 Jump Street was a box office movie in action-comedy genre, released on June 2012 by Sony Pictures Studio with profit 134 million US Dollars. This movie told a story about two stupid cops, Greg Jenko and Morton Schmidt (Canning Tatum and Jonah Hill) who were assigned as undercover student (spies) in high school to reveal the supplier of new kind of drug in that school.

This movie got good rate from audiences. 91% Google users love this movie, based on their survey. 213 users in Rotten Tomatoes website give 7.2/10 average rate. This work of Christopher Miller and Phil Lord also got 82% likes from audiences in IMDb official website.

To follow the successor, they launched the second movie, 22 Jump Street with the same genre. It was released in 2014. It still starred by Canning Tatum and Jonah Hill, but in this movie, they were assigned to be students in a college with the same duty, to uncover the supplier of drugs. Users in Rotten Tomatoes give 77% score while the official website gives it 85% of Tomatometer. In Metacritic website, the officials give 71 score while the audiences give 8.0/10 point.

There are two kinds of data in this research, they are primary and secondary data. Primary data is taboo words taken from document, in this case, English version of subtitle of those movies while secondary data is other relevant studies.
To collect the data, researcher used purposive sampling technique based on the basic theory of taboo words in Wardhaugh (2006) (the technique is also known as criterion-based sampling). In his book, he mentioned that at least there were six types of taboo words, they were taboo words related to sex activity and sexual labialization, taboo words related to parts and functions of body, taboo words related to death, taboo words related to political issues, taboo words related to excretion, and taboo words related to religion. By then, it can be formulated some criteria as follows:

1. Data was taken from English version of subtitle movie 21 Jump Street and 22 Jump Street.
2. Data belongs to one of six categories of taboo words, they are sex, parts and functions of body, death, politics, excretion, and religion.

After data were collected, they were analyzed using content analysis technique in order to determine the type of taboo words for each data. Then, to make sure that all data are valid, researcher used data source and collecting data method triangulations. Sources of data were document, in this case, subtitle of the movies, and informants, while the method of collecting data were purposive sampling technique, content analysis technique, and focus group discussion.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Researcher has collected the data from those two movies based on two criteria stated on methodology section. From 21 Jump Street movie, researcher found 156 taboo words classified into five categories, while it was found 160 taboo words in 22 Jump Street movie categorized into four categories.

**Taboo Words in 21 Jump Street**

21 Jump Street movie took place in a high school. The main characters in this movie tried to discover who was the supplier of a new kind of drugs in that school. Taboo words were frequently spoken in forms of cursing, modifier, etc. The data is presented in Table 1 below:

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As shown in table 1, it can be seen that taboo words related to sex tend to show up in the data, they are 80 data or 51.3% of all data. Then, taboo words related to excretion is the second category that tend to show up in the data. There are 36 data or 23.1% of data are classified as taboo words related to excretion. In the third place, there is taboo words related to function and parts with 25 data or 16%.

The dominant taboo words category is taboo words related to sex. They are 80 from all 156 data. Most of taboo words related to sex appear as modifier in the utterances/sentences in condition they are modifier for nouns or verbs. For example:

**21JS064**

“*Do I look like a *fucking* scientist?*”

The word *fucking* in that utterance is a epithet, which means that it is a modifier for a noun. In that case, the word *fucking* modifies the word *scientist* so it did not refer to an ordinary scientist, it might refer to a great scientist.

**21JS068**

“*Guys, I’m not asking. Take it out and get the *fuck* out!*”

The word *fuck* in that utterance takes a role as an intensifier of the verb phrase *get out*. It means that the word *fuck* is modifier for a verb. In that utterance, the word *fuck* modifies the verb phrase *get out* in order to show the pressure in the command. It might mean that the speaker really meant his partner to get out from his room.

The second category that tends to appear in the data is taboo words related to excretion. More than a half of taboo words related to excretion that appear in the data take a role as participant which means that they
are in noun form. Some of them refer to an actual thing, while some others refer to something else. For example:

21JS037

“Now you can see, this kid is white. That means people actually give a shit.”

In that utterance, the word shit does not really refer to actual shit, it refers to something else, in this case, attention. By replacing the word attention with shit, it might be assumed that the speaker did not like the topic they were talking about.

Another example for the appearance of taboo words related to excretion is as interjection or cursing word, as shown below:

21JS056

“Shit!”

The utterance above shows that the speaker was cursing because he saw something out of his expectation, in other word, he was surprised.

The next category is taboo words related to functions and parts of body. Almost all data that belong to this category take role as participant in the sentence. For example:

21JS012

“I can beat your dick off with both hands.”

The word dick in that utterance refers to an actual thing of penis. The speaker chose to use dick instead of penis, because in that situation, the speaker and his partners were in a fight, so it is inappropriate to use penis.

Taboo words related to religious matters appear 11 times in the data. Most of them appear as interjection. For instance:

21JS073

“God dammit, son! Don’t ever raise your hand like that to me again alright?! I consider it as a threat!”

