

C O P L

for

H, n, Cq, ost, o, t, r nts r, pro

r, r, r, t n rno, st n s, r on or  
t os

r or, s s o n t, t, r or, o o p n, n, n, or p, s n  
t, t, n s, n t, or, pot n t, s, n t, p, t, n s, or, or, s  
t or, s, Dong, Gos, Cor, r, o, p, r t, r, r, s p, t  
to n, t, n, ost, ost, o, r, o, t, t, F, not, r s

størrelsesrelation

✘lor

st h rsn o t n st n

on , F so ns so strong s p n t until Horn G

st to orro , t

not nt t p on  
o nt t p on  
c nt t p on

SN  
CNI  
FI

, n C s s, F n t neither

or

H... so... r to ot ort... s, t...

H ont on...  
o n... on...  
on...

SN  
CNI  
FI

s, F... rs... nt rpr t... n p... rns... s s...  
r sp t to t r... nt t sts, st... s C... o s  
At t... point on... t on r

st n rs n o t n st n

o s not pp r to n q sq t ort sort ss Horn , ost  
n s r  
B or on t ss n t s s t n, rs nt n t t  
F, C n s s s r t o or r t r t s, t r  
not n r ng n p r t r, F n C n rro r str t n t n  
s s or t i st t p t r t r s C o r n  
H n on t prop r t or C n Gr n on not r t p or  
p t n st n rs n For p n s n s s p r  
t ns r to q st n ons , ot C n F r n p t  
t r

o t t C s  
A o n n t SN  
A n no o n CNI  
A D o n r FI

t C n F r n p t s ns rs to q st n s r o s t n  
on t n p t p q r t o n t t port n ort n  
t t o ot r ns r t q st n John s t n s s r n  
point st t s n t s ns or ons t t o s ns rs to q st n s  
r q o r r t r port nt r n s t n on t on  
n n C n F ont ot r

### 2.3 Metalinguistic negation, denials, and reversals

F or on r s n ont ts r t s not r sp r s ss r t n s n  
nt nt n p t ss rts s p r oppos r p t r o  
A o n n n  
B s n s t o s n  
nt p F r s s total denial / reversing move or F r s Br  
retorts n r

or

- A. o n n g
- B. || n g st o sh  
= No he isn't (a nice guy)!

Ho r, F s r, | prop rt st t stng | ro like hell n ot r  
 r rsng str t s  
 Fst, like hell t. | h q s t | ng st n g t n. | ro s s not on t  
 tr t or s | or, propos n, t on t ss rt | or n | r n Horn  
 s | so Dro n rtngs F n, pp r to t |  
 s s h t, r |, n not F n t r | o rs | o t  
 n p | ng st | nt nt, n | s to n | n p | tr, n  
 on ntro t sp, r, so n | r n s | so n

t s t tr |, s | to orro  
 [Impicature: people wear green on St. Patrick's day]

t | r | r ng gr n  
 \*... t | || | r ng gr n

on, n r | t |, Dro not s t t s t p or t | ng st n g  
 t n, like hell | ns ns | to t p q r | or s, nt | n ng | n t |  
 n g t | s |

- A. Yo n, t s t | s
- B. || n, t  
= It's not the case that I didn't

Ho r, s | o h t t F nnot t | n g t | nt nt | s | s  
 to r q | r | t | ont nt, t r | p | or, ss rt, to p | p on |  
 |, | n F | s, t n g t | ont t fuck, pp rs | r q | s | rs n,  
 r, s | n sp, rs or | s F | fuck, 'eck, t r t | rs n |  
 like hell | s | so Dro | 6 |

- A. o n n g
- B. s | n g
- B. \*H | n g
- B. % | || n g
- B. | || n g

| s | s st s t t F | s | r nt st t s t n like hell t. | Ho r,  
 s t | nt | r on | h | t s, so | sp | rs o | pt | rs n |  
 pr ss | ns s | s like hell, | | ng t | s | n t r | | - o r | ng | p | s |

