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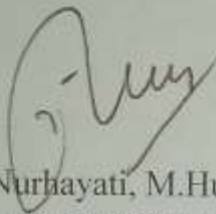
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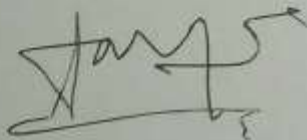
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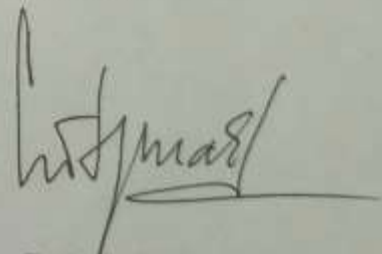
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## ABSTRAK

Serial televisi *Orange is the New Black* merupakan serial televisi yang memiliki latar belakang kehidupan di lingkungan penjara. Serial televisi ini menarik untuk diteliti karena dengan latar belakang tersebut tentu disfemisme dapat sering ditemukan. Penulisan skripsi ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis fungsi dan tipe dari disfemisme yang ditemukan dalam serial televisi “Orange is the New Black” dengan menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif. Untuk menganalisis fungsi dari disfemisme, penulis menggunakan teori dari Allan & Burridge (2006). Selain itu, penulis juga menggunakan pendekatan semantik dengan terlebih dahulu menjabarkan makna dari disfemisme secara leksikal dan kontekstual beserta dengan contoh penggunaannya dalam konteks. Penulis menggunakan analisis komponen makna untuk mengetahui tipe disfemisme yang didasarkan pada teori Allan & Burridge serta teori Rawson. Penulis menemukan 85 variasi disfemisme yang dikategorikan ke dalam 7 fungsi yang berbeda. Secara keseluruhan tipe disfemisme yang paling banyak ditemukan adalah tipe *general* dan *obscenity*.

Kata kunci : Disfemisme, Semantik, Serial televisi.

# **CHAPTER 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background of the Study**

Normally people would refine their words to say something taboo or something considered inappropriate, they prefer to use euphemism in order to avoid conflict. On the other hand, there are also some people who would say inappropriate things straightforwardly. This expression is called dysphemism. Usually dysphemism is used to condescend or express disapprobation about one's opponent or things. Allan and Burridge (1991:26) imply that dysphemism is an expression with offensive connotations either about the denotatum or the audience or both and a substitution for a neutral expression. Dysphemism is one of figures of speech that can be found in our daily conversation or in various aspects or entertainment media such as books, radio streaming, television program, and so on. Among those media, television program has become favorite entertainment for a lot of people, whether it watched directly from television devices or by online streaming. Various language phenomena can be found in television program, even the use of dysphemistic expression can be found in it.

Many entertainment companies have offered various television programs. One of the most popular entertainment companies is Netflix. It is American based entertainment company that produces web films and television series which the subscribers spread all over the world. Different programs were provided by

Netflix, yet there is one television series that became popular and became the most-watched television series produced by Netflix. It is “Orange is the New Black”.

“Orange is the New Black” TV Series or commonly abbreviated to OITNB, now has 5 seasons since 2013 which each seasons consist of 13 episodes. OITNB is rated 8.2 out of 10 by IMDb (Internet Movie Database) that is a popular online database of information related to films, television programs, and other kind of entertainments. It also has 91% ratings of Rotten Tomatoes, a trusted review aggregation or quality measurement of movies and television. This television series conveys a story about a woman who sentenced to be in women’s federal prison. It is produced based on a memoir written by Piper Kerman in 2010 titled ‘Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women’s Prison’. Since it was highly rated television series and has an attractive story line, it becomes interesting for me to conduct a study by making this television series an object of my study.

Most of the dialogues showed in OITNB tend to be rude and harsh. It indicates that the characters in this television series are using dysphemism in most of their dialogues. The rough life in prison become a background and a reason why most of the dialogues containing dysphemism. Moreover, it is obvious that juveniles are mostly lack in education since they were not taught how to use the language properly. Eventually, it arouses my curiosity and interest to investigate deeper about the dysphemism used in ‘Orange is The New Black’ TV Series. Since there are a lot of dysphemisms found in this TV series, it would be convenient to analyze the type and the function of dysphemism. The function of

dysphemism also interesting to investigate so that we could understand what stimulate someone utters such an inappropriate word and what is the speaker's intention by expressing dysphemism.

## **1.2 Scope of the Study**

It is necessary to convey the limitation of the research. This research is focused on dysphemisms that occur in the dialogue in *Orange is the New Black* television series. Although there are many language phenomena occurred in this television series, only the utterances which contain dysphemism will be observed and analyzed based on the theory provided. This study is not linked to sociolinguistics because the analysis will be made in this research is only based on semantics theory.

## **1.3 Research Questions**

1.3.1 What is the function of dysphemism used in 'Orange is the New Black' television series?

1.3.2 What types of dysphemism are used in "Orange is the New Black" television series?

## **1.4 Objectives of the Study**

1.4.1 To investigate the function of dysphemism in "Orange is the New Black" television series.

1.4.2 To analyze the type of dysphemism used in “Orange is the New Black” television series.

## **1.5 Previous Study**

The study on dysphemism is not new. I found five previous research investigating the same subject as this research. The first study found is entitled *Metaphor in Using and Understanding Euphemism and Dysphemism* (Pfaff, et al, 1997). The researchers in this study conducting 6 experiments to examine the role of metaphorical knowledge in people's use and understanding of euphemisms and dysphemisms. The findings from the experiments showed that people's concept of metaphorical in a certain topic can affect the appropriate use and processing time of euphemistic and dysphemistic expressions.

The next research done by Mohammed (2011) concerns the translation of dysphemistic expression in a literature work entitled Othello. Different from Pfaff's research, some literature works are used by the writer in this research as the object of the study to see how the translators of those literature works translate dysphemistic expression from SL to the TL. In addition, this study also examines how dysphemism is used in language and also the areas in which it could be found. As a result, it is found that the expressions of dysphemism are abundant in literature works, especially about sex and insulting expressions. Furthermore, the findings showed that semantic translation method is more appropriate than communicative translation in rendering dysphemistic particularly from SL to TL.

If the previous research mentioned before investigating euphemism and dysphemism specifically, the study conducted by Duda (2011) observing the boundary between the euphemism and dysphemism. He wrote the article entitled *Euphemisms and Dysphemisms: In Search of A Boundary Line*. This study is aimed to explore the tremendously thin boundary line between the two concepts, as well as to provide examples of both. Many cases of euphemism and dysphemism from various historical epochs were given and discussed in this paper. It is found that the boundary line between the processes of euphemisation and dysphemisation is not always obscure, sometimes euphemism can be dysphemism and vice versa. Ultimately, the study points out that euphemism tend to reveal politeness or respect while dysphemism serve to depreciate a painful conception or taboo objects.

