

Gay(s) Language: A Dic(k)tionary Of Gay Slang

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THE LEXIS OF POLISH SEXUAL MINORITIES SLANG

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Abstract. The paper discusses the Polish slang of homosexuals and transgender people. The main aim of the paper is to marshal scattered records of gay lexicon and to characterize the data semantically and grammatically. The first part of the paper presents the phenomenon of the Polish gay slang (with reference to *Polari* – the language of the English gays) found in literary data. Next, the paper analyses the vocabulary enlisted in the only printed mini-dictionary of Polish gay and lesbian slang. Finally, other amateur glossaries of gay slang are discussed, mainly records gleaned from online articles and blogs concerning homosexual and transsexual communities. The main part of the paper revolves around the classification of the linguistic material into semantic and phraseological neologisms, neologisms based on word formation processes and borrowings. The paper sets course for future research on the Polish slang of sexual minorities.

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1. Introduction

The community of homosexuals and transgender people, typically labelled as sexual minority, should undoubtedly be recognized as a group which has established a separate subculture. However, it is not only sexual orientation that is the indicator of this subculture; rich literary and artistic creations, including a number of film productions, painting, graphics and sculpture of homoerotic theme, also constitute a part of culture *per se*. Moreover, the gay subculture (within particular ethnic languages) has created a sociolect in its own right, most notably characteristic vocabulary.

The main criterion for identifying a particular sociolect, especially on the level of nominal, adjectival and verbal phrases, which in the case of the language of homosexual and transgender milieu may be dubbed slang, is the existence of a noticeable hiatus between community-specific phrases and standard general language (yet it is possible that the same phrases occur in another sociolect). It must be remembered, however, that the members of the social group at issue use their slang only in unofficial situations and within their own community, which was well portrayed in a book by Michał Witkowski entitled *Lubiewo* (Witkowski 2005). Similarly to other members of the society, homosexuals use standard language (either their official or colloquial variants) in their contacts with the heterosexual majority as well as in official contacts with other gays.

Slang may serve different purposes. Sometimes, it is supposed to make communication smoother or to label things, which lack their names in general language. On other occasions, slang is used to conceal the subject matter of a conversation. Certainly, it was the latter aim that was the intention of the authors and the users of the English homosexual slang known as *Polari*, recreated and described by Paul Baker (2002a, 2002b). It must be noted at this juncture that *Polari* has been included in a list of dying languages¹ by scholars from Cambridge University, Great Britain.

There are also other English glossaries of homosexual slang available on the internet. The most extensive one is the *GLTB Slang Dictionary* (henceforth: GLTBSD, compiled by Andrej Koyumasky²), which contains words stemming from a number of sources, *inter alia* from Ken Cage *The Language of Kinks and Queens: A History and Dictionary of Gay Language in South Africa* (Houghton 2003), and from Robert Scott's *Gay Slang Dictionary*, the latter being an internet dictionary available on-line³. Naturally enough, there are similar slang variants of other ethnic languages⁴.

2. Polish gay slang

The Polish gay culture has not developed a slang similar to *Polari*. Homosexuality, however, has never been punishable in Poland and there has never been the need to use secret language by the people of orientation other than heterosexual. Possibly, gay community has never been sufficiently strong in Poland to develop a language variant typical of this social subgroup. Nevertheless, such slang already existed (and is still in use today), a phenomenon illustrated in a slightly exaggerated (grotesque) manner by the author of *Lubiewo*. Columnists writing about this issue even notice some development of this community-specific language variant⁵.

One of the features of Polish gay language worthy of mentioning is the discord between the grammatical and the natural gender of the sender, i.e. using feminine adjectival or verbal endings as well as female first names and nick

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Gay(s) Language: A Dic(k)tionary of Gay Slang. Front Cover. H. Max The New Partridge Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English: J-Z Eric Partridge. All items must be viewed on site. Request items at least 2 days before you visit to allow retrieval from off-site storage. You can request at most 5 items per day. LGBT slang, LGBT speak or gay slang is a set of slang lexicon used predominantly among LGBT people. It has been used in various languages, including English and Japanese, Scruff launched a Gay Slang Dictionary app in January H. Max published a short book including gays language in the late 80s. It also. Dick is a common English language euphemism used for a variety of slang purposes, some An slang dictionary offered definitions of dick including " a riding whip" and an abbreviation of dictionary, These included, for example, the State University of New York's WSUC-FM, in Cortland, New York, which in was. English is an Indo-European language spoken by over million people and gays and more specifically to bottoms, two important issues in gay slang come together. is slang for homosexual boy, probably because in the early 17th century it . Muzzler, Dick-sucker, Dick(ie)-licker, Skin-diver, Nibbler, Lapper, Lick-box. Gay(s) Language: A Dic(k)tionary of Gay Slang by H. Max , paperback. fizzesrattor.com: gay(s)language: a dic(k)tionary of gay slang () by H. Max and a great selection of similar New, Used and Collectible Books. Keywords: Black gay men, AIDS, sexual language. While gay men's . Penis, Dick, Pole, fishing pole .. Max H. Gay(s) language: A dic(k)tionary of gay slang. Gay(s)language: A Dic(k)tionary Of Gay Slang / Gay (S)language by Max, H and a great selection of similar Used, New and Collectible Books available now at. sexual term used by gay men to describe the painting(shitting) on a Leon and Antonio were having sex and Antonio went in too deep and Leon painted on after a man ejaculates upon a woman he uses his dick like a brush to paint a. evolved from a hooker code term for cis women sex workers (s) aka girls who used pejoratively by gay men to refer to trans men at the club in a desperate attempt homosexuality, in the same way that str8 men think touching a dick will. "party" means drugs, often meth (crystal/tina) or E, "play" means sex. Seen most often in the gay community, slang for Party n' Play. homosexual men engaging in sexual acts while high on methamphetamine (see p and p and crystal dick). toward gay sex and those who practice it. The corpus of slang also reflects long- standing and still prevalent misun- derstandings of homosexuality. Recent.

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