Marking counterinformation with *oh* -prefaced YNIs

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Corrigendum

“We will show that oh-prefaced YNIs are used by speakers to index that the interlocutor treated some information as shared, when in fact this information was either new to the speaker or even contradicted the speaker’s background assumptions.”
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> “With an *oh*-prefaced yes/no-type interrogative the speaker claims that the prior informing turn by the interlocutor was in some way incompatible with his/her private beliefs or *expectables.*”

> Treat prior informing turn as a counterinforming

(Heritage, 1984)
Terminology

› Counterinformation: incompatible position
› Private: not made public in the interaction.
   • “commitment sets”
› Expectable: likely or salient belief

(Heritage, 1984; Robinson 2009; Gunlogson, 2001)
Aims

› Show function of *oh*-prefaced YNIs
  • Mark counterinformation
› Compare to *oh*-prefaced declaratives
  • Extract embedded news
Data & Method

- 20 hours phone interaction (38 cases)
  - Spontaneous
  - Friends/Family
  - Recorded at Utrecht University 2010 and 2011

- Conversation Analysis
  - “Concerned with understanding the structural underpinnings of everyday conversation.”

(Stivers & Sidnell, 2013: 3)
Counterinformation marks

› Unrelated Clausal Response
  - Respond to informing turns
  - Shift at issue talk
  - Candidate understanding/inference
› Just-now realized
› Request confirmation (and an account)

(Thompson et al., 2015; Heritage, 1984; Raymond, 2003; Terasaki, 2004; Maynard, 2003)
Example 1

BN3 – 01:55.2-02:07.8

08   ik ga ↑eerst nog even thuis wat dingetjes doen
     I am first going to do some things at home
09   °en dan eh°
     and then eh
10   (0.8)
11   R   oh ↑ga je niet naar de bieb.
     oh go you not to the library
12   (0.4)
13   W   nee: >nee nee< °van↑daag niet°.
     no no no not today
14   (1.4)
15   R   ↑o:ke.
     okay
Example 2

AG1 – 06:21.4-06:39.3

10  A  <moet nu alleen nog e:::h>
    must now only still e:::h

11   (0.9)

12   een tar↑taar bakken;
    bake a steak tartare

13   (0.2)

14  T  oh maar ben je alleen;
    oh but are you alone

15   (0.8)

16   is nii[c]ole] der niet;
    is Ni[c]ole] not there

17  A  [ ja ]
    [yeah]

18   (0.8)

19  A  <nee die moet allemaal dingen voor de dies
    no she has to arrange a bunch of things for the

20   van ¡veri regelen>.=
    anniversary of Veri
Oh-prefaced YNDs

- Treat understanding as already established
- Two major types of activities:
  - Do now-understanding
  - Extract news

(Seuren et al., in press; Terasaki, 2004; Maynard, 2003)
Example 3

DN1 – 02:13.1-02:25.3

01 S nee ja dus (.) ↑die heeft ie >dus uiteindelijk< niet, no yeah so (.) that one he eventually did not get

02 maar ik had echt >zoiets van< ↑hmm but I was really like hmm

03 en: Petra OOk, dus and Petra as well so

04 J ↓oh (.) oh

05 oh _petra was ook ↓mee:_ oh Petra was also along

06 oh _petra had also come along (_petra had also come along_)

07 S ja: heel de familie was er. yeah: the whole family was there

08 (0.6)

09 J whauwhuhuhu (0.3) [huhuhuhuhuhu] wow huhuhuhu (0.3) [huhuhuhuhuhu]
Conclude

> *Oh*-prefaced YNIs responding to informing turns:
  - Best understood as multiple practices
  - Accept the terms of that turn (conveyed information, action implemented)
  - Treat it as offering counterevidence to private belief or expectable

(Enfield, 2013; Sidnell & Enfield, 2014)
Oh are there questions?
References


