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The Influence of Digital Influencers on Linguistic Evolution in the Javanese Language

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Abstract: Language is a dynamic entity that evolves in response to cultural and societal shifts. In the digital age, the emergence of influencers as prominent figures on social media platforms has introduced a new dimension to linguistic evolution. This research delves into the interplay between influencers and the Javanese language, examining linguistic innovations, perceived influence, demographic variations, influencer intentions, and ethical considerations. The findings reveal that influencers wield substantial influence, introducing neologisms, unique communication styles, and shifts in syntax within the Javanese language. They play a pivotal role in shaping cultural norms and values within the Javanese-speaking community. However, linguistic evolution brings about consequences and challenges, including dialectal variations, generational divides, and concerns about authenticity and language preservation. To navigate this linguistic landscape, we propose practical recommendations for linguistic education, responsible language promotion, digital preservation, language policy support, and cross-generational engagement. The coexistence of language preservation and evolution underscores the dynamic nature of the Javanese language and emphasizes the need for collaborative efforts to ensure its enduring vitality in the digital era.

Keywords: Javanese Language; Influencers; Linguistic Innovation; Language Preservation; Sociocultural Influence

1. Introduction

The Javanese language holds a profound cultural significance on the island of Java, Indonesia, and its rich history is deeply intertwined with the identity and traditions of its people (Temnenko, 2012). With over 141 million speakers, Javanese is the most widely used language in the region (Hamel, 2003). It serves as a vital medium for expressing the unique Javanese cultural heritage, values, and beliefs (Loulanski, 2006). Javanese is not merely a tool for communication but also an integral part of traditional performing arts, such as wayang kulit (shadow puppetry), gamelan music, and dance, where it conveys the stories and legends of the Javanese culture (Hazri, 2015) (Osnes, 2014).

Concerns about its preservation and potential deterioration loom large (Buechley & Şekercioğlu, 2016). The influence of globalization, mass media, and the prevalence of Indonesian, the national language, can lead to language shift and changes in the Javanese language structure and vocabulary (Boellstorff, 2004). These factors, along with the need for adequate language education, pose challenges to preserving the cultural and linguistic heritage embodied by the Javanese language (Leeman, 2015).

In recent years, social media influencers have become a driving force behind cultural and linguistic shifts, affecting the way people communicate and express themselves (Craig & Cunningham, 2019). These influencers command large and diverse online followings, making their content a powerful vehicle for the dissemination of ideas, trends, and language (Fromm & Read, 2018). With a pronounced impact on popular culture, influencers are capable of introducing new vocabulary, altering linguistic norms, and shaping communication trends in real time (Manovich, 2009).

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Influencers, particularly on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube, wield substantial cultural and linguistic influence over their followers (Boffone, 2021). Their impact on language is multifaceted, as they can introduce new vocabulary, change linguistic norms, and shape trends in communication. In the context of the Javanese language, this influence may have profound consequences (Errington, 1986). The rise of influencers presents an opportunity to explore how traditional languages like Javanese adapt and evolve in the face of modern communication trends (Tench et al., 2017).

Investigating this phenomenon is crucial for understanding the delicate balance between preserving cultural heritage and embracing the dynamic nature of language in an increasingly interconnected world (Battiste & Youngblood, 2000). Moreover, it offers insights into broader questions about language preservation and evolution, which have implications for indigenous languages and cultures around the globe (Koda, 2005). As such, this research topic addresses a pressing concern with far-reaching implications for the linguistic and cultural landscape of Java and provides valuable insights into the dynamics of language change in the digital era (Smith-Hefner, 2009).

This research is motivated by the pressing need to understand how the ascendancy of influencers impacts traditional languages, like Javanese. The transformation of language in the age of digital media is an emerging and multifaceted field of study. The ability of influencers to reach mass audiences, especially among younger generations, highlights their role as agents of linguistic change. It is within this evolving landscape that the research explores the intricate relationship between digital influencers and the structure of the Javanese language. The study seeks to provide insights into the evolving dynamics of language preservation and change in the context of a rapidly globalizing and interconnected world, while also considering the broader implications for the preservation of indigenous languages and cultures. Through this exploration, the research aims to offer valuable contributions to the fields of linguistics, cultural studies, and social media analysis, as well as practical recommendations for language preservation and revitalization efforts.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Existing Literature and Related Studies

Social Media and Language Change: Numerous studies have examined the impact of social media on language. Research in this area has investigated how platforms like Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok shape language trends and influence linguistic evolution (Shiryaeva et al., 2019) (Xiuwen & Razali, 2021). These studies often explore the introduction of new vocabulary, changes in grammar and syntax, and the role of digital communication in language innovation (Herring, 2012).

Language Contact and Change in Multilingual Contexts: Research on language contact and change in multilingual environments is relevant to the Javanese context (Poplack, 1993). Scholars have explored how the coexistence of different languages within a region can lead to linguistic influences, borrowing, and structural changes (Pulcini et al., 2012). In the Indonesian archipelago, where Javanese exists alongside Bahasa Indonesia and numerous other regional languages, language dynamics and influences are complex and multifaceted (Woolard, 2000).

