AN ANALYSIS OF ANGER EXPRESSIONS IN YOUTUBE COMMENT *INSIDE EDITION* ON THE JAILYN CANDELARIO BABY CASE

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to describe the types of expressions of anger and explain how the comments express anger in YouTube comments discussing the Jailyn Candelario case. As we know, expressions of anger on social media are also becoming more prevalent along with the increasing use of digital platforms to communicate. The writers used a descriptive qualitative method to analyze the data from comments on YouTube that discussed baby Jailyn Candelario. The writers found 56 data on the type of anger from secondary emotions: irritation, exasperation, rage, and disgust. In addition, the writers found three ways commenters express their anger, namely by using vocabulary, non-verbal communication, and figurative language in terms of metaphor and hyperbole. Then, the writers found types of anger in terms of rage and using vocabulary that are mostly commonly found in the comments. There are various vocabularies used by the commenters to express their anger, especially in English.

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INTRODUCTION

Communication lets people share or express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions. When someone communicates with someone else, the purpose may be to express the emotion. Any feeling a person experiencing instability can experience is considered an emotion [1]. Expression is a way for someone to convey their psychological state to something or someone in the form of pleasure, pain, dislike, joy, and sadness [2].

Nowadays, a lot of people express what they feel through social media, one of which is expressing a sense of emotion such as anger or annoyance at a post on social media. In this research, the writers examine the emotional expression of anger because love is a powerful human feeling. Anger is a powerful and natural emotion that arises in response to frustration, injustice, or threat. In fact, anger may help you protect yourself energizing you to fight or flee [3]. Anger can be expressed in different forms or subcategories. That categorizes the emotion of anger into secondary and tertiary emotions. Anger is a primary emotion, while Irritation, Exasperation, Rage, Disgust, Envy, And

Torment are influenced by primary emotion. Irritation as a secondary emotion consists of (1) Aggravation, (2) Irritation, (3) Agitation, (4) Annoyance, (5) Grouchiness, and (6) Grumpiness. Exasperation consists of (1) Exasperation and (2) Frustration. Rage consists of (1) Anger, (2) rage, (3) Outrage, (4) Fury, (5) Wrath, (6) Hostility, (7) Ferocity, (8) Bitterness, (9) Hate, (10) Loathing, (11) Scorn, (12) Spite, (13) Vengefulness, (14) Dislike, and (15) Resentment. Disgust consists of (1) Disgust, (2) Revulsion, (3) Contempt. Envy consists of (1) Envy and (2) Jealousy. Torment as the third category in secondary emotion only consisted of Torment [4].

The emotion of anger can be conveyed or expressed in different ways such as using vocabulary, using non-verbal communication, and nonliterally such as figurative language. Written communication can include non-verbal elements in different forms, such as writing styles such as capital letters and repetition of letters, the use of symbols and emoticons, and the use of punctuation [3]. Not only can the emotion of anger be expressed literally by using emotional vocabulary, but also non-literally by using figurative language [5].

Figurative language is an essential component of language that enhances meaning and expression. There are many types of figurative language which includes simile, personification, metaphor, hyperbole, metonymy, symbolism, and synecdoche [6].

In this research, the writers analyzes the emotion of anger in a YouTube comment that discusses baby Jailyn Candelario. The case of a mother who left her 16-month-old child home alone because she went on vacation for 11 days. The case became very viral in Cleveland, Ohio, United States because the child named Jailyn Candelario died after being left by Kristel Candelario. The purposes of this research are to identify the types of anger expressions in the comments section and examine the way how the commenters express their anger emotion in the comments section.

METHOD

In this research, descriptive qualitative research was employed. The qualitative method is a method used for a study that concludes or provides descriptive data results in the form of words and not numbers from a study conducted or observed. The data that has been collected in qualitative research is in the form of words, pictures, or objects [7]. This research used observation techniques with the steps (1) observe the words, (2) mark the data, and (3) carefully classify the word, this research observes the activities and interactions of netizens in YouTube comments over two months.