The article written by Dhika (2013) shared the same topic with this study by taking a movie as an object of investigation. It is entitled *Dysphemism in the Movie Remember Me*. This research identifies the type of euphemism and dysphemism in the movie and explains the exact meaning of them. This research used qualitative methods. The researcher of this study found that the types of euphemism used in *Remember Me* movie are Semantic Innovation (Compounding) euphemism, Semantic Innovation (Reversal) euphemism, Semantic Innovation (Implication) euphemism, Semantic Innovation (Overstatement) euphemism, Semantic Innovation (Understatement), Semantic Innovation (Acronyms) euphemism, and Dysphemistic Euphemism. Then the dysphemism type used are Dysphemistic Epithets on Real Physical Characteristic,



Terms of Insult or Disrespect, Comparison People with Animal, Taboo Terms used as Insult, Epithets and Expletives, Profane Swearing and Profane Oaths, Dysphemism Function as Insult and Euphemistic Dysphemism.

Similar with Dhika's research topic, Ruiz (2013) in her article entitled *Euphemistic and Dysphemistic Language in Fifty Shades of Grey Trilogy* took different focus. He used the appraisal method by Taboada and Grieve to categorize euphemism, dysphemism and x-phemism. The result pointed out that there are substantial differences between the language employed by the male and female character. In his research it is found that the male character usually uses direct and clear language even if it involves dysphemism while the female character is more self-restrained about taboos and that is why she normally inclines to quasidysphemism instead of direct dysphemism.

The study which will be conducted has the similar topic with the previous studies mentioned above. Of course there are some differences that distinct this research from those previous researches. If the studies mentioned before deal with the topics around dysphemistic translation, also euphemism and dysphemism analysis in certain fields, the study that will be conducted here has different focus. The writer will focus only on dysphemism without comparing or making research along with euphemism. The data that will be analyzed also distinct this research from the preceding research. There will be more examples of dysphemisms presented. This research also will be more complete and detail in observing dysphemism than the previous research because the function and the type will be investigated thoroughly.

## **1.6 Significance of the Study**

Theoretically, this research can be useful to develop the theory of dysphemism since there were only a few theories about dysphemism. Also, the componential analysis of the dysphemism in this research can be used for further research.

Practically, we could know various types of dysphemism and those can be references to create some entertainment works such as novel, cartoon, movies and etcetera by using it to give some emphasis in certain dialogue. Moreover to give impression that is needed by the creator of the entertainment works.

## **1.7 Writing Organization**

Five chapters will be composed in this study and they will be arranged as the following:

- **Chapter 1 : Introduction**

It contains the background of the study, scope of the study, research questions, objectives of the study, previous study, significance of the study, and writing organization.

- **Chapter 2 : Theoretical Framework**

It explains the theory used by the researcher to analyze the data which consist of semantics, literal and contextual meaning, dysphemism, type of dysphemism, and componential meaning analysis.

- **Chapter 3 : Research Method**

It deals with type of research, data, population, sample, and data source. Also it includes method of collecting data and method of analyzing data.

- **Chapter 4 : Data Analysis**

It elaborates research findings and the analysis of the data based on the type and function of dysphemism.

- **Chapter 5 : Conclusion**

It summarizes the study and provides recommendation.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK**

Theories which are relevant to the study of dysphemism and the investigated data will be explained in this chapter. Those theories are literal meaning, contextual meaning, dysphemism, type of dysphemism and componential meaning analysis.

#### **2.1 Literal Meaning**

The meaning has two basic of types. One of it is the actual meaning which based on the dictionary called literal meaning. According to Searle (1968:149) literal sentence meaning is the linguistic propositional meaning of a sentence, as opposed to intended speaker meaning which is identified with what the speaker says in uttering the sentence. Literal meaning and sentence meaning is kind of similar. In addition, Searle states that what the speaker literally says called sentence meaning. Meanwhile, Lyons (1977:643) describes sentence meaning as the meaning which is linked to the grammatical and lexical structure of a sentence. Katz (1977) also gives contribution in defining the literal meaning. He said that the literal meaning of a sentence is determined by the meanings of its component words and its structure.

Furthermore, literal meaning included in surface structure based on Palmer's theory (1981:38). Palmer proposes that the surface structure and deep structure are 2 basic classifications influenced the meaning of words or sentences

spoken. Surface structure itself deals with the actual meaning or literal meaning, which is grammatically and lexically related.

## **2.2 Contextual Meaning**

The other basic type of meaning is contextual meaning. It is the meaning based on the situation or the context around. Contextual meaning is similar with the theory of utterance meaning proposed by Lyons (1977:643). He states that utterance meaning is kind of meaning included the secondary features which one of them is context.

If the literal meaning is in the surface structure, contextual meaning includes in deep structure. Deep structure is more abstract structure that influences the meaning, such as paralinguistic features of language (intonation, stress, rhythm, loudness, etc.), important and contrastive indicator, speech acts, metaphor, presupposition, and variety of social relations (Palmer, 1981:39-40).

## **2.3 Dysphemism**

The term dysphemism derived from the Greek; *dys* which means “non” or “miss” and *pheme* which means “speech” or “reputations”.

Dysphemism is an expression with offensive connotations or pejorative traits in form of words or phrases which address to a certain person or a group of people (Allan and Burrige, 2006:31). Similar with the theory of Allan and Burrige, Spears (1981:27) describes that dysphemism is word that have unpleasant or taboo connotations. Usually taboo involves offenses toward religious world but the term also often used for any forbidden thing in society. Furthermore,

Spears explains that taboo is in line with profanity, curses, oaths, discussions of sexual matters, and the terms of excrement, prostitution, death, homosexuality, and disabilities.

On the other hand, Cuddon (1991:246) defines dysphemism as the opposite of euphemism which emphasize defects or shame. It is written that ‘a filthy dirty face’ is one of the examples of dysphemism, so that the definition given by Cuddon is closely related to blasphemy.

A word or phrase can be considered as dysphemism or bad words by examining the context of the words, the meaning of the words which dynamically changes and the way the word is conveyed (Rawson, 1989:3). For instance, there are words that are acceptable in informal situation but should be expelled in formal situation.

Allan and Burridge in Mohammed (2011:40) also explain that dysphemism can be used in particular situation as the following:

1. When one talks about one’s opponent.
2. When talking about things one wishes to show disapproval of these things.
3. When talking about things one wishes to be seen to downgrade.
4. It characterizes policy when groups and cliques talk about their opponents.
5. It is used when woman speak about men.
6. When larrikins and macho speak of women and effete behavior.

I used the theory above as a reference in determining the function of dysphemism.

#### **2.4 Type of Dysphemism**

Allan and Burridge in Mohammed (2011:38) state two types of dysphemism as follow:

- a. Conventional Dysphemism: a dysphemism used as reference to a taboo topic whether in a polite way or even in an impolite way. It deals more with social norms and politeness more than the feeling of the speakers. For instance, “fuck” versus “getting laid”.
- b. General Dysphemism: the type of dysphemism used to describe a thing, occurrence or situation. General dysphemism indicates a word or phrase which regards to the matters above. It is almost similar with metaphors. For example the word “bitch” compared with the term “irritating woman”.

Supporting the theory from Allan and Burridge, Rawson (1989:5) implies that there are 3 types of “bad” words. Although he did not mention the dysphemism in his book, his theory is related to dysphemism. It can be seen from the explanation and examples given in the book.

- a. Profanity: offensive words used to revile religious belief usually in terms of their origin and definition. Besides, profanity often used for swearing also. e.g. “Goddamn”, “Jesus Christ on a motorbike”, etc.

