

Language and social class in Sulaymaniyah city

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| **Introduction** | **Results** | **Conclusion** |
| This study investigates the relationship between socioeconomic status and language use in Kurdish society. The Kurdish language, with its numerous dialects, is a key tool for understanding social class interactions.    The study aims to understand how different Kurdish groups use their language, providing insight into Kurdish culture. The research aims to reveal the linguistic differences and cultural complexities within Kurdish society, contributing to a more diverse understanding of its layers. | Socioeconomic Influence on Language Variation: Participants from higher socioeconomic strata, we see a trend that expression leans toward being more formal and standardized. These people tend to use a wider range of vocabulary. A university student in a science-based field notes the influence of their job on language use, stating, “students at university, especially those in science-based fields stress the use of correct language”.    Additionally, the same student mentions how technicians in the city use technical language like “best working temperature” and “problems starting cars when it’s cold,” highlighting the impact of workplace environments on language variations.    Language is more than a medium for people of higher socioeconomic classes, it indicates social status as well. | The study reveals a complex relationship between socioeconomic status and language use in Kurdish-speaking societies. Language serves as a symbol of cultural identity and social markers, with higher socioeconomic backgrounds exhibiting a deliberate language development.    Lower social and economic strata have a linguistic landscape influenced by cultural identity and community affiliation. Language shapes and reflects class structures, highlighting the complexity of language and social dynamics within Kurdish society. Further research is needed to understand this intricate tapestry. |
| **Methodology** | **Reference** |
| The research investigates the influence of socioeconomic groups on Kurdish language, focusing on power dynamics and subtle differences in language usage among different social classes.  This multidimensional study reveals the intricate relationship between social class and language.  Research Questions:   * How much do different socioeconomic groups affect how Kurdish is spoken and written? * How do various socioeconomic groups within the Kurdish-speaking society use language differently? | Anonby, E. (2022). Phonological Variation in Kurdish. In Structural and Typological Variation in the Dialects of Kurdish (pp. 65-110). Cham: Springer International Publishing.  Beaman, K. V., & Buchstaller, I. (Eds.). (2021). Language Variation and Language Change Across the Lifespan: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives from Panel Studies. Routledge.  Sheyholislami, J., & Surkhi, R. (2022). Lexical Variation and Semantic Change in Kurdish. In Structural and Typological Variation in the Dialects of Kurdish (pp. 13-63). Cham: Springer International Publishing. |