The data taken from comments in YouTube videos as the primary data to be researched in the channel is "Inside Edition" in the video YouTube entitled "*Mom gets life in prison after leaving baby alone for 11 days*", which was uploaded on March 19, 2024. This YouTube channel is a channel which provides news about what's happening in the world one of which is the news about the Baby Jailyn Candelario case. This news is very viral in February 2024, because there is a mother who left her 16-month-old child at home alone because she went on vacation for 11 days. The baby was named Jailyn Candelario, Jailyn died of starvation and severe dehydration because her mother left her.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

The writers found there are 56 data on anger expression in YouTube comments. From 56 data that have been found, the writers found 4 data types of irritation, 10 data of exasperation, 29 data of rage, and 13 data of disgust.

Additionally, this research also found the ways how the commenters expressed the emotion of anger. The writers found 29 data on using vocabulary, 13 data on using non-verbal communication and also using figurative language in the form of 11 data on metaphors and 3 data on hyperbole.

1. Types of Anger
A. Irritation

From 56 data, the writer found 4 data of irritation. The writer describes some of the data that have been found below:

@karenf3290: "*She looks like she couldn't go 3 hours without food.* **WTH**?!"

This is an example of irritation: irritation because the word "WTH" expresses annoyed, anger and a spontaneous response from the commenter.

B. Exasperation

From 56 data, the writer found 10 data of exasperation. The writer describes some of the data that have been found below:

@melissam64: *"I'm **tired of hearing** "mental health problems" when it's seriously just plain evil"*

This is an example of exasperation: exasperation because the use of the phrase "tired of hearing" indicates that the commenter is expressing emotional exhaustion and frustration with the frequency or pattern of using the 'mental health problems' excuse in every criminal case.

C. Rage

From 56 data, the rage type of anger is the most common, the writer found 29 data of Rage. The writer explains some of the data below:

@ TheRmanProds: *"WHAT **A BAD MOTHER**!"*

This is an example of rage: rage, because of a "bad mother" It is very clear that the commenter feels extremely angry, and annoyed and also gives negative criticism towards Jailyn's mother.

D. Disgust

From 56 data, the writer found 13 data of disgust. The writer describes some of the data below:

@ZacharyShank: "***Horrible**, the mother should never be released.* ***Disgusting.***"

This is an example of disgust: disgust because the use of the word "disgusting" makes it very clear that the commenter is disgusted and disagrees with what Jailyn's mother did.

2. The Ways to Express the Anger

A. Vocabulary use

From 56 data that have been found, the writer found 29 data that use vocabulary or literal meaning to express the commenter's angry feelings:

@kingjelza789: "*How **Disgusting***"

This is an example using vocabulary to express the anger in comments because the commenter uses the word "disgusting". The word "disgusting" conveys the feelings of anger, disgust, and disapproval felt by the commenter towards Jailyn's mother.

@ExodusBlackk: "*11 days left alone!? **Dumb** truck*"

This is another example by using vocabulary, specifically using the word "dumb". According to Cambridge Dictionary Online (CDO), the word dumb means so stupid.

B. The Use of Non-verbal Communication

From 56 data, the writer found 13 data on the use of non-verbal communication.

@sc2294: "*Monster 😡*"

This comment shows that the commenter uses non-verbal communication to express the emotion of anger because using angry emoticons.

C. Figurative Language

The writer also found the use of figurative language in the form of metaphor, and hyperbole.

@johnnysacrimoni2404: "*What a horrible **monster** of a **person**.*"

This is an example of used figurative language in the form of metaphor to convey and expressed the feeling of anger. Because the words "monster" and "person" show an implicit comparison. These words imply that someone who leaves their child alone at home until they die does not deserve to be considered as a person but as a monster.

@NIGHTSTALKERsixsixsix: "***This makes me ill***. *There's nothing I can say to help this poor little innocent baby. I'm done here*".

