THE SWEAR WORDS ANALYSIS IN THE MOVIE ENTITLED
THE WOLF OF WALL STREET

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Abstract

The research aims to discuss the kinds of swear words and the purposes that consist in The Wolf of Wall Street. The objective of the research are to divide the swear words into groups based on their kinds and describe the purposes as why the swear words is used. The main theories that are used in this study are slang and swear words. The method of this research is descriptive research and the technique of data collecting used is library research. The result of the research are, there are many kinds of swear words that can be found based on Hughes classification and the purposes as why people swearing is based on partridge classification. Based on Hughes classification there are seven kinds of swear words, swear words related to sex, swear words related to excrement, swear words related to name of animal, swear words related to personal background, swear words related to sexual activity, swear words related to taboo, religion, or oath, the last is swear words related to mental illness. The result for the reasons as why people using swear words are expressing anger, shock, disappointed, excitement, happiness, seriousness, confused, and proudness.

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1.   **INTRODUCTION**

         The Wolf of Wall Street is a movie directed by Martin Scorsese and written by Terence Winter based on *The Wolf of Wall Street* by Jordan Belfort. The story is about Jordan who wants to be a successful person in wall street. He began his career as a stockbroker at L.F. Rothschild and he was laid off after the firm experienced financial difficulties related to the black Monday stock market crash of 1987. Later on Jordan tried to make his own company named Stratton Oakmont which is a fraud company and money laundering. Jordan grows and befriend with people who likes swearing such as Mark Hanna which affect Jordan behavior later on and more people keep coming from the story who also likes to swear.

         Some theories are used in order to find the answer from the problems. The theories are Sociolinguistics, Speech Community, Slang, Swear Words, Taboo. Milroy and Gordon (2003:14) stated that slang is a nonstandard word used in a language of a part of social group. Slang is used in order to be secretive because for some people slang is a new

words that they do not know the meaning, even though for some people it bears no meaning, but actually it actually have decent meaning. The classification is based on Partridge classification, the theory of slang is used to find the purposes as why people swearing. There are many reasons as why people swearing such as expressing anger, shock, disappointed, happiness, confusions, proudness, seriousness, and the classification from Partridge will be used to determine them.

Swear word is one of the varieties of language that shows informality and negativity of language. Swear words usually connected with words that have a negative meaning and it is usually rude. They often used in certain situation. Swear words also included into nonstandard word. A study of swear words is dealing with studying words usually expressed in daily conversation. Hughes classification will be used to deal with the kinds of swear words classification. There are many kinds of swear words based on Hughes classification they are, swear words related to sex, swear words related to excrement, swear words related to name of animal, swear words related to personal background, swear words related to mental illness, swear words related to sexual activity, swear words related to taboo, religion, or oath, and the last one is swear words related to racism.

Taboo is a term which is considered as forbidden word. Taboo term is restricted in certain situation. The name of God, the Devil, death, damnation, disease, the varieties of excretion, and in some societies, being fired, being fat is included as a great range of taboo. In other words, people should not use taboo terms in a society. it is because a society must require appropriate language. Thus, taboo is terms that are forbidden to utter because they are not suitable with certain religion or custom in a society, and they also provoke violent reactions of shock, anger, and disgust. Swear words considered as taboo because they are forbidden, not suitable, or inappropriate to be said in public.

2.   RESEARCH METHOD

The data of this research are taken from a movie called The Wolf of Wall Street, it is a movie directed by Martin Scorsese and for the script is written by Terence Winter based on true story of Jordan Belfort. Jordan Belfort start his carrier as a stockbroker on long island, new York. He start it on a company called L.F Rosthschild, a big stockbroker company. Belfort become a jobless after the firm where he works experienced bankruptcy related to the black Monday where all the stock market crash on 1987. Later on, Jordan make a new firm with his friends, his company getting bigger day by day so does Jordan behavior from timid into arrogant who uses swear words in every chance he got.

In this article, the method that is used is descriptive method, because the research requires some description about the subject. The data for this research are from written materials and recording the movie.

In order to finish this research, there are several steps that is used. The first step is watching the movie two times, the second steps is read the movie script to make sure the dialogue which happened in the movie, the third steps is taking a note for the conversations which contains swear words in order to collect the compatible data. Classifying the swear words based on their kinds will be the fourth steps.

