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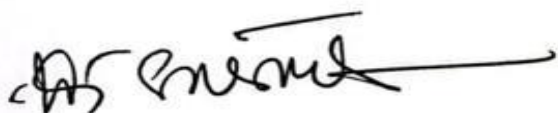
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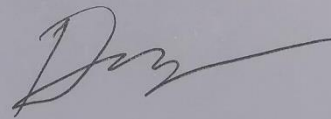
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ABSTRACT

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Nowadays, taboo words are closely related to the digital age, especially when people express their opinions about phenomena that affect personal and social conditions. This phenomenon is also often used by netizens in social media, especially Platform X. This study aims to examine the type and function of taboo words used by netizens in commenting on Elon Musk's post on Platform X. The researcher collected 25 data from netizen comments that used taboo words and described them according to their type and function. Researchers in the study found 25 data from netizen comments that use taboo words and describe them according to their type and function. Researchers found 10 taboo obscenity words, 8 taboo epithets, 4 taboo vulgarity words, and 3 taboo profanity words used by netizens to comment on Elon Musk's account posts. Researchers also analyzed the 25 data based on their functions. They found 8 to mock authority, 7 to draw attention, 5 to show contempt, and 3 to be provocative. In this study, researchers also found that in today's digital era, taboo words can be used to increase the popularity of certain groups.

ABSTRACT

Raharjo, Dava Tirta Buana (2023) Kata-Kata Tabu dalam Bahasa Inggris yang Digunakan oleh Netizen dalam Sesi Komentar Akun Elon Musk di Platform X. Skripsi Program Studi Sastra Inggris, Fakultas Humaniora, Universitas Islam Negeri Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang. Dosen Pembimbing Drs. H. Djoko Susanto, M.Ed., Ph.D.

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Saat ini, kata-kata tabu sangat erat kaitannya dengan era digital, terutama ketika orang mengungkapkan pendapatnya tentang fenomena yang mempengaruhi kondisi pribadi dan sosial. Fenomena ini juga sering digunakan oleh netizen di media sosial, khususnya Platform X. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk meneliti jenis dan fungsi kata tabu yang digunakan oleh netizen dalam mengomentari postingan Elon Musk di Platform X. Peneliti mengumpulkan 25 data dari komentar netizen yang menggunakan kata tabu dan mendeskripsikannya sesuai dengan jenis dan fungsinya. Peneliti dalam penelitian tersebut menemukan 25 data dari komentar netizen yang menggunakan kata-kata tabu dan mendeskripsikannya sesuai dengan jenis dan fungsinya. Peneliti menemukan 10 kata tabu kecabulan, 8 kata tabu julukan, 4 kata tabu vulgar, dan 3 kata tabu sumpah serapah yang digunakan netizen untuk mengomentari postingan akun Elon Musk. Para peneliti juga menganalisis 25 data tersebut berdasarkan fungsinya. Mereka menemukan 8 untuk mengejek otoritas, 7 untuk menarik perhatian, 5 untuk menunjukkan penghinaan, dan 3 untuk provokatif. Dalam penelitian ini, peneliti juga menemukan bahwa di era digital seperti sekarang ini, kata-kata tabu dapat digunakan untuk meningkatkan popularitas kelompok tertentu.

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في أيامنا هذه، أصبحت الكلمات المحظورة مرتبطة ارتباطاً وثيقاً بالعصر الرقمي، خاصة عندما يعبر الناس عن آرائهم حول الظواهر التي تؤثر على الظروف الشخصية والاجتماعية. وكثيراً ما تستخدم هذه الظاهرة أيضاً من قبل مستخدمي الإنترنت على وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي، وخاصة ويهدف هذا البحث إلى دراسة أنواع ووظائف الكلمات المحظورة التي يستخدمها X منصة مستخدمي الإنترنت في التعليق على منشورات إيلون ماسك على المنصة، ووصفها حسب نوعها ووظيفتها. وجد الباحثون في هذه الدراسة 25 بيانات من تعليقات مستخدمي الإنترنت التي استخدمت كلمات محظورة ووصفوها حسب نوعها ووظيفتها. وجد الباحثون 10 كلمات محظورة للفحش، و8 كلمات محظورة للأسماء المستعارة، و4 كلمات محظورة للابتدال، و3 كلمات محظورة للشتم التي استخدمها مستخدمو الإنترنت للتعليق على منشورات حساب إيلون ماسك. وقام الباحثون أيضاً بتحليل البيانات الـ 25 بناءً على وظيفتها. ووجدوا 8 للسخرية من السلطة، و7 لجذب الانتباه، و5 لإظهار الازدراء، و3 للاستفزاز. وفي هذه الدراسة، وجد الباحثون أيضاً أنه في العصر الرقمي الحالي، يمكن استخدام الكلمات المحظورة لزيادة شعبية مجموعات معينة

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses the background of the study, the problem of the study, the scope and limitation of the study, the significance of the study, and the definition of key terms.

Background of the study

Nowadays, taboo words are closely related to the digital age, especially when people express their opinions about phenomena that affect personal and social conditions. Batistella (2005) says that taboo words are sensitive phenomena in language that fall into four categories. Namely, sentences that emphasize sharp words containing elements of religion, sex, sarcasm, and racial profanity. Zulfa Rahman (2019) said in his research that social media is widely used by public figures, politicians, celebrities, and influencers as a means of social climbing, a means of campaigning, a means of advertising products, and filling leisure time. In this modern era, Taboo words can be used in social media trending topics to increase engagement and interact with the audience. Using taboo words in topics related to events or events that are gaining attention can increase the popularity of the circles and reach a wider audience, especially on social media platforms. In fact, in 2016, the news platform Tribune discussed the taboo language used by young people.

Studies on taboo words have been conducted from several perspectives and focus in recent years. They investigate the use of taboo words in various contexts.

For instance, Al Farisi (2019), Sari (2020), Simanjuntak (2022), and Septia (2023) focus on analyzing the types and functions of taboo words in movie conversations by characters in the movie. Next, Bednarek (2019), Husda (2021), Suha. S. (2021) and Kurniawanti (2022) examined and analyzed the types and functions of taboo words on social media like WhatsApp and TikTok. Furthermore, Hanafi (2023) focuses on analyzing the types and meanings of taboo words in song lyrics. Lastly, Nitisari (2023) focuses on describing the purpose and function of taboo words by script on TV series.

Previous studies of taboo words are explored in the movie. Such as, Al Farisi (2019) analyzes Alpha Dog movie character, Sari (2020) focuses on Parker movie conversation, Simanjuntak (2022) focused on Scorsese's Casino character, Septia (2023) focused on the word hell in the film Fast and Furious 8 movie, from the previous studies using the same method. But. Some previous studies used the same and different theories. Al Farisi (2019) uses the combination theory of Battistella (2005) and Wardaugh (2006). Septia (2023) uses the combination theory of Jay (2009) and Wardaugh (2006). Sari (2020) only uses Battistella's (2005) approach, and lastly, a previous study by Simanjuntak (2022) uses the theory of Michael Rabiger (2009). The fourth previous study using the same method is the qualitative method.

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Next, previous studies on taboo words found in the lyrics of music. Hanafi (2023) focuses on an analysis of taboo words in Meghan Tee Stallion's song lyrics. Use Battistella (2005). Types and classifications of taboo words have four categories: epithets, profanity, vulgarity, and obscenity. This research uses a qualitative method. This study identified that Meghan Tee Stallion's song lyrics have 21 taboo words. It was determined by six epithets, two profanity, six vulgarity, and seven obscenity. Similar to the research study in analyzing taboo words by function and types of words and tell the function and meaning.

Several studies on taboo words are found in TV series. Nitisari (2023) focuses on identifying different types of taboo words and describing the functions of taboo words as they are used by characters in the Euphoria Season 2 TV show. This study's primary theory is that of Michael Swan (2005) and Timothy Jay (1992). This study uses a descriptive qualitative method. This study found that every function and type of taboo word is influenced by communicating ideas, emotions, and desires through a system of voluntarily producing symbols. The result indicated all types and functions of taboo words. Thus, this analysis of types and functions of taboo words used by netizens in Elon Musk's X commentary section.