The phrase god dammit shows that the speaker was surprised by the act of his partner.

The last category is taboo words related to death. Only one word that belongs to this category as the others are not considered as taboo word anymore. It is hell. This word appears 4 times in the data. One data appears as modifier, one data appears as interjection, and two data appear as participant. For example:

21JS053B

“Hey, would you shut the hell up? We’re trying to study.”

In that utterance, the word hell does not really refer to the actual hell. The speaker meant that it was mouth, but in order to show that he was angry, he replaced mouth with hell.

Taboo Words in 22 Jump Street

This movie mostly took place in college. The main characters in this movie were still the same with the first one. They also had the same duty, to discover the supplier of drugs in this college. Taboo words that appeared in this movie have been tabulated in Table 2 below:

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From table 2, it can be seen that 100 data or 62.5% are classified as taboo words related to sex, then there are 41 data or 25.6% are classified as taboo words related to excretion. 12 data or 7.5% of all data are classified as taboo words related to functions and parts of body, while there are only 7 data or 4.4% of all that are classified as taboo words related to religion.

As occurred in 21 Jump Street, taboo words related to sex also tend to appear in the data from 22 jump Street. And still, most of them are modifier. But in 22
Jump Street, the types of role taken by taboo words are more varying. For example:

22JS031
“... and it’d better be a fucking Lamborghini, you bitch!”

In that utterance, taboo word bitch was used to address for the partner of the speaker, showing that the speaker was upset to his partner and he chose to use bitch as the symbol.

22JS067
“... do you get to fuck ...”

22JS068
“... or do you just get to watch people fuck?”

Besides as modifier and addressing, taboo words related to sex also appear as process. As shown in data 22JS067 and 22JS068, the words fuck there refer to the actual activity of sexual intercourse. The conversation occurred between friends, so it was not necessary to be polite by using proper word such as intercourse of have sex.

Taboo words related to excretion also appear as process, it is shown as follows:

22JS066
“I’m not gonna take a shit.”

Speaker in that utterance referred take a shit to the actual process of excretion. He said that in the bathroom when he saw a girl was taking a bath in the same bathroom with him. Another example of the appearing of taboo words related to excretion is in data 22JS088 below:

22JS088
“Eric’s been all up in that shit.”

The word shit here does not refer to an actual shit. The speaker’s intention was that it was a vagina but because he is a man and he has vagina, he change vagina into shit.

Taboo words related to functions and parts of body only appear in two forms, they are as modifier and participant. Furthermore, it is explained below:

22JS037
“And I got a big-ass raise.”

The speaker did not mean to say the actual ass/butt. His intention was to say that the raise they were talking about was huge. So, the word ass modifies big into huge.

22JS075
“Stop being a pussy and go talk to her. Go!”

Pussy is another name for vagina, but in that utterance, the speaker was not talking about that. He meant that his partner should have not been a coward. The last category is taboo words related to religious matters. Even taboo words in this category only appear 7 times, they appear in different form.

22JS048
“... and then they party like it’s goddamn 1999.”

In that utterance, taboo word related to religious matters appear as modifier that modifies 1999 to show that it was like real 1999.

22JS033
“Holy Moses!”

The speaker spoke holy Moses to show that he was surprised by what he saw. So in this utterance, taboo word related to religion appears as interjection.

22JS078
“Jesus died for our sin-thee-uhs.”

The word Jesus in that utterance refers to the actual Jesus and it takes a role as participant. So, there are three role it takes, they are modifier, interjection, and participant.

Comparison

By comparing those data, it can be concluded that taboo words related to sex have been increased 11.2%. Increasing also occurs on taboo words related to excretion, it increases for 2.5%. But increasing only occurs on taboo words related to sex and excretion while taboo words related to functions and parts of body and religion are decreased, taboo words related to functions and parts of body decreases for 8.5% and taboo words related to religion decreases for 2.6%. Even taboo words related to death cannot be found in 22 Jump Street movie.
21 Jump Street took place in high school while 22 Jump Street took place in college. This might be the reason why the use of taboo words related to sex increases. College students have more freedom to speak up because they have been separated from their parents, most of college students stay in dormitory. No parents mean no one will interrupt someone because of using taboo words. This might also be the reason why the appearance of taboo words related to excretion is increased. College students have more freedom to speak, even to swear, because most of taboo words related to excretion appear as cursing or swearing words.

Another reason is, college students are more familiar in using taboo words related to sex than high school students are. College students are more sexually active. Being far from parents makes college students free to do anything, sex, drugs, because no one will watch them 24 hours a day.

5. CONCLUSION
Data shows that taboo words related to sex and excretion are increased (11.2 and 2.5%). This means that place does affect the use of taboo words because those movies took different places, high school and college. The reasons why taboo words related to sex and excretion increase are because (1) college students have more freedom to speak up and (2) because they are more familiar in using the words. This research opens another opportunity to dig taboo words more deeply. There must be other variables that affect the use of taboo words except place. It might be genders, backgrounds, ages, or others.

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