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“THE WORD OF THE YEAR 2022” IN THE FRAMEWORK OF SOCIOLINGUISTICS (BASED ON TOP ENGLISH DICTIONARIES)

Language is a unique tool that unites heterogeneous groups of people who live on the territories of different states into the nations. Language reflects and accumulates the speakers' values, cultural norms and new phenomena. Due to its genuine nature language exists in the form of transformation.

All the changes that occur in the language have their manifestations in dictionaries where all social changes find their reflections on the pages of numerous dictionaries. Nowadays, dictionaries act as a kind of treasury of knowledge and aspirations of the diversified social groups that share the language, which reflect the axiological orientations of the mood as well as the direction of development of a particular nation. Accumulating the knowledge of the people, the

vocabulary of a certain language acts as a kind of thesaurus of concepts inherent in a particular nation.

The main changes that have been taking place in the language lately can be reduced to a number of lexical groups that describe changes in the cultural changes, perception of gender identity, the emergence of new social movements, technological innovations and the globalization of modern society. This is especially true of the English language, which today is as a lingua franca, uniting the view of the Western world and its aspirations.

For a long time, representatives of various lexicographic schools have been trying to highlight the dominant words that characterize a certain year in the history of mankind. The word of the year is usually associated with the brightest events or phenomena that civilization faced during this period. For exemplification of the world of the year we name the word of the year of Oxford dictionary: “toxic” (2018); “climate emergency” (2019); 2020 gave no top word of the year; “vax” (2021) [4].

According to the most respected dictionaries the words of the year are “goblin mode” Oxford Dictionary, “gaslighting” Merriam-Webster Dictionary, “permacrisis” Collins Dictionary, “homer” Cambridge Dictionary.

The innovative phrase “goblin mode” means “*a type of behaviour which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations*” [4]. The social backgrounds for the appearance of this neologism are: firstly, it is most likely due to a person’s desire to forget about surrounding events, forget about past experiences related to the coronavirus pandemic, and secondly, with the lack of positive trends in the development of the economy, the so-called hedonistic lifestyle without regard to one’s own image.

The word of the year of Merriam-Webster Dictionary “gaslighting” – “*the act or practice of grossly misleading someone especially for one’s own advantage*” [3]. The basis for the emergence of this lexical innovation was the widespread online practice of manipulating participants in gamer charts, or on social networking sites, as well as the practice of violence that arose during the pandemic period.

According to Collins dictionary the word of year 2022 is “permacrisis” – “*an extended period of instability and insecurity*”. The reason for the appearance of this innovation in the vocabulary of the English language is the fatigue of global from constant crises that have haunted humanity since 2019, namely the pandemic, war in the center of Europe, rising prices, the possibility of a recession in the global economy.

In accordance with the analysis of dictionary definitions, 2020 has become a year of pessimism, fear and unfulfilled ambitions in the real world. We hope that 2023 will give us positive examples that can change the mood of Western society for development and prosperity.

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