However, the above studies are previous studies that explain taboo words in social media, movies, music, and TV series. However, there is still a gap in research on taboo words, especially on famous figures such as Elon Musk. The researcher uses Battistella's (2005) types and categories and Wardaugh's (2006) functions in this study. In addition, this study aims to examine what types of taboo words and

what types of taboo words are used and to find out what the intentions of these taboo words are by netizens in Elon Musk's X comment column account. The researcher also explained that the clear impact of using taboo words in today's digital era can be used to increase the popularity of certain groups.

This study uses the theory of types of taboo words according to Battistella (2005) and the function of taboo words according to Wardaugh (2006). This theory was chosen because of its relevance in examining the types and functions of netizen taboo words in the comment session of Elon Musk's account on Platform X. The selection of comment sessions in Elon Musk's account on Platform X is based on the popularity of netizen accounts commenting on posts uploaded by Elon Musk on Platform X. This study aims to understand the types and functions of taboo words used by netizens in social media, especially on Platform X. Using existing theories will provide a clear picture in research on identifying taboo words used by netizens in Elon Musk's account comment session. This research can provide a unique picture of using taboo words on Platform X.

In this study, the comment session of Elon Musk's account post was chosen because of the case that exploded in June 2023 caused by the emergence of the threads feature created by the Meta Company led by Mark Zuckerberg. According to Elon Musk, this is a form of plagiarism from the Twitter Platform, which is currently Platform X, and this has become a great feud between Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg. In response, Elon Musk uploaded a post on Platform X on July

2, 2023, about limiting the reading feature in the classification of each account on Platform X. Elon Musk himself is an entrepreneur and public figure with the most followers with 156 million followers. In the comment session on posts uploaded on Platform X, there are many comments from netizens who are influencers worldwide who use taboo words. In this study, netizen comments that use taboo words are identified by understanding the type of taboo words, according to Batistella (2005), and the function of taboo words, according to Wardaugh (2006).

This study is important to understand the use of taboo words in social media platforms, especially on platform X, which netizens use to respond to certain events. This study will also provide a more interesting explanation and understanding because the research object is taken from one of the world's leading figures today and his followers' comments, who are influencers from various countries. Moreover, it can provide insight into the type and function of taboo words used by netizens commenting on posts uploaded by Elon Musk on his Platform X account. Therefore, this research can provide readers with a good understanding of the literature. This research obtained significant answers to the two questions below based on the background described.

Research Question

1. What are the types of taboo words use by netizens in Account Elon Musk's X comment section?
2. What are the functions of taboo words used by netizens in Account Elon Musk's X comment section?

Scope and Limitation

This research aims to analyze the types and functions of taboo words used by netizens in the comment session of Elon Musk's account post about reading restrictions on each type of account on Platform X. This research uses the theory of taboo words from Battistela (2005). In this study, researchers aim to analyze and classify the types and functions of taboo words used by netizens in social media, especially on Platform X. This study uses the theory of taboo word types from Battistela (2005) and taboo word functions from Wardaugh (2006) to analyze taboo words from netizens' comments on Elon Musk's account on Platform X.

This study has limitations in examining the types and functions of taboo words. First, this study only focuses on 40 verified account netizens' comments on posts uploaded to Elon Musk's X account. Second, this study does not determine the gender of netizens' accounts that comment with taboo words in the comment session of Elon Musk's account. Lastly, this study only relies on Basttitella's (2005) theory of taboo word types and Wardaugh's (2006) function of taboo words, which may limit understanding of the types and functions of taboo words in social media, especially the X platform.

Significance of Study

This research has a practical and significant contribution. This research discusses how to analyze and classify taboo words in social media, especially the X platform, into types and functions. This research also aims to provide academics

and social media users with information about how taboo words are used in response to certain events, and this research also discusses how taboo word utterances provide a function to increase popularity on social media in today's digital era. Finally, this research will be an interesting read, especially for linguistic students faculty of humanities majoring in English literature at Maulana Malik Ibrahim State Islamic University, Malang, who want to research further the types and functions of taboo words on social media platforms.

Definition of Key Terms

In this section, the researcher provides key terms and their definitions below:

1. Taboo words: Taboo words are words or phrases considered socially unacceptable or inappropriate in certain contexts. They may be restricted because of social boundaries or to avoid taboo topics. Taboo words also have the function of being able to be used to achieve certain goals.
2. X: X lattes name Twitter is a well-known social networking platform that enables users to communicate thoughts, information, and other content in the form of X, which are brief messages. Include text, photos, videos, links, and hashtags. In 2023, Elon Musk proposed that Twitter could be transformed into a social media platform that prioritizes free speech and allows users to leave comments and upload videos. He suggested that this platform could be called X.

3. **Elon Musk:** Elon Musk is a business tycoon, investor, and entrepreneur who has founded and co-founded several companies, including Tesla, SpaceX, Neuralink, and The Boring Company. He was born on June 28, 1971, in Pretoria, South Africa. Musk is known for his work in electric vehicles, space exploration, and renewable energy. As CEO of Tesla, he leads all product design, engineering, and global manufacturing of the company's electric vehicles, battery, and solar energy products. He is also the founder, CEO, and chief engineer of SpaceX, which aims to make space travel more accessible and affordable. In addition to his work in business, Musk is also known for his advocacy of renewable energy and his concerns about the potential dangers of artificial intelligence. He has signed the Open Letter on Artificial Intelligence, which calls for a ban on autonomous weapons. Musk is a controversial figure whose statements and actions have received much media attention and scrutiny.
4. **Netizens:** Netizens are people who use the Internet, often people who actively participate in online discussions about political and social issues. The term "netizen" is a combination of the words "Internet" and "citizen" and describes someone who is actively involved in online communities or the Internet in general. Netizens are not just individuals who go online for personal gain or profit but seek to actively contribute to developing the Internet and making it a better place.

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

The researcher provides the theories used to support the study in this chapter. Researcher explain the different sorts of taboo words, types of taboo words, and functions of taboo words.

Sociolinguistics

Sociolinguistics is the study of language about society, while sociology of speech is the study of culture about language (Hudson, 1996). According to Downes (1998), sociolinguistics is the branch of linguistics that studies linguistics that studies precisely those properties of language and languages that are social, including contextual factors in their explanation. Sociolinguistics is the study of language attitudes and interactions. (Eastman, 1975). The study is concerned with investigating the relationship between language and society to understand better the structure of language and how languages function in communication.

According to Holmes (2001), sociolinguistics is about people who speak differently in different social contexts. It is concerned with the social functions of language and how it is used to convey social meaning. All topics provide a great deal of information about how language works, as well as about the social relationships in a relationship in a community and how people signal aspects of their social identity through their language. Identity through their language.

There are several potential relationships between linguistics and society, especially in social media. The use of taboo words in social media has now become a normal scope, especially on social media platforms. This supports the statement that there are many people from all groups who interact on social media using taboo words. This study explains the scope of linguistics in analyzing something that happens in the current era. So as to get the effectiveness of the results of research in social media, of course within the scope of sociolinguistics.

Definition of Taboo Words

Overall, those who hear taboo words may be affected by them. People can become offended or experience rage that should not be regularly discussed in social interactions. Because they are taboo, taboo words also carry negative connotations. According to Wardhaugh (2006, p. 239), taboos in society refer to the prohibition or avoidance of behavior that is believed to be harmful to its members because it causes them harm. Behavior in society that is believed to be harmful to its members by causing them fear, embarrassment, or shame. To its members by forcing them anxiety, embarrassment, or shame. Of various of the different meanings of the word taboo, there is one similarity that supports and relates to the researcher's argument. Supports and relates to the researcher's claim. Allan and Burridge (2006, p. 1) explain that taboo words result from social constraints on an individual's behavior, where they may cause discomfort, harm, damage, and harm. This argument can also be found in Anggita's (2015, p. 14) work, which states. Faude, the word taboo, is a

word with a terrible meaning that consists of the following certain things that are misused and inappropriate and should, therefore, be avoided. To summarize, many people despise taboo words because they think they are unfit to use in society; given the circumstances of the interlocutor, it causes anxiety and embarrassment. It causes stress and confusion.