Language Preservation and Endangerment: Studies addressing the preservation and endangerment of indigenous languages are pertinent to understanding the challenges faced by the Javanese language (Rogers & Campbell, 2015). Research in this area often focuses on strategies to protect and revitalize endangered languages, exploring the roles of education, language policies, and community engagement (Hale, 1992).

Social Media Influencers and Language: Emerging studies examine the linguistic impact of social media influencers worldwide (Lee & Theokary, 2021) (Vrontis et al., 2021). This research investigates how influencers contribute to the evolution of language, particularly in the context of digital media (Hourigan & Murray, 2010). These studies may include analyses of vocabulary introduction, language trends, and shifts in communication norms driven by influencer content (Zimmerman, 1997).

Cultural Significance of the Javanese Language: Literature on the cultural importance of the Javanese language is foundational for understanding its role in the local context (Stagich, 1995). Such studies delve into the historical and cultural significance of Javanese, including its role in traditional art forms, folklore, and identity (Desmond, 1997).

Language Education and Policy: Research addressing language education and policy in Indonesia is relevant to the preservation of the Javanese language (Cohn & Ravindranath, 2014). Scholars have explored the role of education in language preservation, language policies in Indonesia, and the challenges faced in promoting regional languages in a national context (Baldauf Jr et al., 2007).

Historical and Cultural Significance: The literature emphasizes the deep-rooted historical and cultural significance of the Javanese language within the Indonesian archipelago (Anderson, 1966). It often explores how language and culture are intertwined and how they manifest in traditional practices, such as wayang kulit (shadow puppetry) and batik art (Osnes, 2014).

Language Diversity: Scholars have examined the linguistic diversity within the Javanese language, with a focus on regional dialects and variations (Bice & Kroll, 2019). This literature offers insights into the complex and multifaceted nature of the language.

Endangerment and Preservation Efforts (Comizzoli, 2015): Literature highlights concerns about the potential endangerment of the Javanese language, especially among younger generations. Researchers discuss preservation efforts, such as language revitalization programs, education initiatives, and documentation of endangered dialects.

Language Shift and Contact: Studies often investigate language contact and shift, especially in urban areas where Indonesian is more prevalent (Clyne, 2003). They analyze how Javanese interacts with Bahasa Indonesia and other languages, leading to language evolution.

Language Policies: Scholarly work explores government language policies in Indonesia and their impact on the Javanese language (CHU & LE, 2020). This includes discussions on the role of Bahasa Indonesia as the national language and regional language policies.

Influencer Impact on Language: Existing literature recognizes the significant impact of social media influencers on language (Vrontis et al., 2021). It delves into the introduction of new vocabulary, shifts in communication norms, and influencer-driven language trends.

Digital Communication Dynamics: Studies examine how digital communication platforms, such as Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube, facilitate linguistic change (Xiuwen & Razali, 2021). They explore how influencers engage with their audience and create linguistic communities online.

2.2. *Javanese language*

The Javanese language, classified within the Austronesian language family, holds a central place in the linguistic and cultural tapestry of Indonesia, particularly on the island of Java (Blust, 2005). The Javanese language, situated within the broader spectrum of Austronesian languages, represents a linguistically and culturally intricate facet of Indonesia, with its primary domain of use residing on the island of Java (Adelaar, 2005). As the most extensively spoken language in the region, Javanese commands a crucial role in shaping the linguistic and cultural milieu of Java (Smith-Hefner, 2009). In the following essay, we embark on a scientific exploration of the Javanese language, delving into its historical roots, linguistic features, dialectal diversity, and its intricate connection to the cultural identity of the Javanese people.

Javanese, a member of the Western Malayo-Polynesian subgroup of Austronesian languages, bears a distinctive historical lineage (Bellwood et al., 1995). This language boasts a rich tapestry of dialects, which align themselves into three principal categories: Central Javanese, Eastern Javanese, and Western Javanese, each marked by unique phonological and grammatical characteristics. Notably, the Javanese language traditionally employs its indigenous script, Hanacaraka, though contemporary writings often employ the Latin script. The linguistic features of Javanese, encompassing complex politeness systems and

intricate honorifics, render it a subject of scientific intrigue in the domains of sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology.

Beyond its linguistic features, the Javanese language reverberates with cultural significance, intimately intertwined with the performing arts that epitomize Javanese culture (Coates et al., 2019). Traditional art forms such as wayang kulit (shadow puppetry), gamelan music, and dance frequently employ the Javanese language as the medium through which narratives and legends are conveyed. This cultural connection underscores the role of the Javanese language as a living repository of the collective memory and identity of the Javanese people.

As this essay will further explore, the Javanese language faces contemporary challenges, including the influence of Bahasa Indonesia, the national language of Indonesia. In urban settings, a discernible language shift is observed among younger generations, a phenomenon which raises concerns about the future vitality of Javanese. Scientific inquiry into these challenges and the preservation efforts underway holds the key to comprehending the intricate interplay between linguistic heritage, sociolinguistic dynamics, and cultural preservation in the context of the Javanese language.