The comment shows that the commenter uses figurative language in the form of hyperbole to express the feeling of anger towards Jailyn's mother. The use of the word "ill" in the comment shows hyperbole because the commenter feels excessively angry to the point of feeling pain.
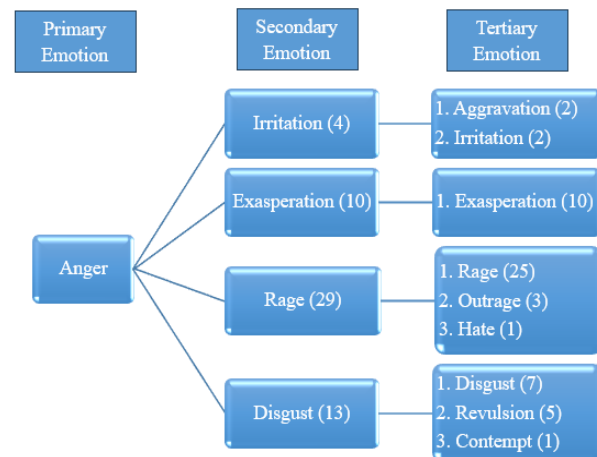

Figure 1. Findings (Types of Anger in Comments)

Rage from secondary emotion is the most common type of anger found in the comments, and also from the tertiary emotion the writer found 25 comments of rage. It can be concluded the rage from tertiary emotion is also the one most often found in the comments.

Table 1. List vocabulary of anger in comments

Vocabulary of anger in Comments			
WTF	Stupid	Animal	Dumbest
Horrible	Bad	Heartless	Awful
Motherfucking	Disgusting	Waste	Dumb
Horrifying	Sick	Upset	Insane

There are a lot of comments found using words directly or using vocabulary, some of the vocab lists in Table 1. are the most dominant words found in the comments. The use of vocabulary is also one that comes up more often in comments than other ways such as the use of non-verbal communication and figurative language.

Table 2. The use of Non-verbal communication in comments

Non-verbal Communication in Comments	
Emoticon	Monster 😡, wtf 😭 😭
Capital Letters	WHY, WTH, BADMOTHER

	PAINFULLY
Question mark	Mental health???,How could she????
Exclamation mark	Human waste!!!, Omg!!
Exclamation and Question mark	WTH?!

Table 3. The use of figurative language in comments

Figurative Language	
Metaphor	Hyperbole
1. Anger is Animal behavior *"What a horrible **monster** of a person"* 2. Anger is Insanity *"I hope the inmates explain it to this **witch**!!! PAINFULLY!!* 3. Anger is Evil *"**Evil mom**"*	1. **This makes me ill**. There's nothing I can say to help this poor little innocent baby. I'm done here 2. **Makes me sick to my stomach**.

The use of figurative language in the comments was also found, but only in the form of metaphor and hyperbole. In these findings, metaphor is the most common which compared words such as *monster, evil, and witch* with *mother* indirectly. In addition, hyperbole is also found in the comments such as the words ill and sick.

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION
In conclusion, the case that befell baby Jailyn made many people angry at Jailyn's mother, because Kristel's actions were cruel. Through this expression of anger, the writer concludes that there are many different levels and intensities of anger. The main finding of this research clearly shows that the anger conveyed by the commenter or netizen in the comment column has different levels and different ways to express anger. This research managed to classify the types of anger that appear in the comment column. In addition, many comments also contain feelings of disappointment, criticism, and negative judgment towards Jailyn's mother. This research emphasizes that it is important to understand and also manage or handle a feeling, especially anger in online interactions, such as comments.

Someone interested in the field of linguistics will be very interested in this Jailyn Candelario case. The writer suggests that future researchers analyze this case with different emotions such as sadness, sympathy and empathy. The writer also suggests analyzing anger metaphorically. In addition, many linguistic perspectives can be analyzed in this Jailyn case such as figurative language, politeness strategies, and implied or pragmatic meaning. The writer also suggests analyzing the expression of anger in different cases or on different platforms such as movies, novels, short stories, poems, or songs and comments on different social media platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc.

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