According to other linguists, taboo words should be avoided. (Mbaya, 2002)

A taboo word, for example, is any term or statement in a language marked by improper, shocking qualities and a lack of morals. He must be avoided so as not to injure other members of society. Linguists may imply that it is critical to avoid using banned terms because they contain strong and vulgar language. However, if such words have a religious significance, they may be prohibited in religious rituals. For instance, in terms like that, in a religious sense, being identified as Jesus Christ or condemned by God is acceptable. When attending church or discussing religion. When they speak officially, however, the chance to shock, insult, or condemn people as Jesus Christ may become forbidden. You are a moron! There are many parallels between taboo terms. Culture yet it typically varies from one culture to the next. It is accepted in other cultures. Words considered taboo in a community can become the standard; thus, the researcher briefly explains taboo classification words in the following section.

Types of Taboo Words

In the study, the researcher used the theory of Battistella (2005) in the book *Bad of Language*. The taboo word is divided into four types: epithets, profanity,

vulgarity, and obscenity. The use of the taboo word used in the study to be defined as follows:

1. Epithets

Epithets are utterances usually used by their users to reduce the tension when making contact with the interlocutor. Referring to Battistella (2005, p.72), epithets are a grouping of various types of insults. Usually, the taboo words used in epithets can refer to race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality. However, epithets can also include body conditions or a person's appearance. Examples of epithets are nigga, bitch, ass hole, and bastard. Example sentences as below:

Dana: Fool, the boss.

Ari: Yeah. I mean, he is the bastard boss.

From this example, it can be seen that the word bastard is an example of a taboo word in the nickname category. Bastard is a condition where the most despicable nature of behavior that is very inappropriate to do but is done by someone, then the person gets the nickname bastard from others. Bastard itself is one of the examples of taboo epithets.

2. Profanity

In some cases, profanity is often associated with blasphemy, even though it is a way for a person to express an emotion by linking it to religious

motives, depending on certain circumstances. Referring to Battistella (2005, p.72), the purpose of a person using profanity is not to desecrate or demonize a particular god or religion. However, its use is only to express a certain situation experienced by a person. The example sentence is as below:

“ Oh Jesus. I forgot to bring my homework”.

From the example sentences, the word Jesus is one of the gods in the Christian religion intended to express a condition where the emotions are shaken in a certain situation.

3. Vulgarity

Vulgarity is the trait or state of being impolite, rude, or insulting in one's language, conduct, or expression. This includes using language, gestures, or acts in a cultural or social context that are considered unpleasant, disrespectful, or socially inappropriate. Vulgar vocabulary frequently incorporates graphic or vulgar words, profanity, and derogatory terminology about sex, body functions, or other sensitive issues. Words belonging to this type are, for example, ass and dick.

According to Battistella (2005, p.72), a vulgar taboo word is related to sexual anatomy or excretory system. This type of taboo word can be said to be an uneducated and immoral taboo word. However, vulgarity is different from obscenity. According to Battistella (2005, p.72), vulgar and obscene taboo words differ. This difference can be seen from the degree and careful use. The example sentences are as follows:

“Shut up. Your face like a black dick.”

In the example sentence above, the word dick is the name of the anatomy of the human sexual body, and very immoral for using to say to someone else because the word “dick” is one of the vulgar words.

4. Obscenity

Obscenity is another sort of taboo. It is moderately offensive and rarely (if ever) heard in public. Experienced profanity; this remark is improper. However, obscenity is acceptable. For instance, "Fuck" Also "abandoned mother." Obscenity refers to offensive language. It is used in public settings because it contains repulsive, rude, and disrespectful characteristics. Lovemaking and dirtiness are examples of low moral objections Battistella (2005, p. 72). The distinction between vulgar and obscene is that the latter is commonplace. This leads to feelings of disdain, disrespect, and a lack of morals. These are the words: Because sex and sexual intercourse are regarded as disgusting behaviors. According to Battistella (2005, p. 72), The example sentence is as below:

“Fuck you, you make me like a fool.”

From the example sentences above, the word fuck is used to be used to put pressure on the interlocutor used to express emotions caused by someone's actions or behavior.

Function of Taboo Words

Wardhaugh (2006, p. 239) states that taboo words draw attention, show contempt, provoke, and mock authority. Researcher apply Wardhaugh's (2006) theory to characterize the role of taboo words by netizens on Elon Musk X's account. Here are some explanations in brief. Definition and Examples of How taboo words Work:

1. To draw attention to oneself

One of the functions of taboo words is to attract attention. According to Wardaugh (2006, p.239), when someone uses a taboo word, it means that someone who says it aims to seek attention. Another definition, according to Mc Edward Guire (1973, p.5-6), is that a speaker must use influential or strong language to get a reaction from the interlocutor. Some use a taboo word because they believe that it will affect their interlocutors due to the strong connotations of the taboo word. The example text is as a below:

Ala: "Hey bitch! Where are you going?"

Elang: Oh, fuck you. I want to go home, idiot!

On the conversation. Ale tried to get attention from his friend because he felt he could get more jokes with his friend. Therefore. He said: "Hei bitch!". To attract the attention of his friend. People use violence to say taboo words and harsh language to draw the audience's attention. The audience's reaction to the meaning of these phrases can be immediate.

2. To Show Contempt

The next function of taboo words is to show contempt. According to Wardhaugh (2006, p. 239), using taboo words in two-person conversations tends to contain an insult. Another explanation, according to Anggita (2015, p. 67), is that taboo words in the form of insults can occur when someone expresses a form of contempt caused by disrespect for the interlocutor or a certain object. Someone utters taboo words in the form of insults based on the assumption of the uselessness of the interlocutor or a form of disagreement with a certain event. According to Anggita (2015, p. 67), an example such as the conversation below:

Jameson: “I was told you, dirty monkey, do not sleep here!”

Jupri: “No, this is my safe place”

In the dialog above, it is clear Jameson using taboo words, dirty monkey, shows contempt because he is angry with Jupri. Jameson believes Jupri should rest in his area and make it dirty. The taboo word monkey means fool or not thinking. People use taboo words to demean the target because they believe that person or thing to be worthless and unworthy of respect.

3. To be provocative

According to Wardhaugh (2006, p. 239), the function of taboo words is to be provocative. Someone may be trying to provoke a particular reaction

in others, such as offense or anger, when they use taboo words. This is what it means when someone uses provocative language. For example:

Johan:” Hey bitch! I told you not to fucking disturb me!”

Rendra: “Ass hole you are! You want to fight with me, huh?”

In the conversation above. Johan was very angry with Rendra. Because he always disturbs Johan all the time. Johan is annoyed with Rendra's actions, so he utters the taboo word “bitch” and “fuck” to provoke Rendra’s anger and want to fight with Johan. Johan's success in provoking Rendra.

Taboo can incite particular feelings in its audience, such as offense or rage. The taboo is deemed successful if the answer matches what the speaker had anticipated.

4. To Mock Authority

The function of the last taboo word is to mock an authority. According to Wardaugh (2006, p.239), taboo words function to ridicule or mock a certain authority. Someone may use a taboo word because he or she disagrees with the decision of someone who influences the public or certain institutions. According to Rahmayani and Fitrawati (2018, p. 339), certain people use taboo words to mock authority. This happens because of mistrust of the government or the opinion of an influential person. An example, according to Rahmayani and Fitrawati (2018,p. 339) shown below:

Lino:” When a knife is stuck on your head, politics and all that shit goes right out the hole.”

Sila: “ I just want to do it right today.”

Lino is irritated with the political situation and its implications, so he uses the word unlucky in the preceding dialogue. He also did this because he was dissatisfied with the political conditions in his country. Therefore, he highlighted it with the word unfortunate to parody it.

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

This chapter describes the research methodology employed in this study, including research design, data and data sources, data collection, and data analysis.

A. Research Design

In this study, the data were analyzed using qualitative methods. The qualitative method used is descriptive qualitative research. Creswell (2017 et al.), qualitative research is descriptive data in which all data are data, not numbers. However, qualitative research methods aim to develop a subjective approach system. This research uses qualitative methods to create actual, systematic, and accurate research. The use of type theory and the function of taboo words in this study aims to answer two questions.