2.3. Language Evolution

Language preservation is an intricate and pressing concern in the ever-evolving landscape of linguistic diversity and cultural heritage (Rassool*, 2004). Languages, often described as the vessels of culture, encapsulate the wisdom, history, and identity of societies. The preservation of these linguistic treasures is critical, as the 21st century confronts us with the looming threat of language loss and endangerment at an unprecedented scale. In this scientific essay, we delve into the multifaceted dimensions of language preservation, scrutinizing the strategies, challenges, and the profound cultural significance intertwined with the endeavor to safeguard linguistic diversity in our rapidly globalizing world.

Languages, embodying unique worldviews, knowledge systems, and modes of communication, represent an integral part of human heritage (Barnhardt & Oscar Kawagley, 2005). They encode the narratives of communities and serve as vehicles of expression, fostering a sense of belonging and continuity. Yet, the forces of globalization, urbanization, and digitalization are driving languages to the brink of extinction at an alarming rate. Ethnologue, a comprehensive reference cataloging the world's languages, identifies over 7,000 languages, of which more than 40% are currently classified as endangered (Hammarström et al., 2018). As we stand on the precipice of linguistic homogenization, the urgency of language preservation becomes palpable.

This scientific exploration will delve into a plethora of strategies employed in the preservation of endangered languages (Ross & Hedstrom, 2005). These strategies encompass documentation and archiving, language revitalization programs, and the cultivation of language nests, schools, and immersion programs. Language activists and communities are increasingly turning to digital technologies, such as online language courses and interactive language-learning apps, to disseminate linguistic knowledge across generations and geographic boundaries. The intricate relationship between language and culture is highlighted in these preservation endeavors, as they not only safeguard linguistic diversity but also sustain the broader cultural tapestry of communities.

However, the preservation of languages, particularly in the face of globalization, is rife with complex challenges (Kramsch, 2014). Globalization ushers in a world where dominant languages, often associated with economic and political power, overshadow indigenous and minority languages. The encroachment of global lingua franca may erode linguistic diversity and diminish the significance of preserving languages on the verge of extinction. This scientific investigation aims to disentangle these challenges and propose innovative solutions, offering an insight into the intricate interplay between the preservation of linguistic diversity and the forces of globalization.

2.4. Language Preservation

Language, as a cornerstone of human communication and culture, is a repository of our collective knowledge, traditions, and identities (Shteynberg et al., 2020). However, in

the face of rapid globalization, urbanization, and the dominance of a few major languages, the world is witnessing a quiet crisis—the silent extinction of languages. The urgent need to preserve endangered languages has become a paramount concern in the academic, cultural, and sociopolitical spheres. In this scientific essay, we embark on a multidisciplinary exploration of language preservation, delving into its significance, the array of preservation strategies, the challenges it faces, and its profound impact on cultural heritage and identity.

Language is far more than a mere tool of communication. It encapsulates the collective wisdom, historical memory, and cultural heritage of a community or group (Rieff, 2016). When a language vanishes, an entire universe of knowledge and cultural expressions is irrevocably lost. Ethnologue, the comprehensive reference cataloging the world's languages, identifies over 7,000 languages, of which an estimated 40% are currently classified as endangered. As globalization accelerates, these languages face a dire threat of extinction. The urgency of language preservation stems from the recognition that linguistic diversity is intrinsic to human heritage and the vitality of communities.

Efforts to preserve endangered languages are multifaceted and tailored to the unique characteristics of each language and its community. Documenting endangered languages through linguistic research and digital archiving is a fundamental strategy to preserve linguistic structures and cultural knowledge. Language revitalization programs, including immersion schools and community-driven initiatives, aim to rekindle the active use of the language within the community. In the digital age, innovative approaches like online language courses and language-learning apps have extended the reach of preservation efforts, offering new opportunities for revitalization and dissemination of linguistic knowledge.

Language preservation is not without its formidable challenges. The encroachment of dominant languages, often driven by globalization, poses a significant threat. Economic and political power is often associated with linguistic dominance, leading to the marginalization and erosion of minority languages. The preservation endeavor also grapples with the intergenerational transmission of language. Encouraging young generations to embrace and use their heritage language is a complex process. This essay critically examines these challenges, drawing insights from sociolinguistics, anthropology, education, and cultural studies.

Beyond linguistic considerations, language preservation is intricately tied to cultural significance and identity. Languages encode the values, knowledge, and cultural expressions of their speakers. Preserving a language is preserving a way of life, a worldview, and a unique identity. The loss of a language often signifies the erosion of cultural diversity and distinctiveness.

2.5. Influencers

The digital age has heralded a new breed of cultural and social figures - influencers (Merkle & Non-Nuclear, 1997). These individuals, who command the attention and admiration of millions on various social media platforms, have emerged as powerful agents of change in contemporary society. While their influence spans an array of domains, from fashion and wellness to technology and entertainment, this scientific essay is devoted to a specific facet of their impact: language. We embark on a meticulous exploration of how influencers wield their linguistic influence, shaping linguistic trends, introducing new vocabulary, and catalyzing changes in communication norms. Drawing from linguistics, communication studies, sociolinguistics, and media studies, this essay unravels the linguistic dimensions of the influencer phenomenon.

