THE EXPANSION OF LOVE QUOTES IN THE TEACHING

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One of the most commonly used language fads today is the love line or what we called the “Hugot line.” It is becoming the Filipino popular culture where everyone is engaged to associate the expression of love, feeling or sentiment to a certain event or conversation. They are relating love to any situation or place where the students are becoming the most users of it through the influence of media. They are relating the deadlines, examinations or even recitations to their brokenness, love or hate. Thus, expressing love quotes leads the students to become active in performing to their academic subjects as they are becoming involved and motivated for the fact that they can relate well to the instruction. Yet, this language fad is not only limited to the students alone as some teachers are also expressing love quotes in their classes. Some teachers nowadays are letting the students to feel what they are instructing as they are relating the lesson to love or feeling which is the most common topic for the youth today. This way of dropping love lines is somehow becoming a contemporary teaching strategy for teachers as they are assimilating the affective domain.

According to the article written by Dela Cruz (2014), incorporating Filipino popular culture specifically the pick-up lines in lessons is engaging the students to become creative and motivated as they can relate well to the task at hand. It is a fun way to facilitate learning as the teachers are helping the students to connect the lessons to their lives as teenagers. Similarly, in the article written by ABS-CBN News in 2018, one of the professors in Naga City, Marvin Pila, said that the students nowadays are distracted in the Internet, games and love life, so to make the students more focused in studying, teachers are needed to jive with their interests. They should make changes in instructing
the lesson, one of the ways is through integrating some love quotes as the learners may easily relate into it, so that they may learn the lesson well.

Even though love quote is a form of entertainment or motivation, teachers are using it extensively to the point that they are stirring up the students’ emotion albeit it is not quite appropriate to their age. Most of the times, language teachers are promoting love and disposable relationships even if studying is the season of the learners. Based on the study conducted by Arias (2017), hugot lines or love quotes depicted the identity of the Filipinos nowadays specifically the millennials who are experiencing failed relationship. The study showed that generation today has a less value in relationships compared to the previous generation, thus they create language that displays melancholy, sadness or brokenness. With this, millennials are becoming creative in using the first language for they are becoming literary. Yet, through incorporating love quotes inside the classroom, language teachers have somehow forgotten the fact that they are engaging the students in the formal instruction.

In the Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10533 (2013), the Act of enhancing the basic education system in the Philippines states that the country should give the students a quality education that is globally competitive. Thus, teachers should be strict to engage the learners in the formal way of learning, and lead them to prioritize the skills and competencies needed; not the expression of love. Also, as stated in the Article XI of the Code of Ethics for the Professional Teachers in the Philippines, teachers should serve as a model that learners, peers and others may worthy to emulate. Through this, teachers should be cautious to the things they are saying, and should use the appropriate teaching pedagogy during the formal instruction.

The teachers should be alarmed towards the “Hugot” of the too young students whom every expression is anchored in love. The teachers should produce students who are globally competitive who have mastered the competencies needed, and not prioritizing the sensual love which is not quite appropriate for their age. The generation
before was disciplined and well mannered, for their teachers before were portraying dignified personality who were worthy to emulate. Unlike today, that students are imitating the words and actions of the teachers who are find comfortable in expressing themselves through love quotes. Hence, teachers should be cautious with regards to the words they are expressing as they may contribute a great impact with their students.

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