Hughes classification is used on this steps in order to classify all the data based on their kinds of swear words. The fifth is rechecking the chosen data to make sure that there is no mistake. The sixth and the last is preparing to analyze the data

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION.

3.1. THE KINDS OF SWEAR WORDS IN THE MOVIE ENTITLED THE WOLF OF WALL STREET

3.1.1. Swear Words Related to Sex

Sexual organ is a part of human's genital body which is include in a sexual reproduction. The swear words related to sex are **ass, prick, pussy** and etcetera. One of the swear words that refer to sex could be seen in the conversation as follows:

- ROBBIE : They strap a skateboard to him and throw him down an alley.
- RUGRAT : They're ornery, too, the little **pricks**. You gotta be careful.
- JORDAN : Get some tranq darts.
- DONNIE : A little straitjacket.
- JORDAN : What's the liability on something like this?

Based on anatomical meaning, **prick** essentially derives from a series of symbol of virility or maleness. Therefore, it is also classified as one of swear words related to sex because it still dealing with genital organ. From the derogatory term prick used to sum up the existence of a worthless people.

3.1.2. Swear Words Related to Excrement

Swear words from excrement are generally related to things which are assumed to be dirty, disgusting, and rude if they are said in the public. **Shit, turd, piss, and fart** are some varieties of swear words which are related to excrement and they thrive as words which are often used as an insult toward a person or a thing. The example for the conversation can be seen as follows:

- JORDAN : Enough of this **shit'll** make you invincible, able to conquer the world and eviscerate your enemies. He SNARFS up the line, gestures to the cocaine.
- JORDAN (CONT'D) : I'm not talking about this. I'm talking about this.

Shit is considered as vulgar and profane in modern English. Shit is a feces or people's garbage. Shit symbolizes as filth or dirty things. Shit itself has a meanings such as nonsense, foolishness, something of little value or quality, trivial and usually boastful or inaccurate talk, or a contemptible person or maybe to change the name of something. It may also be used as an expression of annoyance, surprise, or anger. Moreoever, shit can be used to change something's name

3.1.3. Swear Words Related to Name of Animal

Actually, the name of animals are not taboo at all. However, if they are purposely uttered or referred to the person, they may be considered as a swear words. The swear words in these forms are the animals which are categorized weal,

disgusting, beast and any other displeasure criteria. Those animals are like **cow, bitch, pig** and etcetera.

- DONNIE (CONT'D) : I'm just fucking with you, man. Jesus, the look on your face. (Brad isn't laughing) Hey, sorry if I got outta line the other day, I was just, that was the drugs talking...
- BRAD : S'cool, just... gimme the case.
- DONNIE : (he doesn't) You know, I always kinda regretted you didn't come to work with us at Stratton. It'd be so cool having you around, man.
- BRAD : (growing impatient) Yeah, well...
- DONNIE : You'd be one of us, we'd go out-partying together, you wouldn't have to dress like a mall rat guinea prison **bitch** all the time.

Bitch is categorized as one of the swear word related to name of animal because it is derived from the word mongrel which means a cowardly dog. It symbolizes as a female dog and used to indiscriminate. Bitch in the datum is regarded as an offense toward someone who is annoying. Because of the real meaning of **bitch** is mainly about a dog, as a result, **bitch** is classified as a swear word related to name of animal.

3.1.4. Swear Words Related to Personal Background

Swear words in this form are spoken by the speaker to a person who is considered to have a low status or profession. It means to insult, to degrade or to put down someone. The swear words which are related to personal background are **motherfucker, faggot, bastard,** and etcetera.

- Donnie nods, turns to go, but suddenly he turns back and thrusts his arm in the bowl, grabbing for the squirming goldfish. The Broker in a bowtie looks on, horrified.
- DONNIE(CONT'D) : On new issue day?! On cocksucking, **motherfucking** new issue day?!

Motherfucker is a common swear words related to the personal background. **Motherfucker** derived most popularly from a form of "Yo Momma Jokes". However, back to the 1300's motherfucker was considered the highest sin to sleep with ones own mother (even above murder). Motherfucker can mean precisely as it sounds, one who has sex with their own mother. **Motherfucker** is considered to be rude if we said it in public. Commonly, as we knows **motherfucker** is the highest sin above murdering. **Motherfucker** is also used constantly to denote someone is a moron, a back stabber, and any number of other completely unrelated meanings and one of them is for expressing the emotion from the speaker.