B. Research Instrument

In this study, the researcher is the research tool to identify the phenomenon of using taboo words in the comment session on Elon Musk's platform X account. Therefore, in this study, only one tool is used in this research except the researcher himself to analyze the type and function of taboo words used by netizens. In this case, the researcher has an important role in the research because the researcher is used as a tool in research has several advantages that other research tools do not have. Such as intellectual intelligence, morality, and clear thinking to understand social phenomena in designing this research.

C. Data Source

The data in this study were obtained from netizen comments on Elon Musk's account on platform X. The researcher chose platform X because platform X is a social media platform that includes many contexts in the context of freedom of expression. Also, platform X is a platform that is filled with influencers, world-class business people, and even political leaders. On the X platform, there are also many posts and comments from every netizen account, both from influencer accounts and famous business people worldwide, expressing unrest or expressing their feelings on the X platform using taboo words. Therefore, the researcher chose the research object from platform X.

In this study, the researcher chose Elon Musk's netizen comment session on platform X because many netizen comments from influencers and politicians responded to posts from Elon Musk uploaded on platform X. This month, the posts uploaded by Elon Musk's account reached 600 million views and 200 thousand comments. Moreover, in these 200 thousand comments, many criticized Elon Musk with taboo words. The researcher traced netizen comments on this account for 3 hours to find comments that used forbidden words by categorizing them by type and function. In selecting data, the researcher chose data based on several factors. Firstly, it is seen from accounts with verification; secondly, it has a minimum number of likes of 500 thousand; thirdly, it has several views and re-spreads of 1 million.

D. Data Collection

The researcher gathers data in this stage. The researcher opened Platform X and searched for Elon Musk's account. The researcher looked for a post uploaded by Elon Musk. Researcher found Elon Musk's position by reading the post. The third researcher searched the comment columns from Elon Musk's account post on platform X. The researcher looked up data using the taboo word and found 25 comments data from netizens on Elon Musk's account on the X platform.

E. Data Analysis

In this study, the researcher applied Battistella's (2005) theory of types of taboo words and Wardaugh's (2006) theory of functions of taboo words from 40 netizens' comments in the post-comment session on Elon Musk's platform X account uploaded on July 2, 2023, about the read post restriction on each platform X account. The researcher carefully examined the data collected in the comment session of Elon Musk's account. Thus, it can significantly analyze sample comment data from accounts that comment on Elon Musk's account posts according to the type and function of taboo words. In this study, the researcher analyzed the data using the theories of Battistella (2005) and Wardaugh (2006). They collected, analyzed, and divided each data on its function and category to produce significant research results on the type and function of taboo words in 25 verification account netizens' comments. The analysis to find out the type and function of taboo words is done by looking at the comments and responses of

netizens. Ultimately, the findings and discussions provided insight into the type and function of taboo words in social media, especially platform X.

CHAPTER IV

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter outlines the study findings and discussion. The findings will answer the two research questions about type and function. At the same time, the discussion provides an in-depth explanation of each finding to find out the theoretical framework of the research. The discussion provides an in-depth explanation of each finding to find out the theoretical framework presented by the finding. The discussion provides an in-depth explanation of each result to find out the theoretical framework presented by the finding.

A. Findings

This data collected from netizen comments on the comment section of Elon Musk's X account post on July 02, 2023, uploaded by netizens who have verified accounts and contain taboo words; found 25 netizen comment data who have verified accounts out of 200 thousand netizen comments. Each data is grouped and analyzed according to the type and kind of taboo words, using the theories of Batistella (2005) and Wardaugh (2006). The 25 data provide an impact that taboo words can enhance the popularity of netizen accounts that comment and also on Elon Musk's Platform X account, which makes controversial policies. Below are the results of the data analysis:

1. Types of Taboo Words Use by Netizens in Elon Musk's X Commentary Section.

According to Battistella's (2005) types of taboo words theory, the researcher found 25 taboo words issued by netizens who have verified in the comment session in Elon Musk's account post on the X platform: 9 data from the taboo word Epithet, 3 data from the taboo word Profanity, 4 data from the taboo word Vulgarity, 9 data from the taboo word Obscenity. Below is Table 1, which shows the results of the researcher's findings from the comment session of Elon Musk's account on the X platform.

No	Type of Taboo Words Use by Netizens in Elon Musk's X Commentary Section	Data Found
1	Epithets	8
2	Profanity	3
3	Vulgarity	4
4	Obscenity	10
	TOTAL	25

A. Epithets

The first type of taboo word is an epithet. Epithets are utterances that users use to reduce tension when interacting with others. According to Battistella (2005, p.72), epithets are a grouping of different types of insults. Usually, the taboo words used in epithets can refer to race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality. However, epithets can also refer to a person's physical condition or appearance. Examples of epithets are nigga, bitch, ass hole,

and asshole. There are 9 data entries from netizen comments on Elon Musk's X comment section:

Datum 1

@lostxbt: “Bro, **what the fuck is this”**

This comment datum obtained from one of the netizen comments in the comments section of Elon Musk's X account. In the comments made by the @lostxbt account, it gets a very significant response. In this comment, it gets 5.3 million views, which in this comment gives a representative impression of the word “**what the fuck**” combined with a tombstone image with the platform logo to mock Elon Musk's actions.

On datum 1, the netizen comment above is one type of taboo word, epithet. The word "what the fuck" in the comment uploaded by @lostxbt is intended to provide negative comments with the word what the fuck which means a bad nickname for someone for actions taken by others. This comment occurs because of Elon Musk's actions, which limit each category of accounts to read posts. The @lostxbt account argues that Elon Musk's actions are inappropriate as a capitalist and might ruin the already failed X platform. The what the fuck prefix directly mocks Elon Musk.

Datum 2

@everythingOOC:” **What the fuck, Elon? Get off Twitter!!”**

This datum collected from a verified netizen account named @everythingOOC. This comment received 1.9 million views and 29.5 thousand likes. The taboo word used is fuck which is one form of the taboo

word Epithets. The word “**fuck**” refers to Elon Musk and the actions taken by Elon Musk with his new policy towards the X platform.

On Datum 2, the word What the fuck has the same meaning as Datum 1. The word what the fuck has the meaning of an unkind nickname for someone for the crimes committed by others @everythingOOC commented with the word because he felt very annoyed at Elon Musk's actions with his new rules for Platform X.

Datum 3

@milxsuk:” Limiting the amount of Tweet you can see day is so **weird**.

This datum is taken from the comment section in Elon Musk's X account post by a verified account named @milxsuk. In his comment, @milxsuk uses the word weird to describe Elon Musk's actions and policies towards the X platform. The word weird itself is a word that is inappropriate to say to certain interlocutors or authorities.

On Datum 3, this netizen account with the name @milxsuk uses in his sentence: "Limiting the number of Tweets you can see the day is so weird." Using the word weird expresses Elon Musk's actions, which are detrimental to X platform users. Thus, it made the netizens, especially @milxsuk, express their anxiety in Elon Musk's X commentary section account.

Datum 4

@mrlurvy: "Let the **poor** breathe."

This datum collected from one of the netizen comments with a verified account named @mrlurvy. In @mrlurvy's posting, it uses the word "**poor**," a taboo word that describes a form of poverty of one's status. Following the word taboo, Epithets provide speech using a person's status.

On Datum 4, it is found that the account named @mrlurvy commented on Elon Musk's post by giving inappropriate utterances against Elon Musk. By saying, "Let the **poor** breathe," As a result of Elon Musk's actions saying that Elon Musk made a policy on Elon Musk's X social media platform account. The word poor means a person who does not have enough financial ability to fulfill his daily needs, which is why the word taboo replaces the word taboo epithets.

Datum 5

@catturd2: " **This is the most ridiculous idea I've ever seen on here.**"

The datum above is also taken from verified netizen accounts from Elon Musk's account comment session. Ridiculous is a taboo word in the Epithets category besides fuck and bastard. Accounts @catturd2 and @PalimenoForGAD1 commented using the word ridiculous in response to Elon Musk's account post about the new policy in Platform X.