- b. Obscenity: reviles the part of the body which related to pornography and scatology. For instance the use of “cock”, “whore”, and another word with sexual or scatology sense.
- c. Insult: usually reviles ethnicity, nationality, religion, any sexual matters, political persuasion, mental disabilities, or physical peculiarities of other individual. Insult dysphemism divided into 5 classifications as follow.

- Animal (Epithets)

The purpose of this animal insult is to give a denial to the humanity of the target. Animal insult is also known as epithets. The usage can be in general and in particular. For example in general term, animal insult usually used such as “beast”, “brutal”, or even “animal” itself. In addition, the particular use of animal insult is “pig”, “monkey”, “gorilla”, “skunk”, and many others.

- Anatomy (Synecdoche)

This type of insult is used when a part of something represents the whole thing. It is also called as synecdoche. Most of the usage employ a human body part, either woman or man. For instance, the use of the word “cunt”, “twat”, and “snatch” are used to depict both woman and her vital organ. The word “cock” and “dickhead” are used to represent man and their vital organ.

- Foods

Food name often used to convey implicit purpose. For instance “oreo” is used to depict black people who act like they are white. The other



example are the words “cookie”, “sugar”, “cutie pie”, “tomato” which labeled into woman as if they were edible object. There is also the word “lemons” used to represents bad cars.

- Names and nicknames

In general, individual names frequently used for the entire group of people as a way of addressing individual whose real names does not known or not worth to know. This is such a derogatory used to degrade a person. E.g. the “Judas” name is embedded to someone whose behavior is as bad as the character Judas in the Bible story. Another usage is in the name used when one’s name has familiar form of some offensive word which has humiliating connotations. For instance, Dorothy was called doll (also indicate that she is such a play thing) and Bridget was called biddy.

- Occupations

Bad words addressed to any occupation indicated that there still a traditional underestimate given by society to them and their practitioner. For instance, agricultural laborers and small farmers are always been degraded called by apple knockers, clodhoppers, goober grabbers, nesters, etcetera.

As there are two theories of type of dysphemism, I choose Rawson’s theory to classify the data. I prefer Rawson’s theory because it is more specific than Allan and Burridge’s theory.

## 2.5 Componential Meaning Analysis

The meaning of the words and phrases lies on componential analysis. Componential analysis itself is the analysis of every lexeme based on a pack of more generic components of sense or commonly called semantic features (Lyons, 1977:319). This analysis facilitates us to see the whole meaning of a word through several distinct elements or components of meaning (Palmer, 1981:108). Therefore, componential meaning analysis is helpful to determine the type of dysphemism in this study because of those elements or components.

Components or features are the essential elements in componential meaning analysis. They assist us to index the meaning of words, distinguish various meanings of words, and help us to examine relationships between similar words (Hatch and Brown, 1995:14). For example, here is given a list of words: Lady Macbeth, Ophelia, Hamlet, Lear, Lady Diana. From that list of words it can be seen all of those name are the characters in Shakespeare's play but one, Lady Diana. It can be concluded that Lady Diana is not a suitable component because it is not sharing the same [+Shakespearean character] feature/component.

The components can be easily recognized where words can be settled in a diagrammatic form to depict some kind of proportional relationship. A specific characteristic of componential analysis is that it treats the components as a 'binary' opposite. For instance, a components such as [male] versus [female], [animate] versus [inanimate], [adult] versus [non-adult], and etcetera (Palmer, 1981:109-111). In expressing the components or features, the notation/sign [+] and [-] are used. Below is the example of componential analysis.

Woman : [+human] [+female] [+adult]

Boy : [+human] [-female] [-adult]

There are some steps to do the componential analysis of a word according to Parera (1991:124).

1. Choose some words considered semantically related
2. Find several analogies from the words chosen
3. Distinguish the component of meaning according to the analogies found.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **RESEARCH METHOD**

According to Creswell (2003:3) a general framework or methodology should be adopted to provide guidance about all aspects of the study. He also stated that an extant framework also allows researchers to lodge their plans in ideas well grouped in the literature and recognized by audiences that read and support proposals for research. On the other hand, Sudaryanto (1993:9) said that method is a way that should be done while technique is the way to do the method. This chapter includes some methods applied to analyze dysphemism occurred in “Orange is The New Black” television series.

#### **3.1 Type of Research**

A qualitative quantitative approach is applied in this research. Qualitative research deals with the data in the form of words, not numeric (Creswell, 2014:183). Therefore, qualitative approach is suitable to conduct this research. In addition, the writer here often claimed the knowledge based on constructivist perspectives and showed the data with the main purpose of increasing the understanding and developing themes from the data collected. I also used the quantitative approach in serving the data to make the data easier to read.

This research also used a descriptive method which is used to identify and classify the elements or characteristic of the subject. Since the aim of this research

is to identify the function and the type of dysphemism is used in the “Orange is The New Black” television series, it is the right choice to use the descriptive approach.

### **3.2 Data, Population, Samples, and Sampling Technique**

The data for this research are collected from a popular television series entitled “Orange is the New Black”. The primary data of this research is the dysphemism that found in the dialogue of the characters and the secondary data are where the dysphemisms occurred. Both the primary data and secondary data are used equally to analyze the functions and the types of dysphemism.

The data population of this research is “Orange is The New Black” season 1 which consists of 13 episodes. As the data, there are dysphemism utterances that occur in the dialogue among the characters in the television series. Specifically, the data selected are dysphemism in the form of words and compounding words.

The writer used Purposive Sampling Technique in collecting the data. The dialogues from 13 episodes of “Orange is The New Black” related to the objectives of the research in which containing dysphemism are selected. This television series can be found in Netflix, by using internet streaming.

### **3.3 Method of Collecting Data**

The script of the “Orange is the New Black” television series become the data of the research. The researcher gathered the authentic script from the subtitle of the television series. Then the researcher recheck the scripts she found by

watching the television series. Hence this is called a *simak method*. The methods of *simak bebas libat cakap* also applied to collect the data because the researcher only listens to the dialogue on the television series and not involved in the conversation, the researcher only an observer. Then, to gather the dysphemism data from the dialogue, the researcher is using *catat* technique. Those methods or techniques in collecting the data are suitable for this research to reach the purpose of the study.

### **3.4 Method of Analyzing Data**

The researcher applied identity method to analyze the data, since the indicator device of the research is excluded from the language and not a part of the certain language. In addition, descriptive analysis method and referential identity methods used to analyze the dysphemism contained in Orange is the New Black television series.

These are the steps to analyze the data:

- a. Finding the utterances that contain dysphemism in the dialogue.
- b. Finding in what kind of situation dysphemism is usually used.
- c. Explaining the function of dysphemism used in the dialogue, what are they tend to refer or express.
- d. Identifying the types of dysphemism found in the dialogue.
- e. Drawing the conclusion based on the analysis.

## CHAPTER 4

### DATA ANALAYSIS

This chapter contains the result of the analysis of “Orange Is the New Black” television series. There are 85 dysphemisms that can be classified into 7 functions as can be seen in the following table.

