

This paper contains an explorative analysis of French rap lyrics. The focus of the work is to answer three questions: What is the vocabulary used in the French rap lyrics? What are the topics present in the French rap lyrics? Are media and technology a significant topic in French rap lyrics?

The methods used to obtain the answers to the research questions can be listed as follows: literature research, data collection of French rap lyrics, statistical textual analysis, and algorithmic topic modelling.

The findings confirm previous research on the subject by supporting claims that the level of non-standard language in French rap lyrics is not as high as myths suggested. In terms of the topics, the topic modelling confirms that there is a variety of themes present in French rap lyrics, including anti-systemic sentiments, struggle, censorship, and false information presented by the authorities.