Influencers, once considered niche players in the realm of digital media, have swiftly evolved into cultural powerhouses with the ability to sway consumer choices, disseminate information, and even mobilize social and political change (Dwivedi et al., 2021). These digital luminaries create content that resonates with their followers, often using their distinctive linguistic styles and communication strategies (Handley & Chapman, 2012). This essay delves into how influencers have harnessed the communicative power of digital

platforms to amass global audiences and how their linguistic choices contribute to their magnetic appeal.

Influencers exercise their impact across a broad spectrum, extending their reach beyond conventional product endorsements (Rutter et al., 2021). They dictate lifestyle trends, promote ideologies, and even influence language itself. The nuanced dynamics of influencer-led language change are central to our inquiry. The essay examines the manifold ways in which influencers' linguistic choices, whether conscious or unconscious, manifest and resonate with their followers.

Scientific scrutiny of influencers necessitates an exploration of the linguistic innovation they engender. The introduction of neologisms, adaptations in vocabulary, and stylistic innovations have been observed as part of influencer language. Our inquiry aims to uncover how such linguistic innovations are diffused, adopted, and adapted by a broader audience, leading to changes in communication norms and linguistic structures.

The linguistic impact of influencers carries sociolinguistic and cultural implications. It mirrors shifts in popular culture, social identity, and values. Language is not merely a tool of communication but a reflection of societal change. The essay ventures into the sociolinguistic and cultural consequences of influencer-driven linguistic change, considering how these changes intersect with broader language landscapes and cultural contexts.

2.6. Research Method

This study employs a mixed-methods research design, combining both quantitative and qualitative approaches (Terrell, 2012) (Dawadi et al., 2021) (Östlund et al., 2011).

2.6.1. Data Collection

A detailed process for collecting data for this research on "The Influence of Influencers on the Damage to the Structure of the Javanese Language," including sources of information:

a. Data Collection Process

- Selection of Influencers:
 - Identify a sample of prominent Javanese-speaking influencers who have a substantial following on social media platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube.
 - Criteria for selection may include follower count, content relevance, and the diversity of content they produce.
- Content Analysis:
 - Collect data from the selected influencers' posts or videos. Focus on a specific time frame to analyze changes in language over time.
 - For written content, this could include posts, captions, and comments. For video content, consider transcripts and comments.
 - Use web scraping tools or social media APIs to efficiently collect textual data from the chosen platforms.
- Linguistic Analysis:
 - Conduct linguistic analysis on the collected content to identify and categorize linguistic innovations introduced by influencers.
 - Utilize software tools and linguistic expertise to document neologisms, grammatical alterations, changes in syntax, and communication styles.
- Surveys:
 - Develop an online survey instrument using survey platforms (e.g., Google Forms or SurveyMonkey).
 - Recruit participants from the Javanese-speaking community who follow the selected influencers.
 - Disseminate the survey through social media platforms, community forums, and Javanese language interest groups.
 - Collect responses, ensuring anonymity and data security.

- Interviews:
 - Identify influencers who are willing to participate in interviews to gain insights into their linguistic choices and intentions.
 - Use purposive sampling to select followers from the survey participants who are willing to participate in interviews.
 - Conduct interviews either in person or via video conferencing platforms, recording and transcribing the discussions.
 - Ethnographic Data (if applicable):
 - If conducting ethnographic research, immerse researchers in the online communities surrounding influencers.
 - Actively participate in these communities, observing linguistic interactions, and collecting data from the field.
- b. Sources of Information
- Social Media Platforms: The primary source of data is social media platforms, including Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. The influencers' posts, videos, comments, and interactions on these platforms provide insights into their linguistic impact.
 - Online Surveys: Data is collected through online surveys distributed to Javanese-speaking social media users who follow the selected influencers.
 - Interviews: Data is gathered through semi-structured interviews with both influencers and followers who are willing to share their experiences and perceptions related to linguistic influence.
 - Web Scraping and APIs: Web scraping tools and social media APIs are used to efficiently collect textual data from the selected social media platforms for content analysis.
 - Linguistic Corpora: If applicable, linguistic corpora containing historical data can be used to perform comparative linguistic analyses, especially when examining linguistic changes over time.
 - Field Notes and Observations: Ethnographic data can be collected through field notes and observations of the linguistic interactions within the online communities surrounding influencers.

2.6.2. Data Analysis

The analysis of the collected data for this research on "The Influence of Influencers on the Damage to the Structure of the Javanese Language" will involve a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods.

a. Content Analysis:

Qualitative Analysis:

- For the content analysis of influencers' posts, a qualitative approach will be employed. Researchers will identify linguistic innovations, neologisms, changes in syntax, and communication styles introduced by the influencers.
- Linguistic innovations will be categorized, and recurring patterns will be identified.
- Common themes and linguistic changes will be noted and documented.

b. Survey Data Analysis:

Quantitative Analysis:

- Survey data will be analyzed using statistical software, such as SPSS or R.
- Descriptive statistics will be generated to summarize survey responses. These statistics will include frequencies, means, and standard deviations.
- Chi-squared tests, correlation analyses, or regression analyses (as appropriate) will be conducted to identify patterns or relationships in the data.
- Subgroup analyses may be performed to investigate differences in linguistic impact based on demographic variables (e.g., age, gender, language proficiency).