**Table 1. The Function of Dysphemism found in “Orange is The New Black”  
TV Series.**

<b>No.</b>	<b>The Function of Dysphemism</b>	<b>Data Variation</b>
1	To humiliate others	47
2	To characterize an identity of a group	18
3	To emphasize something or some condition	5
4	To show anger	5
5	To state and represent a very bad thing or condition	5
6	To show closeness in friendship	3
7	To show astonishment or amazement	2
Total		85

The meaning of dysphemisms also explained based on the context where the words are delivered and compared with the meaning in the dictionary. From those meaning analysis, the function of dysphemism can be presented. To analyze the types of dysphemism, I used the theory of componential analysis. The focus here

is the words and compounding words of dysphemism spoken by the characters in the “Orange Is the New Black” television series.

#### 4.1 Dysphemism Used to Humiliate Others

There are many reasons behind one’s humiliating others, one of which is self-protection. People act as if they were superior by humiliating others. It also could be a satisfaction for someone to see the others be downgraded because they are basically being mean. In the “Orange is the New Black” television series, dysphemism used to humiliate others has the highest rate of occurrence. This can be concluded that humiliating someone has been a behavior in this television series. There are 47 data variations of dysphemism, as can be seen in the following table.

**Table 2. Dysphemism used to Humiliate Others**

No.	Dysphemism	Type of Dysphemism			Frequency of Occurrences	Percentage
		Profanity	Obscenity	Insult		
1	Bitch		√		52	26.13%
2	Shit		√		51	25.63%
3	Motherfucker		√		17	8.54%
4	Asshole		√		8	4.02%
5	Retard			√	7	3.52%
6	Dick		√		5	2.51%
7	Cunt		√		5	2.51%
8	Meth-head			√	4	2.01%
9	Cracker			√	3	1.51%
10	Horse’s ass		√		3	1.51%



11	Dumb			√	2	1,005%
12	Evil			√	2	1,005%
13	Bat-shit		√		2	1,005%
14	Slut		√		2	1,005%
15	Dumbass		√		2	1,005%
16	Faggot		√		2	1,005%
17	Hoe		√		2	1,005%
18	Swiss roll			√	1	0.5%
19	Busted-ass		√		1	0.5%
20	Idiot			√	1	0.5%
21	Lame-ass			√	1	0.5%
22	Witch			√	1	0.5%
23	Trash-ass			√	1	0.5%
24	Fucker		√		1	0.5%
25	Douche bag			√	1	0.5%
26	Skank			√	1	0.5%
27	Mook			√	1	0.5%
28	Bum			√	1	0.5%
29	Junky			√	1	0.5%
30	Pigsty			√	1	0.5%
31	Bobos			√	1	0.5%
32	Turd-bags			√	1	0.5%
33	Sicko			√	1	0.5%
34	Hick			√	1	0.5%
35	Brats			√	1	0.5%
36	Dyke		√		1	0.5%
37	Fags		√		1	0.5%
38	Fucknut		√		1	0.5%
39	Hippy-dippy			√	1	0.5%
40	Sasquatch			√	1	0.5%
41	Freaky			√	1	0.5%
42	Scumbag			√	1	0.5%
43	Devil			√	1	0.5%
44	Schmuck			√	1	0.5%
45	Hillbilly			√	1	0.5%
46	Tweak head			√	1	0.5%
47	Chick			√	1	0.5%
<b>Total</b>					199	100%

Based on the table, there are 199 dysphemisms used to humiliate others. The use of the word “bitch” has the highest frequency, which is 26,3%. There is no profanity type of dysphemism in this function, there are only obscenity and insult type. However, the type of dysphemism most found in this section is the insult type. It is obvious that there are a lot of dysphemism with insult type because the data above are the dysphemism used to humiliate someone or something. These insult dysphemisms can be categorized into food insulting, anatomy insulting, or even occupancies insulting.

### **Bitch**

The use of the word “bitch” to humiliate others occurred a lot in this television series. There are 52 data of it. The literal meaning of the word bitch based on the dictionary is presented below.

- Literal meaning : 1. female dog; 2. an offensive way of referring to a woman, especially an unpleasant one; 3. a thing that causes problems or difficulties; 4. a complaint about somebody/something or a conversation in which you complain about them.

The Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary provides four different definitions of the word bitch. From all the data I found, the word bitch never used by the characters to refer to a female dog, a thing that causes problems or difficulties, or to make a complaint about somebody/something or a conversation. The words “bitch” used in this television series imply an offensive way of

referring to a woman, especially an unpleasant one. Therefore it is considered as dysphemism.

In determining the function of dysphemism, we can look at the contextual meaning. The contextual meaning can be known from the context which is the conversation happened among the characters. Here is the word usage example of the word bitch.

- (1) Pennsatucky : Hey! Y'all done having fun?  
Vause : We're just getting started, bitch.
- (2) Vause : What the fuck? What the hell are you doing?  
Pennsatucky : Who, me? I'm just getting started, bitch.

In example (1), the conversation happened in the laundry room when Vause and Chapman were joking about prison guard laundry. While they are laughing at the jokes, Pennsatucky came in and annoyed by their laugh so she asked them whether they done having fun or not. Vause got offended by her question and then answer it cynically by calling her "bitch". It is clear that Vause humiliated Pennsatucky because she called Pensatucky "bitch". Vause used the word to defend herself and Chapman and to offend Pennsatucky because she was annoyed and irritated by Pennsatucky's question. That is why the word bitch means a spiteful or unpleasant woman in the context.

Meanwhile in example (2) it is Pennsatucky who called Vause "bitch". Differ from Vause, who used the word when she was annoyed, this time Pennsatucky used the word when she was satisfied because she was succeeded in locking Vause in laundry machine. The line she said to humiliate Vause is similar

to Vause's previous statement to answer her question. By saying the same line, Pennsatucky intended to mock Vause.

The literal meaning of the word "bitch" supporting by the example of the use of the word in the context made it clear why dysphemism considered as dysphemism. The dictionary stated that it is offensive and if we see the use of this word in the context above it is clear that "bitch" is a bad word used to humiliate another person. Moreover, the characters in this television series, most of them inmates, very often used the word bitch when humiliating each other. It shows that the usage of this word has become a habit among the characters.

In order to know the type of dysphemism of the word bitch, I used the componential meaning analysis. The components determined by looking at its literal meaning and picking some words considered semantically related. The componential meaning analysis of "bitch" is provided below.

Bitch [+human] [+woman] [-pleasant] [-sexual] [+attitude] [+downgrade]  
[-taboo]

Based on the componential analysis above, bitch is considered as insulting type of dysphemism, particularly a synecdoche insult, because of its "woman" and "downgrade" component.

### **Dumb**

The word dumb is another example of dysphemism used to humiliate others. There are 2 occurrences in this television series. Here is the meaning of the word dumb based on the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary.

- Literal meaning : 1. (*old-fashioned, sometimes offensive*) unable to speak; 2. temporarily not speaking or refusing to speak; 3. (*informal, especially North American English*) stupid.

There are three different definitions of the word “dumb” in the dictionary. However, there are no “dumb” used by the characters to refer to someone that unable or temporarily not speaking. The words “dumb” found in this television series mean stupid. Therefore, it is considered as dysphemism.

The example of the word used in the sentence spoken by the character provided below. It is useful to help determining the function of dysphemism in the context:

- (3) Black (Big Boo) : "And if you don't think that's the way she do, then you are dumber than you look, which is pretty fuckin' dumb, 'cause you look like your relatives have been fucking each other for generations."

