GENDER LANGUAGE IN MASS-MEDIA

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Annotation: This article is devoted to the study of gender language in the cognitive aspect. The work examines the cultural, social and cognitive mechanisms of the formation of gender stereotypes in language, as well as their impact on the cognitive processes of perception and interpretation of language.

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Introduction

Gendered language is a phenomenon related to the use of language in the context of gender relations and roles in society. This includes language structures, vocabulary and expressions that may contain elements associated with gender identity and sociocultural stereotypes [1]. Gendered language examines how language can reflect, reinforce, or cause gender inequalities.

Studying gendered language from a cognitive perspective represents an important step in understanding how language shapes and influences our cognitive perceptions of gender roles and identities. The cognitive approach to gender language focuses on how linguistic structures and expressions influence cognitive processes such as perception, memory, and reasoning in the context of gender concepts.

Studying gendered language from a cognitive perspective helps reveal the subtle details of how words and phrases can shape ideas and attitudes about gender, influencing our cognitive schemas. This aspect of the study also raises questions about the impact of gendered language on thought processes and decision making in society.

Gender roles formed in society have a significant impact on linguistic constructions. Cultural and social aspects of gender roles are reflected in language through the choice of words, expressions and phrases that can reinforce or undermine stereotypes about what men and women should be like. These aspects include the use of gender-specific terms, adjectives and grammatical forms, which can create certain expectations and perceptions of roles in society[2].

The cognitive mechanisms underlying the formation of language stereotypes play a key role in the process of perception and interpretation of language from a gender perspective. These mechanisms include cognitive schemas and associative connections that are formed as a result of learning and sociocultural influence. For example, frequently pairing certain adjectives with certain gender groups may reinforce stereotypes and influence perceptions of gender characteristics in language.

Studying the cultural and social aspects of gender roles in the context of language, as well as analyzing the cognitive mechanisms of stereotyping, allows us to more deeply understand the relationship between language and gender constructs, as well as identify the mechanisms through which language can influence the formation of gender attitudes in society.

Cognitive processes associated with the formation of gender stereotypes rely heavily on associative networks in linguistic cognitive perception. People form associations between words, phrases, and gender categories, creating complex networks that influence their beliefs about men and women. For example, certain occupations may be associated with a particular gender, reinforcing stereotypes about what roles are considered "feminine" or "male."

Gender stereotypes have a significant impact on the perception of language when people interpret and make sense of messages. When language constructs conform to or violate established gender stereotypes, it can cause different reactions and perceptions. For example, the use of "feminine" or "masculine" forms in professional fields can influence perceptions of the speaker's competence and status. These cognitive processes represent the complex dynamics of the interaction between language and gender stereotyping.

Studying associative networks and the impact of gender stereotypes on language perception allows us to understand how these processes interact and how they influence the formation of ideas about gender in language practice. By examining these cognitive aspects, strategies can be identified to change existing stereotypes and create a more inclusive language environment.

Analysis of language corpora is a powerful tool for studying gendered language in the context of real texts and communications. Researchers systematically analyze large amounts of text data, highlighting gender-specific elements such as the use of certain words, grammatical forms and phrases. This approach allows us to identify trends in language use associated with gender stereotypes and determine how these stereotypes manifest themselves in various areas of society, from the media to the professional sphere.

Experimental methods provide the opportunity for more active intervention and control in the research process. Experiments may include the creation of controlled language scenarios[3], questionnaires, and the use of technologies such as digital responses or neuroscience[4] to measure cognitive responses to gender-laden language structures. This approach allows for a more precise study of the effects of gendered language on cognitive processes and responses.

Research on gendered language in linguistics, using language corpus analysis and experimental methods, not only expands our understanding of gender dynamics in language, but also provides concrete data for the development of strategies for changing language practices towards a more equal and inclusive society [5].

Future research on gender language in a cognitive context faces the challenge of developing and refining methodological approaches. This includes creating more precise tools for analyzing association networks, as well as developing more complex experimental protocols that can take into account multiple cognitive factors. Researchers will seek to establish stronger connections between linguistics, cognitive psychology, and gender studies.

Future research aims to gain a deeper understanding of how gendered language influences cognitive processes. This may include analysis of emotional reactions, changes in attention and perception, and influence on decision making. Researchers will seek to expand the methodological framework to include more complex models and approaches to more fully capture the relationship between gendered language and cognition [6].

Prospects for future research on gendered language in a cognitive context provide an opportunity not only to deepen our understanding of the relationship between language and cognitive processes, but also to create more effective strategies for overcoming gender stereotypes and sexism in language.

Despite significant advances, researchers still face challenges and opportunities. Methodological development, including more precise analytical tools and experimental approaches, requires further efforts. It is important to continue research into the influence of gendered language on cognitive processes, illuminating the deeper aspects of this relationship.

In general, research on gender language from a cognitive perspective plays a key role in developing an understanding of how language not only reflects, but also influences the formation of gender ideas in society. Meeting these challenges will not only advance our knowledge of linguistics and cognitive science, but will also contribute to the creation of a more equitable and inclusive language environment.

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