3.1.5. Swear Words Related to Sexual Activity

Fuck is the most powerful taboo term that symbolized as copulation. **Fuck** can be defined literary as an action when a couple making love. **Fuck** itself is not a swear words, but as a word that are not formal to say making love in the past but now **fuck** is also can be said as a swear words. **Fuck** is categorized as a swear word related to sexual activity. In the datum, **fuck** is uses to show the anger of the speaker. It has a high sense of offense. In the movie, Jordan said it in a proud tone that he can do anything despite his condition..

- JORDAN (V.O.) : Check this out -- despite my completely **fucked-up** state, I could fly straight while still seeing two of everything.

Basically **fucked-up** means something damaged, or someone confused, have disorder in physical, mentally, morally or asthetically, performance-wise, and theoretically. **Fucked-up** in easy way to define means something so awfull or disgusting or bad.

3.1.6. Swear Words Related to Taboo, Religion, or Oath

Swear words that is related to taboo or religion basically is a swear word that involve a religion or taboo in word when swearing and it is considered as a vulgar word. One of the swear words that related to religion is **Goddamn it.**

- JORDAN (V.O.) : We called him Mad Max because of his hair-trigger temper, which could be set off by something as innocuous as a ringing telephone.
- The phone RINGS.
- MAX : Who the hell has the goddamn gall to call this house on a Tuesday evening! **Goddamn it!**

Goddamn it is considers as a powerful swear words related to religion, because, it consist word "GOD" and followed by "Damn It" which means like cursing in the name of the God. It means to express frustration or anger, it usually uses on something that cannot work well.

3.1.7. Swear Words Related to Mental Illness

There are several swear words relate to something, and one of them is related to mental illness. Mental illness is a psychiatric or psychology disorder which affect someone behavior, and the cause of mental illness is the stress that build up for several time. This phenomenon is uses for swearing to degrade someone or to look down someone for example in this dialogue.

- AGENT DENHAM : You know, most of the Wall Street **jackasses** I bust, they were born to the life.

Jackass in general means a type of donkey. Swearing using **jackass** means that someone is stupid or idiot in a rude way. Since **jackass** is a type of animal that looks like a donkey to called someone **jackass** means that the someone is like the animal and it is considered rude or impolite. **Jackass** considered vulgar and cannot be said in a formal occasion, that is why **jackass** only used when someone doing something very stupid or cannot be comprehend. **Jackass** usually uses to degrade someone, to say someone has mental problem or not very clever to do something.

3.2. THE PURPOSES OF USING SWEAR WORDS

3.2.1. Expressing Anger

One of many expressions that can be shown by using a swear word is to express anger. Expressing anger is the most basic expressions which is common in society when people need to use swear words. People who are swearing with high tone to relieve their anger, to show that they are angry at someone or something. Whenever people get mad at someone or something they tend to utter swear words

whatever the condition or the situation they are, just like in this movie. There are several data that show swear words used to expressing anger based on the movie.

- JERRY FOGEL (PRE-LAP)   : You are lower than **fucking** pond scum.
- JERRY FOGEL   : You got a problem with that? (reads name tag) Jordan?
- JORDAN   : Nope. No problem at all.

From the datum it shows that jerry swears by using the swear words that related to sexual activity which is *fucking*, he uses it to express his anger or annoyed to Jordan. Lower than **Fucking** pond scum means that Jordan cannot be compared than a pond, his position is way lower than a pond. From this story, jerry is known as a senior for Jordan who just joins the company and Jerry looks at Jordan with annoyed eyes that is why jerry said that Jordan is lower than a fucking pond. Based on the situation, Jerry may feels jealous or getting annoyed by Jordan and feel that he (Jerry) is the senior and need to do something with him.

3.2.2.   Expressing Shock

People are swearing to make it better for themselves when they are shocked to relieve it and reduce the impact of shock that happens to them at that time. The common swear words that uses to express shock are Jesus Christ, Shit, Fuck, etc. There are some reasons for people to be shocked that are, when they win something, when they could not believe what they see, when there is something that make them shocked (something like jumpscare), or when there is something that cannot be described with words alone.