The use of this dysphemism is found in episode 4, where Tricia is decorating the room for Mercy's farewell party. Black talked to her about Mercy. Mercy, Tricia's girlfriend, is Black's ex-girlfriend. Somehow Black is still in love with Mercy and this made her Tricia's opponent in the conversation. Black told Tricia that Mercy would leave her after Mercy got out of the prison. Tricia did not believe her so they had a little debate and Black said that Tricia's face is dumb because of her disbelief. In fact, Black humiliated Tricia with the word dumb because she was irritated by Tricia, by her disbelief and her relationship with Mercy. It can be concluded that “dumb” is a dysphemism that is used when someone is irritated in purpose to downgrade the irritating person.

From the literal meaning and contextual meaning explained above, it is clear that the dysphemism function of the word “dumb” is to humiliate others. Then, to know the dysphemism type of the word “dumb” I made the component meaning analysis of it.

This is the componential analysis of the word “dumb” to investigate the dysphemism type of the word.

Dumb : [+human] [-polite sense] [+ridiculous] [-related to human organs]  
[+stupid] [+caused by a foolish action]

From the componential analysis above, it can be classified that the type of dysphemism of the word ‘dumb’ is conventional dysphemism because it is related with politeness and social norms. “Dumb” also a kind of insulting dysphemism because it reviles physical peculiarities of someone.

#### **4.2 Dysphemism Used to Characterize an Identity of a Group**

Sometimes people are using dysphemism with no intention or specific purpose. They usually say bad words because they generally use the words in colloquial situation. This is a typical slang with negative connotation used to characterize an identity of a group. There are 18 dysphemisms characterizing an identity of a group used by the characters in “Orange is the New Black” television series.

**Table 3. Dysphemism Used to Characterize an Identity of a Group**

No.	Dysphemism	Type of Dysphemism			Frequency of Occurrences	Percentage
		Profanity	Insult	Obscenity		
1	Fuck			√	21	24,4%
2	Fuck up			√	19	22,1%
3	Pussy			√	12	14%
4	Tit, Tits, Titties			√	11	12,7%
5	Dick			√	5	5,8%
6	Fuck with			√	4	4,6%
7	Cock			√	2	2,2%
8	Shitting			√	2	2,2%
9	Booty			√	1	1,2%
10	Bunghole			√	1	1,2%
11	Sapphic			√	1	1,2%
12	Hanky-panky			√	1	1,2%
13	Tranny			√	1	1,2%
14	Trap			√	1	1,2%
15	Butt			√	1	1,2%
16	Cooch			√	1	1,2%
17	Twat			√	1	1,2%
18	Shithole			√	1	1,2%
Total					86	100%

There are 86 data characterizing an identity of a group, practically as an identity marker of inmate group. 24.4% of the data, which is the highest, are the

word “fuck”. Then it followed by 22.1% of the phrasal verb “fuck up”, 14% of the word “pussy”, 12.7% of the word “tit” and so on. Most of the data which have the highest frequency are dysphemism with sexual sense. It occurs because there are a lot of sexual talks and activities in the prison. Therefore, most of dysphemism type of the data above is obscenity. To make it clearer, the writer intended to give explanation and elaboration of dysphemism data example in this function from the data collected above.

### **Fuck**

Actually there are 128 data of the word *'fuck'* found in “Orange is The New Black” television series. However, there are 19 data of the word fuck with the function to characterize an identity of a group. Here is the literal meaning of ‘fuck’.

- Literal Meaning : 1. (taboo, slang) fuck (somebody) to have sex with somebody; 2. a swear word that many people find offensive that is used to express anger, disgust or surprise.

The dictionary defines the word “fuck” as a sexual intercourse and an offensive swear word. Nevertheless, it is found that the words “fuck” that used as an identity of a group have the meaning to have sex with somebody. The second meaning of the word “fuck” that imply an offensive swear word has different function which is dysphemism used to show anger.

“Fuck” functioned as an identity of a group can be proved by seeing the example of the word usage in the context down below.



- (4) Aleida : I'm telling you, you're wasting your time with that one. Not that you're not pretty. I don't mean it like that. It's just, you gonna fuck a guard, fuck a fat one. That way they're more appreciative. Let you sneak in cigarettes. Maybe bring you McDonald's.
- Daya : Is that how you really think?
- Aleida : That's how you need to start thinking. I'm trying to look out for you.
- Daya : I don't fuck dudes for Big Macs.
- Aleida : But you fuck 'em.
- Daya : Yeah.
- Aleida : So what do you fuck 'em for? Love?

Daya is falling in love with Bennet, one of the guards in Litchfield prison. Aleida, her mother, knew about that because she saw her wrote and sent a message for Bennet. As can be seen from the excerpt above, Aleida talked to Daya about her relationship with Bennet. She even despised her for having a relationship with the warden. Aleida thought that Daya would have sex with any guard to have a privilege in prison such as smuggling cigarettes and fast food from the outside of the prison.

The speaker of the word, Daya and Aleida, are inmates in Litchfield prison. They used the word “fuck” to refer to sexual activity because it is usual and easier for them to say “fuck” instead of using more subtle term such as “having sex” or “getting laid”. It is usual and easier for them because, as explained in the background of this study, they are prisoners who are mostly uneducated. Moreover, the word “fuck” in the context is not used to swear or to express anger. Therefore, it can be concluded that the dysphemism used by the character is characterizing an identity of a group which is the inmates group.

To know the type of dysphemism of the word fuck, the componential analysis is provided below.

Fuck : [+human] [-polite term] [+activity] [+sexual] [-habit] [+taboo]

According to the componential meaning analysis above, the word ‘fuck’ can be classified as obscenity dysphemism. It is evidenced by the sexual component and impolite term.

### **Cock**

There are 2 usages of the word “cock” in the “Orange is The New Black” television series. The literal meaning based on the dictionary is presented below.

- Literal meaning : 1. (British English) (also rooster North American English, British. English) [countable] an adult male chicken; 2. (especially in compounds) a male of any other bird; 3. (taboo, slang) a penis.; 4. (old-fashioned, British English, slang) used as a friendly form of address between men.

Four definitions of the word “cock” presented in the dictionary. From the definitions provided above, the word “cock” used as an identity of a group exists in this television series means a man’s genital which is in the definition number three. There is no context in this television series implying “cock” as a kind of chicken or a friendly addressing between men.

We can see the use of the word “cock” in the sentence spoken by the characters to understand the function:

- (5)Nicky : “Man, this clinic my mom dragged me to, they strapped me down to a bed just like this. So the nurses hated me, 'cause I kept makin' Exorcist jokes. "Your mother sucks cocks in hell!" That shit never gets old, right?”  
Tricia : “I might actually be lucky this happened now. Guards just think I got the flu like everyone else.”

The conversation happened when Nicky went to Tricia's bunk to see Tricia who was in a bad condition, struggling to hold the urge to use drugs. While Tricia was shivering, Nicky told Tricia a story about her experience she had when she was in Tricia's situation. Nicky was making a joke using the word '*cock*' but she has no specific intention in using the word.