On Datum 5, it is found that @catturd2 commented, "This is the most **ridiculous** idea I've ever seen on here." In response to Elon Musk's policy

on Platform X. The word “**ridiculous**” refers to a negative human trait showing ignorance about one's thoughts and behavior.

Datum 6

@PalimenoForGAD1:”Because that is kind of **ridiculous** considering the majority of my feed is not from people”

On Datum 5, it is found that @catturd2 commented, "This is the most ridiculous idea I've ever seen on here." In response to Elon Musk's policy on Platform X. The word “**ridiculous**” refers to a negative human trait showing ignorance about one's thoughts and behavior.

Datum 6 has the same word in the taboo word type Epithets, namely ridiculous. Comments from the @PalimenoForGAD1 account also suggest in their comments that **ridiculous** to give nicknames to Elon Musk, who has given a new policy to platform X by limiting the reading range of each account classification on platform X. The difference between Datum 5 and Datum 6 is that in Datum 5, Elon Musk's decision is something ridiculous frontally. At the same time, in Datum 6, it is more subtle or not directly.

Datum 7

@nowiknowmyabcs :”I'd be curious to see the data showing how many posts I read in an average day. I'm not even sure what qualifies. Do I have to actually click on the tweet, or does scrolling past a hundred replies to laugh at **dumb** people count against me?”

This data is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @nowiknowmyabcs account, one of the verified accounts from the

comment section in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 7, the @nowiknowmyabcs account utilizes the word **Dump** as an utterance delivered to Elon Musk. Dump is a taboo word epithet in which the utterance mentions stupidity informally to judge someone's actions. The word **Dumb** represents the policy issued by Elon Musk regarding restrictions on reading posts on each account classification on Platform X, which was expressed by @nowiknowmyabcs through social media accounts.

Datum 8

@cordovajulia: “**Poor** Twitter”

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @cordovajulia account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 8, the @cordovajulia account applies the word Poor as an utterance against the policy issued by Elon Musk on Platform X. The word poor here is an example of a taboo epithet because in this comment it gives utterances with inappropriate nicknames. The word poor can be interpreted

as a situation where someone does not have money, where the @cordova account gives utterances against Elon Musk for the statements issued on Platform X.

B. Profanity

The second type of taboo word is Profanity. Profanity is often associated with blasphemy, even though it is a way for a person to express an emotion by linking it to religious motives, depending on certain circumstances. Examples of profanity are oh my god, god hell yeh and holy god. There are 3 data from netizen comments in the comment section of X Elon Musk:

Datum 9

@UNIVERSO_1899:” **Rest In Peace** Twitter 1/07/2023.”

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @UNIVERSO_1899 account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 9, a netizen account with the name @UNIVERSO_1899 uses the taboo word **Rest In Peace** to comment on the policies issued by Elon Musk on the X platform. The word Rest in Peace is a taboo word. Profanity, the word **Rest In Peace**, is a word used in the Christian religion to declare someone's death. According to this comment, July 1, 2023, was

the passing of Platform X after Elon Musk and Elon Musk took it over and issued a new policy the next day on Elon Musk's Platform X account, which used to have the name Twitter.

Datum 10

@frankieJavierCortez:” If you laugh, you going to **hell**.”

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @frankieJavierCortez account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 10, a netizen account named @frankieJavierCortez uses the taboo word "**hell**" in his comment on the comment session of Elon Musk's account on the X platform. The word **hell** is one type of profanity taboo word. The word **hell** means a place where demons live and where bad people pay for all their deeds during their lifetime after they have passed away. The phrase "If you laugh, you are going to **hell**" is a form of insult to the impact of Elon Musk's statement on Platform X.

Datum 11

@totSamy_yoda: “Our expectations for you were low, but **HOLY FUCK**”.

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @totSamy_yoda account, one of the verified accounts

from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 11, there is a netizen account with the name @totSamy_yoda using the word "**HOLY FUCK**" in his comment on Elon Musk's statement about his policy for platforms. The word "**HOLY FUCK**" is a type of taboo word, profanity which is a taboo word that expresses utterances related to religion. "**HOLY FUCK**" is a taboo word that describes a condition that expresses disappointment in the actions of others by bringing religious elements. This profanity, "**HOLY FUCK**" was created as a result of @totSamy_yoda's disappointment with Elon Musk's policies.

C. Vulgarity

Vulgarity is the trait or state of being impolite, rude, or insulting in one's language, conduct, or expression. This includes using language, gestures, or acts in a cultural or social context that are considered unpleasant, disrespectful, or socially inappropriate. Vulgar vocabulary frequently incorporates graphic or vulgar words, profanity, and derogatory terminology about sex, body functions, or other sensitive issues. Words belonging to this type are, for example, ass and dick. There were 4 data from netizens' comments in Elon Musk's X commentary section:

Datum 12

@itsurbabysitter: “Welp I can’t post my **porn** on that app sooo it’s a no from me”

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @itsurbabysitter account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 12, this is a comment from a netizen X account with the name @itsurbabysitter, one of the verified accounts on Elon Musk's X platform comment session using the word "**porn**." The word "**porn**" is one of the types of taboo words Vulgarity besides ass, fuck, suck, and dick. The word porn in this comment expresses a very bad content that is used to attract the attention of sexuality of enthusiasts and is not good to be shown in public and social media platforms. The comment, "Welp I can't post my **porn** on that app, sooo it's a no from me," tells us that the impact of the account classification restriction policy created by Elon Musk makes the @itsurbabysitter account unable to upload its adult content on platform X.

Datum 13

@tszsl : “This **suck** dude you gotta 10x each of these numbers”

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @itsurbabysitter account, one of the verified accounts

from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 13, this is a comment from one of the verified accounts that commented on a post on Elon Musk's account with the name @tszsl using the word "**suck**," which is included in one type of taboo word, Vulgarity. This occurred because of the @tszsl account's frustration with Elon Musk's policy of limiting the reading of each post on the account classification on Platform X. The word **sucks** itself is blasphemy which is the activity of someone who is snacking something in the mouth.

Datum 14

@_elan_ : "Twitter is **sucking** big time **cock**, Elon."

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @itsurbabysitter account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 14, this is a comment from one of the verified accounts that commented on Elon Musk's account post with the name @_elan_ using the words **sucking** and **cock**, which is one type of taboo word Vulgarity. In the comment, "Twitter is **sucking** big time **cock**, Elon."

Shows the annoyance and protest of the @_elan_ account to Elon Musk against the new policy specifically for Platform X. The words sucking and cock are immoral because they represent the act of stuffing a male's genital organ.

Datum 15

@farahblue: "You are bringing this platform into its **knees.**"

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @itsurbabysitter account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 15, this is a comment from one of the verified accounts commenting on Elon Musk's post with the name @farahblue, which uses the word "**knees.**" The word "knees" is a type of taboo word, Vulgarity. In the comment, "You are bringing this platform to its **knees.**" This is a form of sarcasm of the @farahblue account against the policy issued by Elon Musk regarding restrictions on reading posts to each account classification on Platform X. The word "**knees**" itself is a form of human anatomy in this comment which means that the policy that Elon Musk issued is bad and will not last for a long time.

D. Obscenity

The last type of taboo word in this study is Obscenity. Obscenity is another sort of taboo. It is moderately offensive and rarely (if ever) heard in public. Experienced profanity; this remark is improper. However, obscenity is acceptable. For instance, "Fuck" Also "abandoned mother." Obscenity refers to offensive language. It is used in public settings because it contains repulsive, rude, and disrespectful characteristics. There were 10 data from netizens comment in Elon Musk's X commentary section:

Datum 16

@crypticNoHoes: "44b just to **cripple** the app"

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @itsurbabysitter account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On datum 16, this is a comment from one of the verified accounts that commented on Elon Musk's post with the name @crypticNoHoes with the word cripple, which is included in the context of the type of taboo word obscenity. The comment "44b just to cripple the app" is a strong satire of Elon Musk's policy after acquiring the Twitter platform, which is currently Platform X. The @crypticNoHoes account uses the word cripple to put pressure on Elon Musk for his policies.

