**Reading Notes:**

**Author:**

**Title: Lexical Dimensions**

**Subject *(the main topic of this article/text is...)*:**

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| **Language has an incredible amount of uses and variations.** |

**Summary *(having read and annotated the text, the five most important points are...)*:**

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| **Loaded language and connotations create diversity in language**  **Taboo lexemes and swearing introduce a way for us to express ourselves through expletives and connect with a group**  **Jargon allows us to converse about a topic with accurate dialogue that enhances the plausibility of it but can also be used to obfuscate an audience**  **Double speak is often used by politicians and salespeople to obfuscate an audience into believing them**  **Political correctness in language helps to create equality and understanding between a interlocutors** |

**Evidence *(the five best pieces of linguistic evidence I found are...)*:**

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| **“The more a …topic is controversial, the more it will contain loaded vocabulary, providing people with the lexical ammunition to reinforce their point of view”**  **“Swearing is contagious”**  **“’The technical vocabulary or idiom of a special activity or group’…’obscure and often pretentious language marked by a roundabout way of expression and use of long words’”**  **“…language which pretends to communicate, but really doesn’t”**  **“It may yet be humour which will restore a balanced perspective to the debate (the use of political correctness and the extent to which it is used)”** |

**Study Questions *(these concepts or observations are unclear to me and I will follow them up to clarify my understanding...)*:**

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