In the dictionary, the word cock means an adult male chicken. The Oxford Dictionary also defines "cock" as a penis, or a man's genitals. It is obvious that there is no difference between the literal meaning and the contextual meaning of the word cock. However Nicky chose to use the word cock instead of "penis" or "man's genital" like in a formal situation because clearly she is a prisoner and she is uneducated. The dysphemism spoken by Nicky is just the slang word whose function is to characterize an identity of the inmate group.

The componential analysis of the word cock can be seen below in order to determine the dysphemism type of the word "cock".

Cock : [-inanimate] [+a body part] [+reproduction organ] [+male]  
[+sexual]

Based on the componential analysis above, it can be concluded that the type of dysphemism of the word 'cock' is obscenity dysphemism because there is sexual component in the word which is considered as a taboo. Nicky is making a reference to a taboo topic in impolite way by using the word "cock".

### 4.3 Dysphemism used to Show Anger

It cannot be avoided that people would do anything harm and rude when they are angry. Not only in the way they act or do something, but also anger can be expressed in someone's way of speaking. It is identified by the use of a high tone or even dysphemisms when someone is speaking to the others. In this television series, there are some conditions or situations where the characters are involved in a conflict with the other characters or where they are irritated by the other character's behavior which made them in anger. There are 5 dysphemisms used to express anger or madness in this television series as presented in the following table.

**Table 4. Dysphemism Used to Show Anger**

No.	Dysphemism	Type of Dysphemism			Frequency of Occurrences	Percentage
		Profanity	Obscenity	Insulting		
1	Fuck		√		75	72,12%
2	Shit		√		15	14,42%
3	Fuck off		√		8	7,7%
4	Goddamn	√			5	4,8%
5	Sicko			√	1	0,96%
Total					104	100%

There are 104 data of dysphemisms used to show anger. The word fuck has the highest percentage of use among all the dysphemism used to show anger, which is 72.12%. It is because it has been a habit for the characters (prisoners) to say the word "fuck" since they are criminals who are lack in education. Besides, the word is simple and easy to pronounce for them. Thus, most of the time they were angry, they would swear with using that word.

### **Fuck**

The word "fuck" used to show anger also has the highest frequency of occurrence similar to the one used as an identity of one group. However, the meaning of the word "fuck" between these two functions is not similar. "Fuck" that used as an identity of one group literally means a sexual activity while "fuck" to show anger has different meaning as explained below.

- Literal meaning : 1. (taboo, slang) fuck (somebody) to have sex with somebody; 2. a swear word that many people find offensive that is used to express anger, disgust or surprise.

The dictionary not only defined the word fuck as a sexual activity but also defined it as a swear word because the development of language itself. Therefore, when "fuck" is used as a swear word, it determined as dysphemism used to show anger. See the conversation below to see how the word fuck is used in context.

- (6) Lushek : I told you for every chit that comes in, there has to be a name written down.  
Watson : You did not tell me that. You told me to take the chit, give the tool, get the tool back, give back the chit. I fucking did that.  
Lushek : (screams) Who the hell has it?

Watson : I don't know...  
Luschek : God! Fuck! (Push the alarm button)

This conversation happened in an electricity repairing room in prison. Watson was told by Luschek, an electricity guard, to look after all the electricity tools in the cage while all the inmates are repairing things. Unfortunately, in the end of the day it is found a screwdriver was missing. Luschek was mad at Watson because she cannot look after all the tools carefully. Since all the tools there are considered as a deadly weapon in prison, a missing tool became a serious problem. Therefore, Luschek was very mad and resentful because of that missing screwdriver so that he swore using the word fuck.

The context above is an evidence that the word “fuck” used without any purpose to talk about sexual activity but as a swear word when someone is angry. Luschek was saying the word unconsciously, meaning that he also has no purpose in using that dysphemism. He is just swearing, expressing his madness over a missing screwdriver with the word “fuck”.

“Fuck” with the function of expressing anger also classified into different types of dysphemism. The componential analysis below is given to distinguish its type of dysphemism from the one with the function as an identity of one group.

Fuck : [+expression] [-sexual] [-activity] [+swearing] [+caused by bad situation] [-polite]

From componential meaning analysis above, we can see the components difference between dysphemism which used to express anger and the one used as

an identity of a group. In this function, “fuck” is categorized as profanity dysphemism, not obscenity dysphemism because there is no sexual component in this word.

#### 4.4 Dysphemism Used to Emphasize Something or Some Condition

The use of dysphemism as emphasis of something or some condition is similar with the use of adverb. They are usually followed by noun because the function is to modify the noun. The characters which are the prisoners often use dysphemism as adverb because it is usual for them to say the bad words. Although there are some conditions that influence the use of dysphemism as an emphasis, the characters often use dysphemism as an emphasis even in neutral situation. There are 5 data variation of dysphemism used as an emphasis presented in the table below.

**Table 5. Dysphemism Used to Emphasize Something or Some Condition**

No.	Dysphemism	Type of Dysphemism			Frequency of Occurrences	Percentage
		Profanity	Obscenity	Insult		
1	Fucking		√		178	80.9%
2	Fuck (What the fuck, How the fuck)		√		32	14.5%
3	Goddamn	√			5	2.3%
4	Motherfucking		√		4	1.8%

5	Fuckload		√		1	0.5%
Total					220	100%

There are 220 occurrences of dysphemism used as emphasis which make this function of dysphemism has the most widely number of occurrence. The table showed that the word “fucking” is the most frequently used dysphemism in “Orange is the New Black” television series since the percentage reaches 80.9%. It happened because the word is easy to pronounce and very familiar in their environment so that it became habitual for them to say “fucking”. In addition, all the data dominated by obscenity type of dysphemism because most of them contain sexual sense even though there is no intention of delivering sexual content in their usage. To understand more about the usage of dysphemism used to emphasize something or some conditions, I will give elaboration for some examples.

### **Fucking**

Since the word fucking is widely used in “Orange is the New Black” TV series, the analysis of the usage of this word should be elaborated. “Fucking” is a word formed by “fuck” as a root and attached by suffix “-ing”. Although it is attached by the suffix “-ing”, it is not a gerund or a noun. “Fucking” is mostly used as an adverb of a sentence in this television series. Here is the literal meaning of the word “fucking” based on the Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary.



- Literal meaning : (taboo, slang) a swear word that many people find offensive that is used to emphasize a comment or an angry statement.

Basically the word “fuck” means a sexual activity but the meaning of the word has shifted so the meaning is as written above. However, the writer will not focus on the meaning shift but the function and the types of this dysphemism. Therefore, the example of the usage of dysphemism is given below so that we could know how it is used as an emphasis.

- (7) Chapman : You could sell these, you know. At farmers markets, little boutique stores.  
 Polly : I just kinda like making 'em.  
 Chapman : I could be your partner.  
 Polly : What?  
 Chapman : I mean, this could be a thing, Pol. Market it right and package it right, this is money. I mean, it smells so fucking good in here. I can make this money.
- (8) Mr. Healy : Take her to SHU.  
 Vause : What? You can't do that.  
 Warden Mendez: Yeah, she's kind of right.  
 Mr. Healy : Shut up, Mendez! You know, I'm tired of your shit. I'm your superior fucking officer! Now, you put her in the goddamn box, or I will fucking write you up, too!