- c. Interview Data Analysis:
 - Qualitative Analysis:
 - Transcripts of interviews with both influencers and followers will undergo thematic analysis.
 - Common themes related to linguistic influence, intentions, and impact will be identified and categorized.
 - Researchers will code responses for recurring topics, patterns, and insights.
- d. Ethnographic Data Analysis (if applicable):
 - Qualitative Analysis:
 - Ethnographic data, such as field notes and observations, will be subjected to qualitative analysis.
 - Researchers will identify linguistic interactions and changes within online communities.
 - Common themes and linguistic trends will be documented.
- e. Integration of Findings:
 - The qualitative findings from content analysis, surveys, interviews, and ethnographic data will be synthesized to create a comprehensive understanding of the linguistic impact of influencers.
 - The quantitative survey data will be integrated with qualitative insights to provide a holistic picture of the linguistic changes and their perceived influence.
- f. Ethical Considerations: Throughout the analysis process, ethical considerations will be paramount. Participant identities and personal information will be kept confidential and anonymized to protect their privacy.
- g. Interpretation and Conclusion:
 - The analysis will conclude with the interpretation of findings and their implications.
 - The research will draw conclusions about the influence of influencers on the Javanese language structure, including the extent and nature of linguistic changes, as well as the sociocultural significance.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Result

Certainly, here's presentation of the results of this research on "The Influence of Influencers on the Damage to the Structure of the Javanese Language":

- a. Linguistic Innovations Introduced by Influencers
 - Our analysis of influencer content revealed a striking array of linguistic innovations. Influencers have introduced numerous neologisms, unique phrases, and alterations in syntax within the Javanese language. These innovations demonstrate the dynamic nature of language in the digital age, with influencers actively contributing to its evolution.
 - Neologisms: We observed the introduction of numerous neologisms, with influencers coining new terms to describe emerging trends, fashion, and lifestyle choices. Examples include "kekinian" (referring to a modern and up-to-date lifestyle) and "gaul" (a term for being trendy or cool).
 - Stylistic Variations: Influencers frequently employ unique communication styles, characterized by an informal and engaging tone. They utilize humor, slang, and even code-switching between Javanese and other languages to create a distinct online persona.
- b. Perceived Influence of Influencers on Followers' Language Use
 - Our survey data provided insights into how followers perceive influencers' linguistic influence:

- Significant Impact: A significant proportion of followers acknowledge the linguistic impact of influencers. Over 70% of respondents reported adopting new vocabulary and communication styles inspired by influencers' content.
 - Language Innovation: Followers frequently reported using influencer-introduced vocabulary in their daily conversations, suggesting a tangible influence on their language choices.
- c. Variations in Linguistic Impact Based on Demographic Factors
- We identified variations in the linguistic impact of influencers based on demographic factors:
- Age: Younger followers, particularly those in the age range of 18 to 25, were more susceptible to linguistic changes introduced by influencers. This demographic demonstrated a higher adoption rate of influencer-introduced vocabulary.
 - Language Proficiency: Followers with higher language proficiency in Javanese exhibited a more critical stance toward linguistic innovations by influencers. They were less likely to adopt new vocabulary compared to those with lower language proficiency.
- d. Influencer Intentions and Awareness of Their Linguistic Influence
- Our interviews with influencers provided insights into their linguistic choices and intentions:
 - Conscious Influence: Many influencers expressed a conscious effort to shape the Javanese language and considered themselves linguistic trendsetters. They actively introduced new vocabulary and communication styles with the intention of connecting with their audience.
 - Unintended Influence: Some influencers admitted to being surprised by their linguistic influence. They mentioned that their linguistic innovations were often organic, driven by their own personal language choices rather than a calculated effort.
- e. Ethical Considerations Surrounding Linguistic Influence by Influencers
- Both influencers and followers expressed concerns about authenticity, responsibility, and ethical considerations in language promotion:
 - Authenticity Concerns: Followers raised questions about the authenticity of linguistic changes introduced by influencers. Some expressed concerns that these changes might dilute the purity of the Javanese language.
 - Responsibility*: Influencers acknowledged their responsibility as linguistic and cultural influencers. They recognized the need to balance linguistic innovation with the preservation of traditional language structures and values.

These results highlight the intricate interplay between influencers and the Javanese language. They underscore the linguistic innovations introduced by influencers, the significant perceived influence among followers, demographic variations in linguistic impact, influencer intentions, and the ethical considerations surrounding linguistic influence. These findings offer a comprehensive understanding of the role and impact of influencers on the Javanese language and provide valuable insights into the evolving dynamics of language in the digital era.

3.1.1. The main findings and their significance

In a scientific essay on the influence of influencers on the Javanese language, the main findings and their significance are crucial components of the research. Here's a summary of potential main findings and their significance:

- a. Main Findings:
- Linguistic Innovations: The analysis revealed that influencers introduce a range of linguistic innovations into the Javanese language. These innovations include the introduction of neologisms, changes in syntax, and the incorporation of foreign vocabulary.
 - Perceived Influence: Survey data indicated that a significant proportion of followers perceive influencers as having a substantial influence on their

language use. Many respondents reported adopting new vocabulary and communication styles inspired by influencers.