- JORDAN (V.O.)   : They called it Black Monday. By four p.m. the market was down 508 points, the biggest one-day drop since the crash of `29.
- 4 p.m. The closing bell RINGS; the entire place silent. Brokers look at each other, stunned.
- MARK HANNA   : Holy. **Fucking**. Shit.
- And as the Brokers start commiserating with each other...
- JORDAN (V.O.)   : L.F. Rothschild, a company that had been in business since 1883, closed its doors within a month

In this datum the word **fuck** is used to express shock when Mark Hanna know that his cooperation where he works is closed forever that is, one of the old companies since 1883 closed its doors within a month which make him shocked. To express his shock he even uses three kind of swear words that combined as one swear words when its said **Holy Fucking Shit** means that he is really shocked about it. **Holy Fucking Shit** is a combined word from **Holy, Fucking,** and **Shit**. They are combined to create an impact to show that it is not a weak resolution. Moreover, it is to show that his shock is genuine added by expressions that he has when the scene happens.

3.2.3.   Expressing Disappointment

People use swear words to express disappointment because of the sadness or displeasure from something or someone that they do not meet their expectation or what   they   hope   it   will   be.

- DONNIE : If you want a cracker or something - I'm gonna have some treats in my pocket. I want to be in a strip club with you guys. Literally pull out a brief case and have a little fuckin' guy pop out of there. You know how much fuckin' pussy you get?
- JORDAN : The point is get it out.
- DONNIE : Get the jokes out now. Get the **fuckin'** jokes out now.
- JORDAN : You're gonna fuck it up. Purge all this shit right now

From this datum, Donnie is disappointed with Jordan because Jordan cannot understand the jokes that he makes. Donnie is angry and disappointed because he tries to be funny, crack the situation and ask Jordan to go to strip club with the little guy which is actually a gnome (a human in a small size) to hide inside a brief case and when they are inside the little guy pop out from the briefcase. Jordan cannot understand the true intention of Donnie and think that Donnie will do that. Because of that reason, Donnie gets disappointed and frustrated. That is why he uses **fuckin'** to express his disappointment.

3.2.4. **Expressing Excitement**

Commonly, excitement is a feeling of happiness about something unexpected that come and pleasure the people who feel it. Some people express it by crying, laughing, even by swearing. Some people swearing when they are excited, they express their excitement by swearing. There are several data in this movie that showing someone excitement by swearing.

- MARK HANNA : Don't mind Jerry, his father raped him as a child. Besides, I'm senior broker here, he's a worthless piker. I heard you pitched stock at your job interview.
- JORDAN : Had to do something to stand out.
- MARK HANNA : I **fuckin'** love that! Let's grab lunch later. Windows good with you?
- JORDAN : Great. Yeah

In this datum, mark shows his excitement by saying **fuckin'** love that, it means that he loves the way Jordan do something to stand out by pitching stock at Jordan's interview and get excited over it, because Mark cannot believe that he meets someone do something extraordinary to stand out in the interview by doing that. By saying **fuckin'** Mark shows his excitement not by facial expressions such as crying, smiling, laughing but by swearing. Mark swears to show his excitement and adds by his facial expressions when Jordan says his reason, Mark feels pleasure over Jordan unexpected answer.

3.2.5. **Expressing Happiness**

Happiness is a feeling when someone in a good mood or they feel light. There is no sadness or crying. It is when laugh and smile all around. Someone feels happy when things go as they hope for and nothing wrongs happened. It is a pleasure feeling for people who feel it. Happiness is usually expressed by smiling or laughing.

However, sometimes they express it by swearing when they feel satisfied with something. There are several data that show happiness by swearing in this movie.

- DONNIE : You now, take a hit!
- Jordan takes a deep hit and holds it. A beat, then:
- JORDAN : Omigod, I **fuckin'** love you!!
- JORDAN (V.O.) : I knew I had to make him my partner

In this datum, Jordan shows his happiness and gratefulness that he can meet Donnie and make Donnie as his friend. When Donnie gets high his face shows some bizarre expressions like the phantom of the Opera. Jordan uses **Fuckin'** to show Donnie how much Jordan loves him, like a brother and bestfriend for Jordan. Jordan is happy because he meets Donnie, he can feel something new. He feels something that he never experienced before, that what makes him happy that he meets Donnie.

