

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Research

Human are known as social creature that sometimes see the relationship to the others by the physical differences. This is because humans are born by carrying their own genes. People generally respond to others differently based on what they know, which may include superficial characteristics often associated with race. Race was created socially, primarily by how people perceived ideas and faces someone is not quite used to. People identify someone as the members of some group because their physical appearance, culture, or ethnic origins and that are the one of term of racism. Racism is still a major problem in the world and always interesting to be discussed. The term racism which refer to negative actions include prejudice, discrimination or hatred toward the inferior people, and caused by the emergence of some races who regard their groups as the best group.

The factor they usually use to determine the superiority is because their physical appearance or skin color. Many white people actually believe they are genetically superior and the best product of human evolutions. As the result, they start to treat color people unfairly. They became the victim of the practice of racism. Racism have cause of color people especially African descent to be relegated in many aspects of public life. They have suffered exlusion and humiliation. For the example African descent was born in white people country for the example in United States face systemic racism, in access to education, health-care, market, loans and technology. Almost people around the world experience racism. In the United States, the Civil Right Act of 1964 prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis race in the workplaces. It's a civil law, which means companies could face fines if they break it. However, in the reality regardless of applicable law, racism has gotten worse. With the ability to post anonymous hate comments on social media or take racial name as swear words in the songs or movies, along with the rise of global far-right movement leading some people to

feel like they can say anything, no matter how racist. Unlike most other language rules, learn about swear words and how to use it, people do not have to study or get classroom instruction. Swear words are always stigmatized negatively by the society. The use of swear words seems to have shifted from only defining negative into being accepted to be used in any contexts. That actually serve several distinct functions based on the differences ways people can swear in the real life.

Talking about real life, movie is the one of real reflection of human life, a movie can be considered as good or bad is based on the ability of the actors or actresses to act naturally. They are expected to automatically represent the real conditions of the society which becomes the setting of the movie in every aspect of life, including behavior and style of speech. It is clear that the use of swear word now is quite common, we often can hear and use it in daily life. Not only in song, it can be also found in the movie. One of the examples is an American movie entitled *BlacKkKlansman*. *BlacKkKlansman* is a 2018 American biographical crime film directed by Spike Lee and based on 2014 memoir of *Black Klansman*. The setting is in the early of 1970s when there is a lot of civil turmoil due to skin color segregation. *BlacKkKlansman* presents racism as a dichotomy which happens in America at that time.

This research analyzed the swear words that are uttered by the characters in *BlacKkKlansman* movie using qualitative method and the theory of swear words classifications by Batistella (2005) theory of swear words purposes by Rothwell (1973) and theory of racism by Neubeck and Glasberg (2005) to analyze the data. This study particularly in the area of sociolinguistics, have highlighted the nuanced and varied meanings of swearing in an interpersonal context. The functions and effects of swearing are highly depend on the context in which occurs, hence taking account range of social variables such as social norms, ethnic, status differentials, and relationship.

## **1.2 Identification of the Problem**

Based on the background of the research, I identify the problem of the research are how the viewers interpreted the use and the purposes of the swear word that

are uttered by all characters in Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman" movie script. When the white and black characters in the movie used swear words the viewers doesn't understand the types, the intentions and purposes of the swear words. Considering to the setting of this movie it is an the early 1970's in America, when the racism is so prominent, how race differences influence the use of swear words to be one of the problems of this research. I analyze the type, purpose and the influence of racism to the use of swear words that are uttered by white and black characters in the movie with theory of swear words classifications, functions and racism.

### **1.3 Limitation of the Problem**

There are so many things that can be analyzed from the characters in BlaKkKlansman movie script. Therefore, in this research, the writer only focuses on analyzing the types and the purposes in the words, phrases and sentences which contain swear words that are uttered by white and black characters and the influence of racism to the use of swear words in BlacKkKlansman movie script. The scope of this research is Sociological field which intend to know the relations between racism and swear words. The setting of the movie is in the early 1970's in America when African—American got discrimination on the basis of race, skin color, sex, religion or national origin.

### **1.4 Formulation of the Problem**

Based on the limitation of the problem as mentioned above, the formulate of the problem are as follows:

1. What types of swear words are uttered by white and black characters in "BlacKkKlansman" movie script.
2. What are the purposes of using swear words are uttered by white and black characters in "BlacKkKlansman" movie script.
3. How racism influence the use of swear words are uttered by white and black characters in "BlacKkKlansman" movie script.

## **1.5 Objective of the Research**

The objectives of this research are:

The study answers about the problem formulation.

1. To find-out what types of swear words that are uttered by white and black characters in “BlacKkKlansman” movie script.
2. To find-out the purposes of using swear words that are uttered by white and black characters in “BlacKkKlansman” movie script.
3. To find-out the influence of racism to the use of swear words that are uttered by white and black characters in “BlacKkKlansman” movie script.

## **1.6 Method of the Research**

The method used in this research is descriptive qualitative. Descriptive qualitative method have been very common procedures for conducting research, by collecting the data from various sources to gain deeper understanding, this often involves an inductive exploration of the data to identify recurring themes, patterns, or concepts and describing and interpreting those categories. In analyzing the data the theory of swear words that will be use in this research are classifications by Batisstella (2005), theory of swear words functions by Rothwell (1973) and racism theory by Neubeck and Glasberg (2005). In this analysis, the writer explains the relations between the data that has been obtained to analyze words, phrases, or sentences which contains swear words that are used by white and black characters of BlacKkKlansman movie script, and at the end collect the data to know the influence of racism to the use of swear words in that movie script.

## **1.7 Benefit of the Research**

Benefits of the research, as the writer I hope the information that contains in this research will help the readers and the future researchers to know and understand the concept of swear words. Although it is forbidden to use in daily conversation, this might be use only as knowledge in learning English as second language. The research hopefully can help the readers and the future researchers

to understand the context of sociolinguistics field about swear words, the type of swear words, the purpose of uttering the swear words and the influence of racism to the use of swear words.

## **1.8 Systematic Organization of the Research**

The systematic presentations are written as follows:

### **CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION**

It consists Background of the problem, Identification of the Problem, Limitation of the Problem, Formulation of the Problem, The Objectives of the Research, The Method of the Research, The Benefits of the Research and The Systematic Organization of the Research.

### **CHAPTER 2: FRAMEWORK OF THE THEORIES**

It consists of the explanation of the theories. It includes sociolinguistic approach, language and society approach that is consists the theory of taboo words or swear words and the explanations the types of swear words by Batistella (2005), purposes of using swear words by Rothwell (1973) and racism theory by Neubeck and Glasberg (2005)

### **CHAPTER 3: THE TYPES, THE PURPOSES AND THE INFLUENCE OF RACISM TO THE USE OF SWEAR WORDS THAT ARE UTTERED BY WHITE AND BLACK CHARACTERS IN SPIKE LEE'S "BLACKKLANSMAN" MOVIE SCRIPT**

The analysis consists of three parts. It consist of analysis of the type of swear words in the first part and the analysis the purposes of swear words in the second part. And in the last part it consists the influences of racism to the use of swear words that are uttered by white and black characters in BlacKkKlansman movie script.

## **CHAPTER 4: CONCLUSION**

It consists of the conclusion that the type, purposes, and the result how racism influence to the use of swear words that are uttered by white and black characters in “BlacKkKlansman” movie script.

The chapters above are followed by references, scheme of the research, research poster, research tables, curriculum vitae and other required attachment.

