
Social meanings of negative concord and modal concord in American English

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Abstract

Negative concord are co-occurring negative elements with the semantic meaning of one negation. Modal concord is the co-occurrence of modal auxiliary and modal element with the semantic meaning of one modality. Our study is concerned with the social meaning, interpretation, and grammaticality of both phenomena using ratings of a set of social measures and the speaker commitment. The current result showed that overall, both concord phenomena are rated less grammatical, and more negative with regards to the social measures in comparison to their standard/single variant.

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