Datum 17

@slimesunday: “Subscribe or **die**.”

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @itsurbabysitter account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 17, this is a comment by netizens on the policy issued by Elon Musk for Platform X using the word "**die**," a type of Obscenity taboo word. The word "**die**" means the passing of someone or the occurrence of a tragedy.

Datum 18

@canitti: “In only one year you have managed to **destroy** everything this site represents, congrats,”

Datum 19

@jefinhoMenes: “Congratulations, your mission to **destroy** Twitter is running 100% till now.”

This datum was obtained from the @canitti and @jefinhoMenes accounts, which are verified accounts from the comment session on Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment is made in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 18 and Datum 19 are comments given by netizens with the names @canitty and @jefinhoMenes on policies regarding post restrictions on reading classifications on each account on Platform X using the word "**Destroy**," which is included in the Obscenity category. The word "**Destroy**" is a verb that is an action to destroy an existing order. This comment exists because of Elon Musk's new policy on Platform X.

Datum 20

@Azo_Alzamil: "What a waste, you are **killing** the app."

Datum 21

@emmyuh: "Operation **kill** Twitter."

This datum was obtained from the @Azo_Azzamil and @emmyuh accounts, which are verified accounts from the comment session on Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment is made in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 20 and Datum 21 are comments given by netizens with the names @Azo_Alzamil and @emmyuh on the policy regarding media restrictions on reading posts on each account classification on Platform X using the words "**kill**" and "**killing**," including the taboo word type Obscenity. The words "**kill**" and "**killing**" have the meaning to stop a program at the will of others.

Datum 22

@mfarrellsports: "This is **moronic**."

This datum obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @mfarrellsports account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 22, this is a comment provided by one of the verified accounts against the policy issued by Elon Musk, the latest policy regarding post-reading restrictions on each account classification on the X platform. The word "**moronic**" in this comment means about an ignorance of an authority that occurs.

Datum 23

@dvorahvr: "Elon, King of **irony**."

Datum 24

@Gidi_Traffic: "The **irony**"

This datum was obtained from the @Gidi_traffic and @dvorahvr accounts, which are verified accounts from the comment session on Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment is made in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

Datums 23 and 24 are comments given by verified netizen accounts with the names @dvorahvr and @Gidi_Traffic using the word "irony, " a taboo word Obscenity. In this comment, the two accounts commented on

Elon Musk's policy, which they thought was very bad. The word "irony" is an utterance in the form of a noun which means something very bad and is used as a joke for someone who disagrees with an opposition's decision.

Datum 25

@GregMusselwhot3: “Now try and turn off the algorithm that limits my account... I am still being **throttled** for no reason.”

This datum is obtained from the account obtained from the comments of the @itsurbabysitter account, one of the verified accounts from the comment session in Elon Musk's account on Platform X. This comment was given in response to Elon Musk's account post, which contains a reduction policy for reading posts on each Platform X account classification.

On Datum 25, this is a comment from a verified account commenting on a post about Elon Musk's policy on Platform X with the name @GregMusselwhot3 using the word "throttled, " a taboo word Obscenity. The word "throttled" itself is a verb that is very immoral to voice. The word throttled in this comment means that a condition feels depressed due to a policy from an opposition that is detrimental to the other side.

2. Functions of Taboo Words Used by Netizens in Account Elon Musk's X Commentary Section.

This study found that the function of taboo words used by 25 netizens is to draw attention to one's self, to show contempt, to be

provocative, and to mock authority. Below is Table 2, which shows the results of the data found by the researcher from the comment session of Elon Musk's account on platform X.

No	Function of Taboo Words Use by Netizens in Elon Musk's X Commentary Section	Data Found
1	to draw attention to oneself	7
2	to show contempt	5
3	to be provocative	3
4	to mock authority	8
	TOTAL	25

A. To Draw Attention To Oneself

To draw attention to oneself is a condition where a person uses taboo words to attract the interlocutor's attention or to get the attention of an opposition by using frontal words.

Datum 1

@losxbt: "Bro, what the **fuck** is this"

Datum 1 is taken from a comment on Elon Musk's account post, which shows a new policy in the post-reading requirements for each account classification on platform X. In this comment, the word "**fuck**" is used as a word that has a controversial meaning which serves to attract the attention of netizens who read it and also the attention of Elon Musk himself. In this comment, the taboo word benefits the @losxbt account and Elon Musk regarding additional views, love, and followers.

Datum 4

@mrlurvy: “Let the **poor** breathe”

The Datum 4 uses the word "**poor**" to criticize the policies issued by Elon Musk for Platform X. In addition to being used to criticize Elon Musk, this comment aims to attract the attention of other netizens so that many spread and like comments from the @mrlurvy account. This happens because this comment has an argument stating that Platform X requires large funds, and Elon Musk is a person who does not have the money to fund Platform X and requires Elon Musk to issue his policy to get more funds. So that it can make other netizens have the same thoughts as @mrlurvy

Datum 5

@catturd2: “This is the most **ridiculous** idea I’ve ever seen on here.”

Datum 5 and 6 have a similarity in the words used in commenting on Elon Musk's account post on Platform X, which contains a policy of limiting reading posts on each account classification on Platform X. The word "**ridiculous**" in this comment has a function to attract the attention of netizens on Platform X. This can happen because Elon Musk's policy is considered a very useless thing in the Platform X collage.

Datum 6

@PalimenoForGAD1: “Because that is kind of **ridiculous** considering the majority of my feed is not from people”

The datum 5 and datum 6 are also taken in the comment session on Elon Musk's post. The word "**ridiculous**" has a function to mention that the policy that Elon Musk carried out after recognizing the side of the Twitter Platform, which is now named X, is something foolish, and this has attracted the attention of all netizens who see this comment. The netizens' views and followers who commented on Elon Musk's account increased significantly.

Datum 9

@UNIVERSO_1899: "**Rest In Peace** Twitter 1/7/2023"

On Datum 9, the word "**R.I.P**" or Rest In Peace has a function to draw attention. The comments given to @UNIVERSO_1899 on the policies issued by Elon Musk attract much attention from netizens on Platform X because it is by reality when Elon Musk recognizes the side of Platform X directly providing controversial policies that are detrimental to netizens on Platform X.

Datum 12

@itsurbabysitter: "Welp, I can't post my **porn** on that app, sooo, it's a no from me."

The Datum 12 use of the word "**porn**" is aimed at taking momentum when Elon Musk's policy issued for Platform X is heating up. The word porn in the comment, "Welp, I can't post my **porn** on that app, sooo it's a no from me," besides aiming to complain about Elon Musk's policy, this comment also serves to attract attention for its readers and can visit the

@itsurbabysitter account on the X platform. This increases the popularity of the @itsurbabysitter account.

B. To Show Contempt

Taboo words in the form of insults can occur when someone expresses contempt caused by disrespect for the interlocutor or a certain object. Someone utters taboo words in the form of insults based on the assumption of the uselessness of the interlocutor or a form of disagreement with a certain event.

Datum 10

@frankieJavierCortez: “If you laugh you going to **hell**.”

Datum 10 is also a comment provided by one of the verified netizens on the X platform on Elon Musk's policy, which contains a reduction in post-reading for each account classification on the X platform. The word "hell" in the comment "If you laugh, you are going to **hell**" has a function to show the disrespect of @frankieJavierCortez's account for the impact of Elon Musk's policy, which makes Elon Musk happy because seeing from the comments of netizens who caused the increasing popularity of Elon Musk and Platform X to be in the spotlight for policies that are controversial for netizens on Platform X.

Datum 16

@crypticNoHoes: “44b just to **cripple** the app”

The data in datum 16 is also extracted from the comment session of Elon Musk's account post about the policy of limiting media reading posts on each account classification in Platform X. The word "**cripple**" has a function to provide insults. In the comment "44b just to cripple the app," according to the @crypticNoHoes account, Elon Musk's actions are stupid because by recognizing the side of the Twitter platform, which is now Platform X for 44b us dollars and issuing a new policy that is detrimental to netizens using the platform is a ridiculous act and makes the app useless.