In example (7) Chapman and Polly are making soap together while Chapman was thinking an idea to commercialize the soap they made. It is because Chapman thought that the soap smells so “fucking” good. She used the word fucking to emphasize the smell of the soap. “Fucking” here means “very”, it plays a role as an adverb. Obviously there is no sexual sense in the usage of the word

“fucking” by Chapman. She did not try to convey anything sexual in her utterance.

Meanwhile, in example (8) the situation and the context was different, but the usage of the word still has the same emphasis function. The conversation in (8) happened when Chapman and Vause were caught by Mr. Healy while they were dancing and grinding on each other. Mr. Healy considered their act as an inappropriate attitude which is a lesbian attitude. He was angry and then ordered Mendez to put Chapman into the SHU. At first Mendez was not agree with Mr. Healy so that Mr. Healy got more angry and showed off his superiority by saying “I’m your superior fucking officer” and “...or I will fucking write you up”. He gave emphasis for the word officer and write with “fucking”. The dysphemism “fucking” used by Mr. Healy also did not means sexual activity, even it barely has a meaning. It is used only as an emphasis.

The type of dysphemism of the word “fucking” is obscenity. Componential meaning analysis is given below to give explanation on the type of dysphemism.

Fucking : [-human] [-sexual intercourse] [+sexual] [+emotional]  
[+emphasize something] [-humiliate]

Based on the components above, the word fucking is not refers to sexual intercourse, that is why the sexual intercourse components marked by [-]. It is used to refer another thing which is an emphasis on something. However, the word “fucking” considered as obscenity dysphemism because it is originated from the root word “fuck” which contains sexual components.

#### 4.5 Dysphemism Used to State and Represent a Very Bad Thing or Condition

If the previous function of dysphemism used as an adverb, in this point dysphemism used as a noun and adjective because it is used to state and represent a very bad thing or condition. There are only few dysphemism with this function found in “Orange is the New Black” TV series as can be seen in the table below.

**Table 6. Dysphemism Used to State and Represent a Very Bad Thing or Condition**

No.	Dysphemism	Type of Dysphemism			Frequency of Occurrences	Percentage
		Profanity	Obscenity	Insult		
1	Shit		√		141	80.1%
2	Fuck up		√		19	10.8%
3	Suck		√		8	4.5%
4	Shitty		√		7	3.9%
5	Hellhole			√	1	0.7%
Total					176	100%

There are 4 data variations in this function of dysphemism and the word “shit” has the highest percentage of occurrence. The use of the word “shit” as a representation for a very bad thing or condition is commonly used not only in this

television series but also in real life colloquial. That is why it is widely used in “Orange is the New Black” TV series. In addition, most of the dysphemism in this function identified as obscenity dysphemism because they are related to pornography and scatology.

### **Shit**

The word “shit” used to represent bad thing or condition obviously has different meaning with those used to show anger and to humiliate the other.

- Literal meaning : 1. (taboo, slang) a swear word that many people find offensive, used to show that you are angry or annoyed; 2. solid waste matter from the bowels; 3. an act of emptying solid waste matter from the bowels; 4. stupid remarks or writing; nonsense; 5. an unpleasant person who treats other people badly; 6. criticism or unfair treatment; 7. (taboo, slang, especially British English) very bad.

The dictionary defines the word “shit” into six definitions. However, from the meanings provided above, 141 data of the word “shit” have the closest meaning with the seventh meaning which is very bad. That is why all of those 141 data functioned as dysphemism to represent a very bad thing.

Some excerpts are given below in order to see how the words are used in the context.

(9) Poussey : Eight months ago when I was waxin' fuckin' floors in the cafeteria, my moms passed. And I wasn't there to say the shit you supposed to say to your mom before she gone.

(10)Tricia : Yo. You got my shit? My cousin paid you for that shit. Ain't it supposed to come in today?

Mendez : Listen, powder. If you speak to me again, I will fucking crush you. It's coming. Chill out.

In excerpt (9) Poussey was telling Taystee that during her sentence in prison her mother died and she was not able to say “the shit”. The “shit” that Poussey said does not mean the result of secretion, instead it means such a farewell words for her mother. Taystee, the one who is talking with Poussey, understood the contextual meaning of “shit” because she gave a good response after Poussey finished talking. Meanwhile in excerpt (10) Tricia was talking to Mendez, the warden in prison who usually smuggle drugs from the outside for the inmates. She used the word shit to refer to something bad which is drug. She and Mendez have shared knowledge that the “shit” she means refers to drugs. Tricia used the word because she was aware that someone in the prison might be hear the thing she said. It is noticed that both the word shit in excerpt (9) and (10) are classified as noun used to represent a thing.

According to the example above, when someone use the dysphemism “shit” to represent something, the interlocutors usually already have the share knowledge about it. They would not response by questioning what the speaker means when they said “shit”. Moreover, none of the word “shit” in the examples has positive sense. All of them refer to bad things like farewell words and drugs.

Componential analysis of the word shit as a representation of bad thing is presented below.

Shit : [-activity of defecating] [+thing] [+matters] [-dirty] [-taboo] [+bad]

Based on the componential meaning analysis above and also supported by the context, it can be concluded that the word shit is an obscenity dysphemism. It is considered as obscenity because it contains bad components and the basic meaning of the word shit itself contains secretion components.

### **Fuck up**

The word fuck up is dysphemism in a form of a phrasal verb and it is an idiom. “Fuck up” is considered as dysphemism because it contains the word “fuck” which has a basic meaning that is a dysphemism with a sexual component. Although it is a phrasal verb, the official dictionary actually has the definition of the word “fuck up”. Therefore, the literal meaning along with the contextual meaning of “fuck up” is presented and described in the following.

- **Literal meaning** : 1. To do something badly or make a bad mistake; 2. to do something badly or spoil something

It is obvious in the dictionary that the meaning of the word “fuck up” is to do something badly. The word “fuck” which at first means sexual intercourse got a meaning shift. The word “fuck up” here is used to represent something that is done badly. The example of context where “fuck up” is used in this television series is provided below to give the analysis of the contextual meaning.

- (11) Sophia : If you wanna skip that shower line, do the 5:00 a.m. or the 5:00 p.m. That's my secret.  
Chapman: Why are you telling me all of this?  
Sophia : 'Cause I fucked up your hair. That shit looks broke. When your commissary comes in, swing by the salon. I'll fix it right up for you.

From the excerpt of the conversation above, it is known that Sophia “fucked up” Chapman’s hair. Sophia was forced to do it because Chapman asked for shea butter before but she has no money in her commissary. Then, she had to trade the shea butter with her piece of hair for hair extension. “Fucked up” here means that Sophia cut some of Chapman’s hair carelessly for the other customer extension which made Chapman’s hair looks very bad. It can be concluded that Sophia ruined Chapman’s hair so that the contextual meaning of the dysphemism fuck up here is “to ruin something”.

The usage of the word “fuck up” is often found in this television series because the word “fuck” is very common for the characters so that it become usual for them to use the word in many kind of situation. Sophia preferred to say “I fucked up your hair” than “I ruined your hair” because “ruin” is too stilted for them who are the bad people and criminals. Moreover, as explained in the background, it is natural for the characters live in the prison to utter dysphemism because they are lack in education and live in a rough environment.

