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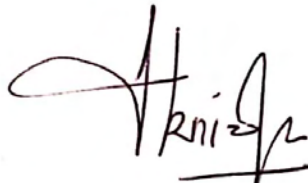
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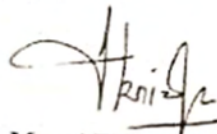
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Dialect is a variant in which commonly used by various speakers from various regions. But, they still need to speak in one language to understand each other. It means that speakers from those regions would even need connectors such as dialect variation to give the solution of differentiation between speakers in a particular area. In case, there are three types of dialect variation such as idiolect, sociolect, and regional dialect (Hyams, Rodman, Fromkin V, 2003, p.430) all those types need the linguistic variable to categorize the variant such as phonology, grammar, and vocabulary said Wardhaugh (2006, p.143). Those three types of the variant are needed to analyze the pattern of dialect used by the main characters. After understanding that variant, the researcher is going to explain the movie as the data of this research.

Thereafter, a film that used in this research is “No Country for Old Man.” The film is about the drug transaction with chaos ending. This movie played by Josh Brolin as Llewelyn Moss, who was a Vietnamese veteran war, Javier Bardem as Anton Chigurh, who became a serial killer, and Tommy Lee Jones, who was Sheriff Ed Tom Bell. Set in place in Texas '80s filled with desert, Llewelyn Moss found many dead bodies from a drug mafia who is carrying out drug transactions where the Moss found money in the suitcase. The primary purpose of major characters used the southern dialect because of the movie set in Texas, United States.

The researcher was interested in analyzing the southern dialect because the movie watched by the researcher is about crime and thriller; the main characters used southern dialect rather than standard English. For instance, the main

characters in the movie show the southern dialect with the sentence “Jus’ call it” shows the phonological features of the Southern American dialect. In standard English, the pronunciation should be “just call it.” Also, the movie settings are in Texas as a part of the southern region of the United States influenced the main characters to use the southern dialect. According to Nagle and Sanders (2003, p.7), the Southern American dialect usually used by people that lived in Southern states such as Kentucky, Texas, Oklahoma, etc.

Moreover, the geographical area is the main factor of the dialect used by the main characters in a particular region. Wardhaugh said (2006, p.43). A language that spoken in a wide geographical area and has variants such as pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary can be called a dialect. The researcher tries to analyze the southern American dialect because the movie that the researcher watched is exciting and shows the Southern American dialect.

Moreover, the Southern American dialect is a distinctive dialect that shows people who live in the southern regions of America, such as Kentucky, Oklahoma, Texas, etc. The main characters show the contracting pronunciation as phonological features, subject omitting as grammatical patterns, and unique choice words as vocabulary variation. Wardhaugh said (2006, p.143), some sentences or words can be spoken as the Southern American dialect if they fulfill the requirement of southern dialects such as phonology, grammar, and vocabulary. After that, some studies had related to dialect variation.

The first research about dialect was conducted by Rika Santika in 2014, entitled An Analysis of West Country Dialect used by Hagrid in J.K. Rowling’s

Harry Potter. She analyzed the dialect variation and showed the pattern of dialect, and the effects of Hagrid's dialect vary from the range of phonology features, grammatical patterns, and vocabulary variation. Her research used literary work from J.K. Rowling's to find patterns and effects of Hagrid's dialect.

Second, Ningrum in 2014 did research African American English and Slang used by Jim and Huck Finn in *The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn* from a novel written by Mark Twain. She found AAE and slang words that uttered by Jim and Huck Finn. She analyzed the sound and the grammar by both characters. In her research, Ningrum found the use of multiple negations and slang negation (ain't). The use of (ain't) is to replace is, are, were, has not, and have not as Standard English. She also found the using of -in to replace -ing in pronouncing like killin', goin', talkin', etc.