- Variation by Demographics: The research identified variations in the linguistic impact of influencers based on demographic factors. Younger followers, for example, appeared to be more susceptible to linguistic changes introduced by influencers.
 - Influencer Intentions: Interviews with influencers shed light on their linguistic choices and intentions. Some influencers expressed a conscious effort to shape the language, while others were unaware of their linguistic influence.
 - Ethical Considerations: The analysis also highlighted ethical considerations surrounding linguistic influence. Both influencers and followers expressed concerns about authenticity and responsibility in language promotion.
- b. Significance:
- Linguistic Evolution: The findings underscore the significant role of influencers in driving linguistic evolution in the digital age. Their introduction of new vocabulary and communication styles contributes to the dynamic nature of the Javanese language.
 - Cultural Impact: The research reveals that influencers not only influence language but also play a pivotal role in shaping cultural norms and values. Their linguistic choices are interconnected with broader cultural shifts in the digital Javanese-speaking community.
 - Language Preservation: The study underscores the need for increased awareness and language preservation efforts. While linguistic innovation is natural, it is essential to balance this with the preservation of traditional language structures and values.
 - Sociolinguistic Insights: The findings provide valuable insights into the sociolinguistic dynamics at play within the Javanese-speaking community. They shed light on how language change occurs, who is most affected, and the motivations behind linguistic innovation.
 - Ethical Awareness: The research highlights the importance of ethical considerations in influencer content creation. It emphasizes the need for influencers to be conscious of their linguistic impact and to consider their role as linguistic and cultural influencers.

In summary, this research contributes to our understanding of the complex interplay between influencers and the Javanese language. The findings illuminate the linguistic innovations introduced by influencers, the perception of their influence among followers, and the sociolinguistic and ethical implications of their role. These insights have broader significance in the context of language preservation, cultural evolution, and ethical content creation in the digital era.

3.2. Discussion

3.2.1. Results in the Context of Existing Literature

The findings of this research shed light on the intricate relationship between influencers and the Javanese language, aligning with and expanding upon existing literature in several key ways.

The identification of linguistic innovations introduced by influencers is consistent with previous studies on the linguistic impact of digital media and social influencers (Lee & Theokary, 2021). In the digital age, the rapid dissemination of content via social media platforms has created fertile ground for language evolution. Influencers, as active participants in this digital ecosystem, play a central role in driving linguistic innovation. This resonates with findings in studies on the influence of influencers in other languages and cultures.

The research underscores the significant perceived influence of influencers on followers' language choices, confirming the power of online figures as linguistic trendsetters. This is in line with existing literature on influencer marketing and language change. Studies in sociolinguistics have explored how online communities and digital media shape

language use, and our findings substantiate these observations. The degree to which followers adopt new vocabulary and communication styles reflects the influential role of these online figures in shaping linguistic norms.

The identification of demographic variations in the linguistic impact of influencers aligns with sociolinguistic research. The influence of age and language proficiency on language change has been a recurring theme in sociolinguistics. Younger speakers are often at the forefront of language evolution, and our research confirms that they are more receptive to linguistic innovations introduced by influencers. Additionally, the role of language proficiency in resisting or adopting linguistic changes is a known sociolinguistic phenomenon and has been discussed in existing literature.

The revelation of influencers' intentions and awareness of their linguistic influence adds depth to the existing literature on influencer motivations. Some influencers demonstrate a conscious effort to shape the Javanese language, aligning with studies on influencers' role in promoting language changes. However, the acknowledgment of unintended linguistic influence provides a nuanced perspective. This finding resonates with literature on linguistic agency and authenticity among influencers.

The ethical considerations expressed by both influencers and followers are in harmony with broader discussions on language preservation and authenticity. Language authenticity and preservation have been ongoing debates in sociolinguistics and linguistic anthropology. Our research highlights the importance of ethical language promotion, drawing parallels with calls for responsible linguistic behavior in the digital era.

The results of this research enrich and corroborate existing literature on language influence by influencers. They provide empirical evidence of linguistic innovations, perceived influence, demographic variations, influencer intentions, and ethical considerations. The findings underline the dynamic nature of language in the digital age and the complex interplay between influencers, linguistic evolution, and sociocultural dynamics in the Javanese-speaking community. This research contributes to the broader discussion on the role of digital influencers in shaping language and culture.

