Logic: A Linguistic Profile

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Personal Information

- Born on January 22, 1990.
- Raised in Gaithersburg, MD (DMV/accent)
- Grew up in poverty
- Parents were addicts, neglectful
- Biracial, looks white
Phonetic Features

- **Use of “d” in place of “ð”**

  “All *that* stress I’m under, I wonder why I don’t do drugs.” *Driving Ms Daisy*

- **Use of “I” in place of “i”**

  “Okay now this how I’m *feeling.*” *Lord Willin’*
Rhyme Features

- Abundance of Internal Rhyme:
  
  “bustin’ like an addict with a semi-automatic” - *Homicide*

- Concentrated Internal Rhyme
  
  “The second I bit em I get em and hit em with the venom” - *Gang Related*
Rhythmic Features

- Triplets
  
  “You got a Rolex but can't tell the time 'cause you stupid as fuck” - COMMANDO

- Quadruplets
  
  “Bobby feelin' villainous, he killin' this” - Homicide
Word Choice/Style

- Commonly used word: “Sike”

  “Ay, everybody know I be, in the club VIP (sike not me)” - Midnight

  “Real all the time, never Kool-Aid, sippin' on D'usse, sike” - 100 Miles and Running

- Double Entendres

  “RattPack be the squad, that's that Young Sinatra clique” - Warm it Up

- Puns

  “Never by chance like a pair of dice” - Upgrade
Pragmatic Features

“Bitch I run the game y’all just commentate from the side” *Flexicution*

Locutionary force: “I’m in charge, you’re just watching me from the sideline”

Illocutionary force: “Stop acting like you’re in charge when you know I’m running things”

Perlocutionary force: “Respect me because I’m controlling everything”

“Went to college to gain knowledge so they would acknowledge me” *Legacy*

Locutionary Force: “I wanted to have knowledge so people would respect me”

Illocutionary force: “I live in a society that values education the more than anything”

Perlocutionary force: “Don’t put your value in your education, you are more than what you know”
Topic Choice

Logic’s main goal is to spread peace love and positivity by using his platform and influence.

He also raps about his childhood. He grew up as a biracial person in an environment where he was shamed for looking white but being from a black family.

These two topics are the most present in his music.
Overview

- Logic is a rapper that draws deeply from his past for serious musical inspiration and identity, but isn’t afraid to keep things fun with fast flows, wordplay, and puns.
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