



# **TABOO WORDS IN CARDI B TWITTER POSTS**

## **AN UNDERGRADUATE THESIS**

Present to Widya Kartika University Surabaya in Partial Fulfilment of the  
Requirements for the Degree of Sarjana Sastra

**By:**

**Gabriella Kwardojo**

**614.19.009**

**ADVISOR:**

**Dr. Eka Fadilah, S.S., M.Pd**

NIP. 61203810966

**Yulius Kurniawan. S.Pd., M.Pd**

NIP. 007/07.78/01.10/910

**ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**FACULTY OF LETTER AND LANGUAGE**

**EDUCATION UNIVERSITY WIDYA KARTIKA**

**SURABAYA**

**2024**

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Praise God Almighty, for the presence of plenty of mercy and his grace, so that the researcher can complete the thesis with the title: Taboo Words in Cardi B Twitter Post. This is to meet one of the conditions and complete studies in order to obtain a Bachelor of Education Degree Course at the English Department at Widya Kartika University. In addition, I would also like to express my gratitude to those who surrounded me and helped me in completing this thesis:

1. I am grateful to my parents who have supported me throughout the study process, may God always bless my parents.
2. I am grateful to all of the English Department lecturers who have helped me during this entire process. In particular, my first advisor, Mr. Dr. Eka Fadilah, S.S., M.Pd., and my second advisor, Mr. Yulius Kurniawan, S.Pd., M.Pd., have been sincere and patient in helping me finish my thesis.
3. I would also like to thank my friends from my class, ED19 and from the ED21 class who have helped me a lot in completing all my studies until the end in this university.

I cannot mention all the people who have helped me so far one by one, I thank you very much. God always brings people who have been good to me until the end of my study at Widya Kartika University. My thesis is far from perfect, therefore, if there are mistakes in words or meaning, you can criticize and give suggestions to improve this thesis to be better, and I hope that by reading this thesis people can increase their insight and knowledge.

Surabaya, 24 January 2024



Gabriella Kwardojo

## ABSTRACT

Gabriella, (2024) Taboo Words in Cardi B Twitter Posts. S1. Thesis. English Department. Widya Kartika University. Surabaya. Advisor I: Mr. Dr. Eka Fadilah, S.S., M.Pd.; Advisor II: Yulius Kurniawan, S.Pd., M.Pd.

Taboo language, also known as ‘free speech’, is one way of people expressing their disapproval of certain kinds of behaviour believed to be harmful, either for supernatural reasons or violation of Taboo Words (Wardhaugh 2006). There are many harsh words in this research which will be examined to find out what types and functions are contained in posts by the famous artist Cardi B. This descriptive study employs a qualitative methodology. Because it results in facts and phenomena that are simple to explain and allows for the development of new hypotheses that are consistent with the model. The researcher looks up context-relevant words relating to societal issues and analyzes the type and functions of prohibited words used in Cardi B's posts. Using Wardaugh (1986) and Jay's (1996), the researcher has access to about 20 Taboo words that can be combined and interpreted to have a variety of type and functions. The types found by researchers were sex, body parts, racism, and LGBT, while for functions the categories Vulgar language, Obscenity, Sexual harassment, and name-calling and insult the researcher found from Cardi B twitter posts.

Keywords: Sociolinguistic, Social Context, Taboo Words.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

.....	i
.....	i
ACKNOWLEDGMENT .....	i
ABSTRACT .....	ii
CHAPTER I.....	1
INTRODUCTION.....	1
1.1 Background of the Study .....	1
1.2 Statement of the Problems .....	4
1.3 Purpose of the Study .....	4
1.4 Significance of the Study .....	4
1.5 Scope Limitation.....	5
1.6 Definition of Key Term .....	5
1.7 Theoretical Framework.....	5
CHAPTER II .....	7
LITERATURE REVIEWS.....	7
2.1 Sociolinguistics.....	7
2.2 Taboo Words.....	8
2.2.1 Type of Taboo Words.....	10
2.2.2 Taboo Words Principal Functions .....	11
2.3 Previous Studies.....	19
CHAPTER III.....	22
RESEARCH METHOD .....	22
3.1 Research Design .....	22

3.2	Source of Data .....	22
3.3	Data Collection .....	23
3.4	Data Analysis .....	23
CHAPTER IV .....		24
FINDING AND DISCUSSIONS .....		24
4.1	Types of Taboo Words in Cardi B Twitter Post .....	24
4.1.1	Types of Sex Taboo Words in Cardi B Twitter Post.....	24
4.1.2	Type of Body Parts Taboo Words in Cardi B Twitter Post.....	30
4.1.3	Type of Racism Taboo Words in Cardi B Twitter Post .....	32
4.1.4	Type of LGBT Taboo Words in Cardi B Twitter Post.....	34
4.2	Functions of English Taboo Words Used by Cardi B .....	35
4.2.1	Functions Categories Vulgar Language of Taboo Words .....	35
4.2.2	Functions Categories Sexual Harassment of Taboo Words .....	38
4.2.3	Functions Categories Obscenity of Taboo Words.....	39
4.2.4	Functions Categories Name-calling and Insult of Taboo Words .....	42
CHAPTER V .....		46
CONCLUSION .....		46
REFERENCE .....		47