

Phonetic Variation in Urban Dialects: A Case Study of New York City English

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Abstract. This article investigates phonetic variations in urban dialects, with a focus on New York City English. Through acoustic analysis and sociolinguistic interviews, the study examines how social factors such as age, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status influence phonetic features. The findings highlight significant variations in vowel pronunciation and consonant articulation among different demographic groups. This research contributes to the understanding of language variation and change in urban settings, offering insights into the dynamic nature of dialects in metropolitan areas.

Keywords: phonetic variation, urban dialects, New York City English, sociolinguistics, language change

Introduction

Urban dialects are rich sites for observing phonetic variation due to their diverse speaker populations. This study focuses on New York City English, employing acoustic analysis and sociolinguistic methods to explore how phonetic features vary across different social groups. By examining factors such as age, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, the research identifies significant variations in vowel pronunciation and consonant articulation. These findings provide valuable insights into the mechanisms of language variation and change in urban environments. This research not only enhances our understanding of New York City English but also contributes to broader discussions on dialect dynamics in metropolitan areas.

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