

## **CHAPTER V**

### **CONCLUSIONS & SUGGESTIONS**

This chapter is organized into two sections, conclusions and suggestions. The conclusion provides a summary of the result of this undergraduate thesis based on the research findings. It discusses the types of taboo words and their functions used by Black Americans and White Americans in Kannel Joseph's Videos YouTube Channel. Meanwhile, the suggestions are aimed for the next researchers interested in researching similar fields of study on taboo words from various perspectives.

#### **5.1 Conclusions**

According to the findings and analysis, the researcher all of the types of taboo words proposed by Batistella (2005), and also all functions of taboo words by Jay (1992) are appear in this research. Moreover, Black Americans employ taboo words more than White Americans. In line with higher taboo words used by Black Americans, Elis in Estretrika (1999) (as cited in Esterika, 2016), individuals of European descent generally exhibit more control over their emotional expression. In contrast, numerous scholars have noted that African and Americans (Black People) tend to have more emotional, vigorous, and expressive communication style.

In terms of the type of taboo words, both Black Americans and White Americans dominantly utter taboo words classified as obscenity. In this category, there are 78 data from Black American, while White Americans 22 data . This is due the words obscenity, such as "fuck" and "shit", becomes a common phenomenon in the English language that all bad things or stuff, even all bad feelings, usually can be relieved by saying those 'F' words. Moreover, according to Jay's (1999) research, from over 70 different types of taboo words recorded publicly, the majority of their usage is concentrated on 10 frequently used terms, with fuck and shit alone used for about one-third to one-half of all recorded instances between 1986 and 2006. This finding supports my conclusion that the obscenity words such as "fuck" and "shit" are the most commonly used taboo words. Meanwhile, the least frequent word used by Black Americans and White

Americans is profanity. Black Americans only use 18 times, while White Americans only use 4 times. It indicates that they are not as useful as the words shit and fuck.

Another conclusion is based on the function of taboo words. The tasks of taboo words found in Kannel Josephs' video are anger/frustration, descriptive/evaluative, joking, surprise, and sarcastic/insult. Due to the video's prank content that disturbs people, both Black Americans and White Americans tend to use taboo words to express their anger. The use of forbidden words by Black Americans is done to show their joking since the prankster is from black people. Meanwhile, anger/frustration is the most dominant used by white Americans. This is because the prankster is black, and many of his utterances are intended for joking. Both ethnicities rarely employ taboo words to insult. This is because the prank video is intended to entertain. The focus is on creating humour rather than harming the respondent.

In the finding, it shows that some types of taboo words have more than one purpose when they are used. According to Jay (2009:155), "swearing is like using a horn on your car, which can be used to signify several emotions (e.g., anger, frustration, joy, surprise)". Epithet can be used to show anger or frustration, surprise, joke, descriptive/evaluative, and insult. In this case, Black Americans frequently use vulgarity type for joking, while White Americans use epithets and obscenity to express their anger.

## **5.2 Suggestions**

The researcher realizes that this study has several weaknesses. Nonetheless, the researcher suggests that those interested in sociolinguistics, particularly the topic of taboo words, could apply the same theory of taboo words to different types of literature. Additionally, the researcher suggests that the next researcher explore taboo words in their local or other languages. Moreover, the next researcher can also explore taboo words based on the age of the speakers. As a student of English Literature, understanding these words is essential since they are inappropriate and must be avoided in daily life. This can help guide on using taboo words

appropriately, ensuring they are not utilized publicly or in broader society to prevent negative perceptions.

