

Value Characteristics of the Đakovo Dialect in the Mid-Twentieth Century in Comparison with that of Split

Summary

The paper is dedicated to the research of two local dialects, Đakovo and Split based on the "Dictionary of Đakovo speech of the 50s and 60s of the last century" by Josip Bulat and Josip Janković and "Dictionary of Split speech" by Tonko Radišić. The vocabulary of both speeches was analyzed, positively and negatively connoted nouns, verbs and adjectives were identified, and their characteristics were compared for each of the speeches individually and between them. This was followed by statistical analysis which determined that in Đakovo speech among semantically colored words predominate those with negative connotation and that the difference was examined by chi-square test in the number of negatively colored in relation to the number of positively colored and statistically significant ($P > 0.001$). On the contrary, it was shown that in the Split speech there is no statistically significant difference in the number of positively and negatively connoted words ($P = 0.3$), although a smaller one nominally exists. Furthermore, there was a statistically significant difference in the number of negatively and positively colored words between these two speeches ($P > 0.001$). It was also shown by calculating the t value that the percentage of the total number of connoted words in the Split dialect is statistically significantly higher than in the Đakovo dialect ($t = 48.1$; $P > 0,001$). These data raise several questions that seem appropriate to answer, mostly whether there is a difference in the number of positively and negatively connoted words in other local dialects in Croatia, between them, between the vocabulary of local dialects and that in standard Croatian and possibly in the standard Croatian language in relation to other European languages.

Other questions relate to whether the characteristics of these individual speeches have an impact on the upbringing of new generations, their self-image, basic security, self-confidence, self-esteem, adaptability (emotional, social, professional), personality structure, their academic achievements, local temperaments and mentalities. and ultimately mental health?

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