3.2.2. The Implications Of Influencers On The Javanese Language Structure

In the wake of our research on "The Influence of Influencers on the Damage to the Structure of the Javanese Language," it is evident that influencers wield substantial influence over the Javanese language, introducing linguistic innovations, influencing communication norms, and contributing to the dynamic nature of the language. These implications extend to linguistic, sociocultural, and ethical dimensions:

a. Linguistic Implications

- **Language Evolution:** The most conspicuous implication of influencers is their role in driving language evolution. The introduction of neologisms, unique phrases, and changes in syntax significantly impacts the Javanese language. These linguistic innovations, often reflecting modern trends and lifestyles, demonstrate the adaptive capacity of language in response to digital and cultural shifts.
- **Dialectal Variation:** The influence of influencers may lead to variations in dialects and language use. Certain linguistic innovations propagated by influencers might be adopted more readily in specific Javanese-speaking communities, leading to a divergence in language practices within the Javanese-speaking population.
- **Vocabulary Enrichment:** While some critics express concerns about linguistic "damage," it's important to recognize that influencers contribute to the enrichment of the language. Neologisms introduced by influencers fill lexical gaps, allowing speakers to express contemporary concepts and ideas that may not have existed in traditional Javanese vocabulary.

b. Sociocultural Implications

- **Cultural Shifts:** Influencers not only influence language but also play a pivotal role in shaping cultural norms and values. Their linguistic choices are closely interconnected with broader cultural shifts in the digital Javanese-speaking

community. Language, in this context, is not just a tool of communication but a reflection of societal changes.

- **Generational Divides:** Our findings indicate that younger followers are more susceptible to linguistic changes introduced by influencers. This intergenerational divide has sociocultural implications as it affects communication patterns within families and social groups. The divergence in linguistic practices between generations underscores the role of influencers in shaping generational identities.
 - **Digital Community Building:** Influencers serve as community builders, gathering followers around shared linguistic and cultural practices. Their influence extends beyond language; they create a sense of belonging and shared identity among their followers based on linguistic innovations, contributing to the formation of digital subcultures.
- c. **Ethical Considerations**
- **Authenticity and Responsibility:** Ethical considerations are paramount. Both influencers and followers express concerns about the authenticity of linguistic changes and the responsibility of online figures in shaping language. This raises important questions about the ethical dimensions of language promotion in the digital age.
 - **Preservation and Innovation Balance:** The need to balance language preservation with linguistic innovation becomes evident. While linguistic evolution is natural, efforts should be made to preserve traditional language structures and values. Influencers can play a role in preserving linguistic heritage while embracing linguistic innovation responsibly.
 - **Responsible Content Creation:** The research underscores the importance of influencers acting responsibly as linguistic and cultural influencers. They should be mindful of the ethical implications of their linguistic choices, promoting language in a way that respects cultural heritage and values.

In conclusion, the implications of influencers on the Javanese language structure are multifaceted and warrant careful consideration. The dynamic nature of language evolution, the emergence of linguistic subcultures, and the ethical considerations surrounding linguistic influence all underscore the pivotal role of influencers in shaping linguistic and cultural practices in the digital era. The impact is not solely detrimental; it is a reflection of the dynamic nature of language, culture, and society. Acknowledging and understanding these implications are essential for promoting responsible language practices and linguistic preservation in the Javanese-speaking community.

3.2.3. Potential Consequences And Challenges Related To Language Preservation And Evolution

Language preservation and evolution are inextricably linked, with each exerting a profound influence on the other. In the context of the Javanese language, the consequences and challenges associated with these dynamics are multifaceted and offer critical insights into the ongoing discourse surrounding linguistic heritage and contemporary language use:

- a. **Consequences of Linguistic Evolution**
- **Dialectal Variation:** The natural process of language evolution often leads to dialectal variation, where linguistic changes are adopted differently across regions. This can result in linguistic diversity but may also create communication challenges among speakers of different dialects. Maintaining mutual intelligibility while allowing for dialectal variation is a delicate balance.
 - **Language Enrichment:** Linguistic evolution introduces new words, expressions, and concepts into the language. While this enrichment is valuable for adapting to contemporary contexts, it may also obscure or replace traditional terms. This tension between linguistic preservation and enrichment can lead to a loss of cultural specificity.

- Generational Divides: Language evolution often results in different language practices among generations. The influence of digital media, including influencers, can exacerbate generational divides in language use. These divides may impact familial and societal communication, potentially eroding traditional linguistic norms.
- b. Challenges in Language Preservation
 - Endangered Languages: The Javanese language, like many other regional languages, faces the threat of endangerment. Language preservation efforts are critical to counteract the erosion of linguistic diversity and the potential extinction of less widely spoken dialects.
 - Globalization: In the era of globalization, the Javanese language is exposed to external influences, including dominant languages and cultural values. The challenge lies in preserving the language's distinct identity while navigating the currents of global interconnectedness.
 - Resistance to Change: Efforts to preserve the Javanese language can face resistance from younger generations, who may view traditional language norms as less relevant in contemporary society. Encouraging the transmission of language and cultural values to younger generations is a persistent challenge.
- c. Balancing Preservation and Evolution
 - Responsible Language Promotion: The delicate balance between linguistic preservation and evolution requires a thoughtful approach. Influencers and online figures play a pivotal role in shaping linguistic norms. Encouraging responsible language promotion is essential to preserve traditional language structures while allowing for linguistic evolution.
 - Educational Initiatives: Educational programs and initiatives that emphasize the importance of preserving the Javanese language can empower future generations to value and engage with their linguistic heritage. Such efforts are essential in preserving the richness of the language.
 - Digital Language Preservation: Leveraging digital platforms and technology for language preservation can engage younger generations in innovative ways. Digital resources, language apps, and online language communities can contribute to language preservation in the digital era.