Datum 17

@slimesunday: "Subscribe or **die**."

Datum 17 demonstrates that the comment aimed at the post-reading restriction policy for each account classification on the X platform issued by the @slimesunday account is a comment that states disrespect for Elon Musk. The word "**die**" is a word that reflects the disrespect of netizens. So many netizens who agree with Elon Musk's policy are considered very detrimental to netizens.

Datum 23

@dvorahvr: "Elon, King of **irony**."

In Datum 23 and 24, there are similarities in the type and function of taboo words used to comment on posts uploaded by Elon Musk's account on the X platform about the policy of limiting reading posts on each account classification on the X platform. The word "**irony**" can provide

hate speech because the word irony means the bad impact of someone's actions.

Datum 24

@Gidi_Traffic: “The **irony**”

in Datum 23 and 24, which are taken from verified netizen comments in the comment session of Elon Musk's account post containing the post-reading restriction policy on Platform X. The word "**irony**" used by the accounts @dvorahvr and @Gidi_Traffic serves to provide utterances that can criticize Elon Musk for his actions in issuing the latest policy for Platform X and in this comment, it gets a lot of netizen attention. This is based on the fact that the word "irony" is a word with negative connotations because of the disrespect of the two accounts to Elon Musk.

C. To Be Provocative

The function of taboo words is to be provocative. Someone may be trying to provoke a particular reaction in others, such as offense or anger when they use taboo words.

Datum 2

@everythingOOC: “What the **fuck** Elon get off twitter.”

Datum 10 is a comment from one of the comments from a verified account in the comment session of Elon Musk's account on Platform X on the policy of limiting reading posts on each account classification on Platform X. The word "**fuck**" in the comment "What the fuck Elon get off

twitter" has the function of provoking netizens and Elon Musk. The word "**fuck**" in the comment "What the **fuck** Elon get off twitter" has a function to provoke netizens and Elon Musk. This can happen because the policy made by Elon Musk is bad, so the @everythingOOC account makes provocative comments as if expelling Elon Musk from Platform X, which also ignites the emotions of Platform X netizens.

Datum 8

@cordovajulia: "**Poor** twitter"

On Date 8, this is a verified account comment on Elo Musk's post on Platform X about Elon Musk's new policy of limiting reading posts for each account classification on Platform X. The word "**poor**" has a function to provoke Elon Musk and provoke netizens by mentioning that after recognizing the side of the Twitter platform, which is currently platform X, Elon Musk in his policy mentions that only verified accounts have the highest limitations in reading posts on platform X.

Datum 13

@tszsl: "This **suck** dude you gotta 10x each of these numbers"

On Datum 10, the word "**suck**" has a function to provoke netizens on Platform X. This can happen because Elon Musk's policy of limiting reading posts on each account classification on Platform X is a unilateral decision that only benefits Elon Musk. So that the @tszsl account raises provocation with the sentence, "This **sucks**, dude, you gotta 10x each of these numbers," which attracts the attention of netizens on Platform X.

D. To Mock Authority

Taboo words are used to ridicule or mock a certain authority. Someone may use a taboo word because they disagree with the decision of someone who influences the public or certain institutions.

Datum 3

@milxsuk: “Limiting the amount of Tweet you can see daily is so **weird**.”

In Datum 3, the word "weird" in the sentence "Limiting the amounts of Tweets you can see day is so **weird**" given by the @milxsuck account has a function to mock authority. This is because the word "**weird**" is a criticism that expresses the events that occur due to Elon Musk's policy, which restricts reading posts on each account classification on Platform X.

Datum 7

@nowiknowmyabcs: “I'd be curious to see the data showing how many posts I read in an average day. I'm not even sure what qualifies. Do I have to actually click on the tweet, or does scrolling past a hundred replies to laugh at **dumb** people count against me?”

In Datum 7, the word "**dumb**" is a human deficiency adjective spoken to someone and belongs to the taboo word function to mock authority. The word "dumb" provides censorious criticism of the policies issued by Elon Musk for Platform X.

Datum 11

@totSamy_yoda: “Our expectations for you were low, **but HOLY FUCK**”

In datum 11, the use of the word "**HOLY FUCK**" is a form of a word that uses negativity because it expresses disappointment with a person or certain opposition. The word "**HOLY FUCK**" in this comment has the function of mocking the authority of the policy issued by Elon Musk for Platform X regarding the policy of limiting reading posts on each account classification on Platform X, which has received much attention from netizens in Platform X.

Datum 18

@canitti: “In only one year you have managed to **destroy** everything this site represents, congrats.”

Datum 18 uses the word **destroy**, a verb with a bad connotation. The word “**destroy**” in the comment, "In only one year you have managed to destroy everything this site represents, congrats." Has a function as to mock authority. This occurred because the @caanty account thought that Elon Musk, with his policy of limiting post reading for each account classification on Platform X, was a policy that destroyed the existing order and was favored by netizens on Platform X.

Datum 19

@jefinhoMenes: “Congratulations, your mission to **destroy** Twitter is running 100% till now.”

Datum 19 has a similar use of words and functions of taboo words with Datum 18, which uses the word “**Destroy**” in the comments given to mock authority for Elon Musk's policies, which are considered very detrimental and can damage the popularity of the X platform.

Datum 20

@Azo_Alzamil: “What a waste, you are **killing** the app.”

Datum 20 and Datum 21 are taken from verified accounts that comment on Elon Musk's account post on Platform X, which contains a policy on reading restrictions on each account classification on Platform X. The word “**killing**” is a form of the verb that has a negative connotation which in the comment Datum 21 has a function to mock authority. The word “**killing**” is intended to criticize Elon Musk because the policies issued on Platform X are tantamount to destroying Platform X.

Datum 21

@emmyuh: “Operation **kill** Twitter.”

Datum 20 and Datum 21 use the same word in comments on Elon Musk's policy of limiting reading posts on each account classification on Platform X. The words “**kill**” and “**killing**” are negative connotations that have a function to mock authority. This can be seen from the comments “What a waste, you are **killing** the app” and “Operation **kill** Twitter,” which are strong insinuations against Elon Musk's policy after recognizing the side of Platform X.

Datum 25

@GregMusselwhot3: “Now try and turn off the algorithm that limits my account... I am still being **throttled** for no reason.”

Datum 25 uses the word "**throttled**," which has the meaning of coercion when looking at the rules of certain opposition, which has a negative connotation and has a function to mock authority over Elon Musk's policies on Platform X, which forces all netizens to follow the policies for Platform X without any objection.

B. Discussion

This section differs from the previous one, which solely answered the research questions by presenting tables and brief explanations. This section provides detailed explanations for each finding. This research utilizes Battistella's theory on the types of taboo words (2005) and Wardaugh's theory on the function of taboo words (2006). This study found that 25 of the comments in the Elon Musk account comment session posts contain the post-reading restriction policy on each account classification on Platform X.

The researcher found 25 data in this study and divided the data according to the type and function by making a table containing the data in this research. In this study, the researcher divided 25 data from verified account comments according to type and function and found 8 Epithets, 3 Profanity, 4 Vulgarity, 10 Obscenity according to the type of taboo words, and found 7 to draw attention to

one's self, 5 to show contempt, 3 to be provocative and 8 to mock authority according to the function of taboo words used by netizens.

In this study, the word fuck appears the most three times, two in the epithets section and one in the profanity section. In this case, the word fuck in epithets and profanity has a difference in meaning. In the word fuck in type, epithets are used to give nicknames to Elon Musk for his actions which are considered very bad for the future of Platform X. In contrast, the word fuck in type profanity is used to express disappointment in Elon Musk's actions by making new regulations for Platform X. McArthur (1996), the word fuck denotes sex and excretion, which are basic biological processes. Although these biological processes are not inherently offensive, the word fuck is considered a private matter that cannot be brought into public.

Following the theory of types of taboo words proposed by Wardaugh 2006, taboo words are defined as Taboo in society and refer to the prohibition or avoidance of behaviors that are believed to be harmful to its members because they cause them harm. Behavior in society is believed to be harmful to its members because it causes them fear, embarrassment, or shame. The current use of taboo words by netizens in social media occurs more liberated when there is a certain case, such as Elon Musk's new policy for the X platform.

