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Invective words-zoomorphisms in the English and Spanish languages

The article is devoted to the study of the etymological and semantic-cultural features of invective zoomorphisms in English and Spanish. Invective-zoomorphisms, which are taboo and offensive vocabulary formed on the basis of animal names, play an important role in expressing negative human characteristics. Invectives denoting qualities such as sloppiness, drunkenness, laziness, and other negative traits are analyzed through images of animals characteristic of both cultures. Examples of invective zoomorphisms obtained by targeted sampling from dictionaries and reference books of the English and Spanish languages, as well as literary sources are included. The mechanisms of invective formation related to the social taboo system, which regulates the use of vocabulary condemned by society, are discussed.

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