Third, Abu Shariah, M.A.Q in 2015 did research *An Overview on Dialect Variation*. The research result found by Abu Shariah showed that language and dialect are two different terms. However, each could be classified. This journal explained the difference between language and dialect in German and Swedia,

Fourth, Miftah, M.Z in 2013 did research the varieties of Javanese dialect among the speech communities. Based on his research in "the Glagah" district of Lamongan Regency. He used intonation variation in phonological features in society

Fifth, Sevinj, M. in 2015 did research *Social and Regional Variations English Language*. Based on his research, the language used depends where the

Table 4.1 The Main characters dialect pattern

Pattern		Main Characters	The Dialogue	
Phonology Features	[t] dropping	Chigurh	<i>Jus'</i> call it	
		Moss	Well I got a good one. So they ought to even out. Quit worrying <i>abou'</i> everything.	
	[th] dropping	Moss	Things happened. I can't take <i>'em</i> back.(
		Bell	Oh, I'm more than sure. Anything happens to Loretta's horse I can tell you right now you don't wanna be the party <i>'at</i> was aboard	
	-in ending		Moss	At the <i>gettin'</i> place
			Moss	What? Quit <i>hollerin'</i> .
			Moss	<i>Goin'</i> out
			Moss	I'm <i>fixin'</i> to do <i>somethin'</i> dumbern hell but I'm goin' anyways.
			Chigurh	Didn't mean <i>nothin'</i> .(
			Moss	Baby, at what point would you quit <i>botherin'</i> to look for your two million dollars?
		Moss	Try <i>standin'</i> in the door and hollerin: Mama I'm home	

Pattern		Main Characters	The Dialogue
		Bell	It's the same tire tread <i>comin'</i> back as goin'. Made about the same time. You can see the sipes real clear.
		Bell	I'm <i>hidin'</i> behind you.
		Bell	<i>Lookin'</i> for a man who has recently drunk milk?
		Moss	<i>Doin'</i> what.
		Bell	I think I'm goin' to commence <i>dedicatin'</i> myself twice daily. It may come to three times before it's over.
		Moss	If I was <i>cuttin'</i> deals, why wouldn't I go deal with this guy Chigurh?
		Bell	Well you know how they used to slaughter beeves, hit 'em with a maul right here to stun 'em... Indicates between his ...and then truss 'em up and slit their throats? Well here Charlie has one trussed up and all set to drain him and the beef comes to. It starts

Pattern	Main Characters	The Dialogue
	Moss	<i>Gimme</i> the clothes.
	Bell	Couldn't <i>y'all</i> of took a van out there?
	Moss	Why would I care where <i>you're</i> going
	Bell	No, that's the only thing I <i>would've</i> looked for. And it sounds like these boys died of natural causes.
	Bell	Here last week they found this couple out in California they would rent out rooms to old people and then kill em and bury em in the yard and cash their social security checks. <i>They'd</i> torture em first, I don't know why. Maybe their television set was broke. And this went on until, and here I quote
	Moss	I don't think <i>anybody'll</i> bother her.
	Bell	<i>How'd</i> you know I was here.
	Bell	What would you a done if <i>he'd</i> been released?

Pattern		Main Characters	The Dialogue
Grammatical Pattern	Subject Omitting	Moss	C'mon, pack your things. Anything you leave you ain't gonna see [it] again.
		Bell	I know this truck. [it] Belongs to a feller named Moss
		Bell	You know Charlie Walser? [he] Has the place east of Sanderson ? (01:18:49,977 --> 01:18:53,400)
	Preposition Omitting	Moss	It's full [of] money
		Moss	[to] Odessa
		Chigurh	You need to come [to] see me
		Bell	[to] The motel Del Rio?
	Auxiliary Verb Omitting	Chigurh	This [is] his truck?
		Bell	You [do] ride Winston
		Bell	That [is] Mexican brown dope
		Bell	He [has] seen the same things I [have] seen and it made an impression on me.
		Moss	I [have] been immobile.

The factor which influences of Southern American dialect that used by the main characters “No Country For Old Men” is geographical area. The geographical area refers to regional dialect that previously discussed in this research. It is strengthened by Coen’s brother statement that the movie setting is in the Texas the southern part of United States. Southern American dialect according to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southern_American_English is regional dialect that spoken throughout the Southern United States in more rural area and primarily use by White Southerners.

There are three features of regional dialect such as phonology, grammar, and vocabulary. Furthermore, the researcher found out the Southern American Dialect features that used by the main characters in the explanation before such as phonological features, grammatical patterns, and vocabulary variation.

Moreover, that this movie is influenced by geographical area is shown by the settings of this movie that located in Texas. Texas is one of the part region in American that located in Southern, and mostly local people in southern region of united states is influenced by African American English. So that, the main characters of “No Country For Old Men” use regional dialect to make conversation with other characters.

4.2 Discussion

In this discussion, the data that shown in the previous explanation discuss about the phenomenon of language variation of Southern American dialect in the