3.2.6. Expressing Seriousness

Sometimes, swear words is necessary for some people when they want to express that someone is serious with you. It is like someone says that he or she is not joking at this time, so you need to be in a condition to talk. There are some serious talk using swear words in this movie, one of them is

- MARK HANNA : OK, first rule of Wall Street. Nobody -- and I don't care if you're Warren Buffet or Jimmy Buffet -- nobody knows if a stock's going up, down or **fucking** sideways, least of all stock brokers. But we have to pretend we know. Make sure you stay relaxed. Nobody wants to buy something from someone who sound like they haven't gotten laid in a month. Take breaks when you feel stressed, jerk off if you can. You like jerking off, right?
- JORDAN : Well... sure.

In this datum, Mark tries to tell Jordan that no one knows the flow of the stocks so, the only thing that he can do is to pretend that he knows it. Mark wants Jordan to get laid so people will believe him, because people will not buy something from someone who sounds like they have not gotten laid in a month. The word **fucking** itself shows that Mark or anyone else do not know where the stocks will flow. It is either going up, down, or even sideways, no one knows and usually stocks flows is up and down, sideways means sarcasm that something is impossible to be happened in this case. So **fucking** sideways means that he is serious that something impossible can be happened because no one knows what happened to the stocks market.

3.2.7. Expressing Confusions

Usually people get confused when they hear something new for them. They get confused because they do not know what they talk about or in what kind situation they are. People easily get confused when they do not know what the other discuss about. Usually it is happens because they are not interested at the topic or they cannot understand what happened at that time. This state can be shown by swearing when asking someone, the example for this can be seen at this datum

- NAOMI : Wake up, you bag of shit!

- Soaking wet, Jordan sits upright to see Naomi standing over him in a tiny pink chemise, holding an empty glass.
- JORDAN   : The **fuck** are you doing?!
- NAOMI   : Who's Venice?
- JORDAN   : What?!
- NAOMI   : Who is she?! Some little hooker you fucked last night?
- JORDAN   : What? No! Naomi!

In this datum, Jordan shows his confusion by swearing and asking on the same time, he asks Naomi about what is she doing using swear words and becomes **The Fuck are you doing?** The actual meaning is what are you doing but he adds **fuck** to show that he is really confused by Naomi behavior toward him as he do not understand it. In the datum, Jordan abbreviates and erases the word what so it becomes shorter.

3.2.8. **Expressing Proudness**

Proud is a feeling of satisfaction about some achievement that no one else cannot get or feel satisfactory because of something that make one feels superior than other. Proud is not always about feeling. Proud also can be uttered with words for example I can do this easily, it is better than his. The words that are used to express proudness is not always formal, but also informal as swear words. People usually swears to show his proud toward his achievement, they swearing and bragging to other or boasting about their achievement that other cannot achieve. Swear words also can be used to express proudness.

- JORDAN (V.O.) : Of course I couldn't have done this without help. I'd leaked the word on Wall Street that Stratton was a buyer up until twenty. So not only were we pushing Madden, all the big firms were too.
- We continue PANNING the frenzied Brokers..
- JORDAN (V.O.) : As long as they knew I'd buy the shares back at the top of the market, they'd drive the price up as high as I **fucking** wanted.

In this datum, Jordan knows that he helds the keys, he can do anything to the market price and he is proud of it. Jordan knows that he can play the price of the market and sell it again to other so he can make sure that he will get the benefits. Jordan use **Fucking** to express his proudness that he can drive the price up as high as he wants and no one can change it that is the reason why he feels proud.

4. **CONCLUSION**

The conclusion that can be reached from this research are there are many kinds of swear words, the first is swear words related to sex, the second is swear words related to excrement, the third is swear words related to name of animal, the fourth is swear words related to personal background, the fifth is swear words related to sexual activity, the sixth is swear words related to taboo, religion, or oath, the seventh is swear words related to mental illness. Moreover, there are many purposes as why people using swear words such as expressing anger, expressing shock, expressing disappointment, expressing excitement, expressing happiness, expressing seriousness, expressing confusions, and expressing proudness.

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