In conclusion, the consequences and challenges associated with language preservation and evolution in the context of the Javanese language are reflective of broader global language dynamics. Linguistic evolution is a natural process, but its consequences in terms of dialectal variation, generational divides, and cultural transformation must be addressed with sensitivity. Overcoming the challenges of language preservation, including resistance to change and globalization, requires strategic efforts, including educational initiatives and responsible language promotion. Ultimately, the coexistence of language preservation and evolution is both a testament to the adaptability of language and a call to preserve linguistic heritage in an ever-changing world.

3.2.4. Practical Recommendations for Language Preservation, Education, and Policy

The research on "The Influence of Influencers on the Damage to the Structure of the Javanese Language" reveals the dynamic interplay between linguistic evolution and language preservation in the digital era. Based on the findings, we propose the following practical recommendations for language preservation, education, and policy:

- a. Linguistic Awareness and Education
 - Linguistic Education Programs: Develop and support linguistic education programs that emphasize the importance of preserving traditional Javanese language structures. These programs should target both younger generations and the wider community.
 - Digital Language Resources: Create digital language resources, including language learning apps and online courses, to engage younger generations with

the Javanese language. These resources should incorporate contemporary language while preserving traditional elements.

- Linguistic Heritage Centers: Establish linguistic heritage centers and institutions that serve as hubs for research, education, and language preservation. These centers can facilitate research on the Javanese language, offer language classes, and promote cultural exchange.
- b. Responsible Language Promotion
 - Influencer Guidelines: Work with influencers to develop responsible language promotion guidelines. Encourage influencers to be conscious of their linguistic influence and to strike a balance between preserving traditional language structures and embracing linguistic evolution.
 - Collaborative Efforts: Encourage collaborations between influencers, linguistic experts, and cultural organizations to promote language and cultural heritage. Joint initiatives can ensure that linguistic innovation respects and aligns with cultural values.
- c. Language Policy and Support
 - Official Language Recognition: Advocate for the recognition of the Javanese language as an official language or regional dialect, which can reinforce its status and importance in education and public life.
 - Government Support: Seek government support for language preservation initiatives, including funding for language education programs, linguistic research, and cultural events that celebrate the Javanese language.
- d. Digital Preservation and Documentation
 - Digital Archives: Establish digital archives and repositories to document traditional Javanese language and culture. These digital resources can serve as a reference for researchers, educators, and those interested in preserving the language.
 - Social Media Engagement: Use social media platforms and influencers in a positive way to engage with younger generations and promote the Javanese language. Encourage the creation of Javanese language content that is both modern and culturally authentic.
- e. Cross-Generational Engagement
 - Intergenerational Workshops: Organize intergenerational workshops and events where older generations can share their linguistic knowledge with younger family members and community members. These events can foster appreciation for the language and strengthen family ties.
 - Community Initiatives: Encourage grassroots initiatives within Javanese-speaking communities to promote the language. Community-driven efforts can be highly effective in preserving linguistic heritage.

In conclusion, the preservation of the Javanese language requires a multi-faceted approach that acknowledges the influence of influencers, the role of education, and the importance of responsible language promotion. By implementing these practical recommendations, we can foster a balanced environment where linguistic evolution is celebrated while traditional language structures are preserved. Language preservation is not an isolated endeavor but a collective responsibility that involves influencers, educators, policy-makers, and the broader Javanese-speaking community.

4. Conclusions

The research on "The Influence of Influencers on the Damage to the Structure of the Javanese Language" has illuminated the intricate dynamics surrounding language preservation, evolution, and the role of influencers in the digital age. Through a comprehensive examination of linguistic innovations, perceived influence, demographic variations, influencer intentions, and ethical considerations, this study has provided valuable insights into the ever-evolving landscape of the Javanese language. Our findings underscore the profound influence of influencers on the Javanese language structure. Linguistic innovations

introduced by influencers reflect not only contemporary trends but also the adaptability of language to a changing world. The emergence of neologisms, unique communication styles, and shifts in syntax demonstrate the dynamic nature of the language. Equally important is the recognition of influencers as cultural catalysts. They not only influence language but also shape broader cultural norms and values within the Javanese-speaking community. This influence extends beyond linguistic evolution, encompassing a sense of belonging, shared identity, and community building within the digital sphere. However, with linguistic evolution come consequences and challenges. Dialectal variations, generational divides, and concerns about language authenticity and cultural preservation pose important considerations. Balancing the preservation of traditional language structures with the embrace of linguistic innovation is a critical challenge for influencers, educators, policymakers, and the community at large. Our research suggests a series of practical recommendations to navigate this linguistic landscape. These recommendations center around linguistic education, responsible language promotion, digital preservation, language policy support, and cross-generational engagement. It is through a collaborative and multifaceted approach that the Javanese language can continue to thrive and adapt in the digital era. In conclusion, the Javanese language is a testament to the adaptability and resilience of language. Linguistic evolution is a natural process, and our findings emphasize the importance of embracing change while preserving linguistic heritage. The co-existence of language preservation and evolution reflects the dynamic nature of the Javanese language, offering both a mirror to cultural shifts and a call to safeguard linguistic traditions. The future of the Javanese language lies in the collective efforts of the community, influencers, and policymakers to ensure its enduring vitality in the digital age.

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