The analysis of 25 verified netizen comments in the post comment session on Elon Musk's account on Platform X is dominated by the use of the taboo word type obscenity followed by the taboo word type epithets, and the third taboo word vulgarity and the last is the use of the taboo word type profanity. The main point

obtained from the use of taboo words above is due to the disrespect of netizens for the policy after Elon Musk, who provides restrictions for reading posts on each account classification on Platform X so that many negative connotations are issued in the 25 comments. For the wrong comment using the words "fuck" and "suck," which can be interpreted as doing sexual activities with other people but in this study, it was found that the taboo word could be a curse in the form of an epithet to others as netizens did in the comment session of Elon Musk's account post on the X platform.

In this study, researchers also divided 25 data found in the comment session on Elon Musk's account about platform X's post-reading restriction policy by Wardaugh's 2006 theory about the function of taboo words. Researchers found that the function of taboo words was dominated by 8 to mock authority, followed by 7 to draw attention, the third 5 to show contempt, and the last 3 to be provocative.

In this study, the researcher found that the main function of the 25 verified netizen account comments in the Elon Musk account post comment session regarding the reading post restriction policy on each account classification in platform X to criticize Elon Musk's policy, netizen criticism comments included four functions of the taboo word proposed by Wardaugh (2006). Researchers found that taboo words are not only for expressing criticism through sentences of netizen comments on Elon Musk's policies. Researchers found that in the current social era, taboo words have a function to increase the popularity of the 25 netizen accounts that commented and also to Elon Musk himself and the X platform. This

is based on the number of people on platform X who reposted and liked the 25 comments, and this can be seen from the increase in the number of followers of Elon Musk's account on platform X after the heated policy for platform X after Elon Musk acknowledged the side of platform X. This is certainly a momentum for Elon Musk and Platform X to overcome competing platforms and become a profitable business field for Elon Musk.

This study has similarities with previous studies, such as Husda (2021) research finding about hate speech in taboo words and classifying and describing based on the function of taboo words. In their research, Alfarisi (2019) and Simanjuntak (2022) found the function of taboo words based on the script of the movie character. Sari (2019), in her research, found the type of taboo words used in movie scripts and described them into 3 categories: obscenity, profanity, and epithets. Septia (2023) In this study discusses the type and function of taboo words in movies and describes taboo words according to their type and function, along with the intensity of their use.

This study also differs from previous research. This difference is based on the results of previous research. Kurniawati (2022), in her research, found that the division of functions of taboo words spoken by someone depends on the gender of the taboo word speakers. In this study, researchers only discussed the type and function of taboo words from 25 netizens who commented on posts on Elon Musk's account, which contained a policy of limiting reading posts on each account classification on Platform X. This study does not discuss the gender differences of taboo word speakers,

However, It is important to consider the limitations of this study and the potential for future research. Although the analysis has provided results, it is important to note that this study only focuses on 25 netizens' comments on Elon Musk's account posts on Platform X about the post-reading restriction policy on Platform X, and the findings cannot be generalized to all social media platforms. Therefore, future researchers can expand the sample coverage and include more variables to examine the type and function of taboo words in social media.

Overall, this study's findings significantly contribute to understanding the types and functions of taboo words on social media, especially in addressing the policies issued by a social media platform. Rahma L. 2019, said that taboo words also have functions according to the situation experienced by someone when they communicate. In this study, it can also be revealed that taboo words in today's digital age can be used as one of the strategies in increasing popularity for those who use them, which can be a field of coffers to make good money today. It can also be concluded that taboo words in today's digital age are very good in business economics, but taboo words are still bad in social terms.

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter presents conclusions and suggestions from this research. This chapter explains the previous chapters, which answer the two research problems. In addition, the suggestions contain recommendations for readers or future researchers who want to explore further research in the same field. Who wants to study further research in the same field.

A. Conclusion

This study investigates the type and function of taboo words used by verified netizen accounts in the comment session on Elon Musk's account post about the reading media restriction policy in each account classification on Platform X. In addition, this research aims to explore what are the types and functions of taboo words used in social media, especially on Platform X. By answering these research questions, a comprehensive analysis is used in providing a classification of taboo words from 25 verified netizen accounts in the comment session on Elon Musk's account on Platform X according to their type and function.

The following conclusions can be drawn based on Chapter Three's research results and discussion. The first objective of this study is to identify and describe the types of taboo words used by verified netizens in the comment session on Elon Musk's account post. Four types of taboo words, including epithets, profanity, vulgarity, and obscenity, appeared in 25 netizen comments in the comment session

of Elon Musk's account post on the X platform. The main type used by these 25 verified netizens is obscenity. The taboo word obscenity appears in 10 of the total 25 netizen comments. This was followed by the taboo word epithets with 8 out of 25 data, taboo word vulgarity with 4 data, and taboo word profanity with 3 data. Netizens use taboo words to criticize the policies issued by Elon Musk.

The second aim of this study is to describe the function of taboo words in 25 verified netizen account comments on Elon Musk's post about the new policy on platform X. From the Four Functions of Taboo Words according to Wardhaugh (2006), 4 functions appear in 25 netizen comments, namely: to draw attention, to show contempt, to be provocative and to mock authority. The data obtained to mock authority became the most, with a total of 10 out of a total of 25 data obtained. Netizens use the function to mock authority due to the rejection of Elon Musk's policy after recognizing the side of the Twitter platform, which is currently renamed Platform X, regarding restrictions on reading posts on each account classification on Platform X.

In this study, researchers also found that in today's digital age, taboo words are not only used to give negative speech in a particular case. Taboo words can increase popularity and become a business field for certain business people and influencers such as Elon Musk.

B. Suggestion

Based on the explanation above, the researcher explains the types and functions of taboo words. Researchers also provide several points that can be done for further research. First, researcher can examine further taboo word research by looking at several aspects that can make it easier for researcher to conduct further research. Secondly, for further research, researcher expect to look at taboo words from a different perspective to better explain the function of taboo words used in social media platforms.

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APPENDICES

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13	@mfarrel lsports	This is moronic	22	-	-	-	v
14	@farahbl ue	You are bringing this platform into its knees	15	-	-	v	-
15	@Palime noForGA D1	Because that is kind of ridiculous considering the majority of my feed is not from peopl e	6	v	-	-	-
16	@emmyu h	Operation kill twitter	21	-	-	-	v
17	@dvorah vr	Elon, King of irony	23	-	-	-	v
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10	@canitti	In only one year you have managed to destroy everything this site represents, congrats.	18	-	-	-	v
11	@catturd2	This is the most ridiculous idea I've ever seen on here.	5	v	-	-	-
12	@Azo_Alzamil	What a waste, you are killing the app	20	-	-	-	v
13	@mfarrelsports	This is moronic	22	v	-	-	-
14	@farahblue	You are bringing this platform into its knees	15	-	-	-	v
15	@PalimenoForGAD1	Because that is kind of ridiculous considering the majority of my feed is not from people	6	v	-	-	-
16	@emmyuh	Operation kill twitter	21	-	-	-	v
17	@dvorahvr	Elon, King of irony	23	-	v	-	-
18	@Gidi_Traffic	The irony	24	-	v	-	-
19	@jefinhoMenes	Congratulations, your mission to destroy twitter is running 100% I till now	19	-	-	-	v
20	@UNIVERSO_1899	R.I.P Twitter 01/07/2023	9	v	-	-	-
21	@nowiknowmyabs	I'd be curious to see the data showing how many posts I	7	-	-	-	v

		<p>read in an average day. I'm not even sure what qualifies. Do I have to actually click on the tweet, or does scrolling past a hundred replies to laugh at dumb people count against me ?</p>					
22	@GregMusselwhot3	Now try and turn off the algorithm that limits my account... I am still being throttled for no reason.	25	-	-	-	v
23	@frankieJavierCortez	If you laugh you going to hell	10	-	v	-	-
24	@cordovajulia	Poor twitter	8	-	-	v	-
25	@totSamy_yoda	Our expectations for you were low but HOLY FUCK	11	-	-	-	v