The componential analysis of the word fuck up can be seen in the following.

Fuck up : [+activity] [-feeling] [-habit] [-polite term] [-sexual] [+badly]

According to the componential meaning analysis above, the word fuck up is a kind of obscenity dysphemism. Although in the use of the word there is no sexual component, it is still included in the type of dysphemism obscenity because of the badly components and the sense of the root word “fuck” itself.

#### **4.6 Dysphemism Used to Show Closeness in Friendship**

Not only used for humiliating the others or someone disliked, dysphemism also can be used as a friendly calling for a close friend. However, the use of dysphemism with this function is rarely found in “Orange is the New Black” TV series. It is because the rough life in prison made the inmates hard to create an intimate friendship or relationship. Therefore, there are only 3 dysphemism as a friendly calling found in “Orange is the New Black” and not all of them found in the prison situation.

**Table 7. Dysphemism Used to Show Closeness in Friendship**

No.	Dysphemism	Type of Dysphemism			Frequency of Occurrences	Percentage
		Profanity	Obscenity	Insult		
1	Wanker			√	1	33,3%
2	Whore		√		1	33,3%
3	Hooker		√		1	33,3%
Total					3	100%

The word wanker used by non-inmates character outside the prison environment. “Whore” used by the guard of the prison to call his friend who is also a guard. Meanwhile the word hooker is the only dysphemism as a friendly call used by one of the inmates and it is used to call her dog in the prison.

### **Whore**



This dysphemism is used by the warden in the prison and there is only one usage found in “Orange is the New Black” TV series. The literal meaning of the word whore can be seen down below.

- Literal meaning : 1. A female prostitute; 2. (taboo) an offensive word used to refer to a woman who has sex with a lot of men.

The official dictionary stated that the word whore used for a woman who has sex with a lot of men. It is clearly different with the contextual meaning where “whore” refers to a man who already experienced sex. The context is given below to prove the contextual meaning.

(12) Warden Mendez: Well? Go ahead.

Warden Bennet : Okay, I got laid.

Warden Mendez: Yes! I knew it! I knew it, you dirty whore! Come on. I couldn't be prouder if I was your dad. Tell me, man. What about her tits?

Bennet, one of the wardens in prison, was caught grinning alone by Mendez, his warden friend. Mendez triggered Bennet to explain the reason behind his grin and finally Bennet told Mendez that he got laid. Mendez was excited with the fact that Bennet already had sex so he called Bennet as a “dirty whore”. The use of dysphemism by Mendez here is not to humiliate or mock Bennet as a person who would have sex with everyone. Instead he used the word with a pride in his utterance. This is exactly a friendly calling between men which aimed for a man who already got laid.

The type of this dysphemism is general and obscenity. See the componential meaning analysis below to know the components of the word “whore”.

Whore [+human] [-woman] [-humiliate] [+pride] [+sexual] [-taboo]

The word whore is categorized as obscenity dysphemism because obviously there is sexual component in the componential analysis above.

#### 4.7 Dysphemism Used to Express Astonishment or Amazement

Dysphemism is not only used to convey a bad purpose or taboo things, but it also can be used to convey a good thing like to show astonishment or amazement over something. Dysphemism with this function is the least found in “Orange is the New Black” TV series. There are only two data variations as presented in the following table.

**Table 8. Dysphemism Used to Express Astonishment or Amazement**

No.	Dysphemism	Type of Dysphemism		Frequency of Occurrences	Percentage
		General	Profanity		
1	Holy shit	√	√	10	90.9%
2	Damn	√	√	1	9.1%
Total				11	100%

“Holy shit” is the most frequent dysphemism used as an expression for astonishment or amazement, there are 10 occurrences found in this television series. Meanwhile there is only one usage of the word damn.

#### **Holy Shit**

Holy Shit is a compound word constructed by “holy” and “shit”. Those words have exactly contradictory meaning but somehow they are combined to form a dysphemism used for expressing astonishment.

- Literal meaning (Holy) : Holy: 1. connected with God or a particular religion; 2. good in a moral and religious way; 3. (informal) used to emphasize that you are surprised, afraid, etc.
- Literal meaning (Shit) : 1. (taboo, slang) a swear word that many people find offensive, used to show that you are angry or annoyed; 2. solid waste matter from the bowels; 3. an act of emptying solid waste matter from the bowels; 4. stupid remarks or writing; nonsense; 5. an unpleasant person who treats other people badly; 6. criticism or unfair treatment; 7. (taboo, slang, especially British English) very bad.

The example of the use of “holy shit” can be seen in the excerpt below.

- (13) Pennsatucky : Holy Spirit, I'm calling on you right now, Holy Spirit. You and me and her, together as one, healing these knees. Make this woman well!  
Watson : Holy shit! You did it. You actually did it.

In the excerpt of the context given above, Pennsatucky was trying to heal Watson’s knees. Actually Watson does not believe that Pennsatucky is really able to heal someone with a prayer at the first place. However, evidently Watson’s knees felt better, Pennsatucky can made it healed. Pennsatucky thought that it was miracles from God and Watson was surprised to have her knees healed. Therefore she expressed her surprise or amazement by saying “holy shit”.

Each meaning of the word “holy” and “shit” has no relation with the whole meaning or contextual meaning of the compounding word “holy shit”. “Holy shit” is an utterance which has the same meaning as the expression “Gosh!” or “Oh my God!” but the difference is “holy shit” has the word shit in it which is considered as dysphemism. The characters in this television series would not prefer using expression such as “Gosh!” and “Oh my God!” because they are not used to it. They are prisoners, a bunch of criminals with lack of education and attitude. Thus, it is reasonable that the characters used “holy shit” as an expression of astonishment.

The componential analysis of the word holy shit can be seen below.

Holy shit : [-sexual] [-act of defecation] [+swear word] [-religious]  
[+astonished] [+surprised] [-taboo]

Based on the componential analysis above, the dysphemism type of “holy shit” is general. It is because “holy shit” not used to tell something taboo, instead is used as a swear word. The word holy shit also a kind of profanity dysphemism because the use of the word ‘holy’ combined with “shit” is considered mortification of religious thing.

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **CONCLUSION**

This is the last chapter which presents the conclusion of the study. There are 85 dysphemism data variation obtained and observed by the writer based on the function in the “Orange is the New Black” television series. The writer also provided the literal meaning of the data based on the dictionary and then explained the context where the dysphemism used to elaborate more about the function of dysphemism. The classifications based on its function includes the dysphemism used to humiliate others, used to characterize an identity of a group, to emphasize something, to show anger, to represent a very bad thing, to show closeness in friendship, and to show astonishment or amazement. In addition, the componential meaning analysis made to observe the type of dysphemism.

According to the result of the study, I found that all of dysphemism functions in “Orange is the New Black” TV series have all the types of dysphemism; profanity, obscenity and insult. The most frequent dysphemism used in this TV series is to humiliate others and the dysphemism type mostly found is the obscenity. It is because most of the dysphemism said by the characters have sexual component.

As a recommendation, I would suggest that this study can be developed into a research with sociolinguistics approach. It will be useful to increase the number of research on dysphemism since there are only few research on dysphemism compared to another subject.

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# **APPENDIXES**