E | p | | or | or t n on r, son n p rt | | r | n sp, rs \* n like hell  
 | t | s | pp | rs | o s not ont | h |



størrelsesrelation

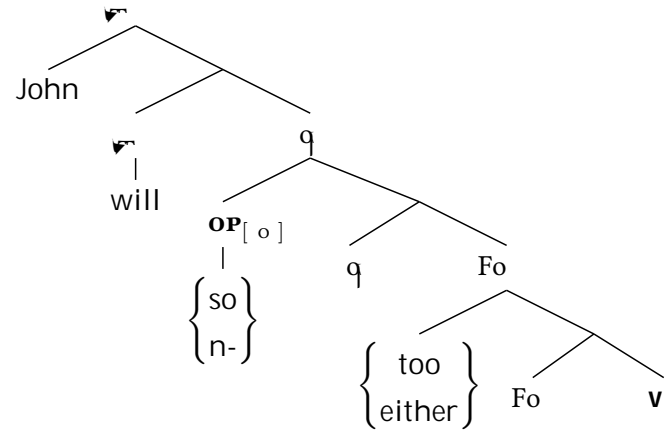
or

tr . s or tr on s r t on, n | p r. H . s



or

pq, r pro t n q , , q o n g , Z n / n , n n  
 ot rs, o t st o n Eng  
 F r t r, n g ont o g or n , oo, r s t, t s s n t n s  
 r | so r t r t pr s n or, ro s p r t p r t r t o t p q, r  
 ort | s p p, r s n s ro s p r t s, r g n r t o, | to p q, r, n  
 t sp r o r o, | o F o s p r o t n s | t q, t t | g ort r |  
 or, n s s s n n B | | s, n t r t s s  
 so n r s n t p q, r op r tor so, n s, o p n n s ro s p r t too  
 n non o r t s oo For n s n g t o n t r p r t, oo  
 t s, o r p o s n p p r o to neither, r s n g t, t either t n g t  
 ro s p r t n o g or too, n- s t p q, r op r tor, n o g s to so  
 A r o s s t o r t n r n s t r r or so/neither n r s n s n t n s  
 | o | n s r t n t s or oo, s, n | s t, t n o t r n | to  
 t pr s n t s s n.



For oo , t p q, r op r tor, n t ro s p r t, to g t r r  
 t s n t n p, t n t r p r t t n or so/neither n r s n s  
 n t n t s t n, t n t o p r o s s r o t C n so/neither  
 n r s n t o F.

4 N O N ON

As s r o , t n | t n t n n n t N=C r n n t p q, r  
 s n r s n p n o n t to n t t r n o p r t o t o s t o  
 t s o p o s n n t s, | s o r q n g r | o, r n t  
 r t n s n p r t r s s o t p q, r n t | s Do s t  
 s t t o r s n p q, r to F  
 r g o t t o s p , s s s t t r t n o r F n q s  
 s n t o n t r p r t o r t o r t n g t op r tor s n C pro n p  
 | r g n t s r o r s n o p r tor n F | s s r s t t n, s r o F t s  
 n t o t t p q, r o r op r tor n n r s n p n o n A o p t n | s

of the reasons for this

of the reasons for this. For the purposes of the current study, the operator 'so/neither' is used to represent the reasons for this, 'fuck'.

#### 4.1 Overt and non-overt polarity operators in the left edge

not only in the left edge of the clause, but also in the right edge. For example, 'so/neither' is used to represent the reasons for this, 'because'.

on the other hand, 'so/neither' is used to represent the reasons for this. **SN**

**NEG > B/C:** on the other hand, 'so/neither' is used to represent the reasons for this.

**B/C > NEG:** on the other hand, 'so/neither' is used to represent the reasons for this.

At the same time, 'so/neither' is used to represent the reasons for this, 'because'.

At the same time, 'so/neither' is used to represent the reasons for this. **CNI**

**NEG > B/C**

**B/C > NEG**

At the same time, 'so/neither' is used to represent the reasons for this, 'because'.



set in relation

in contrast to the quantities, the generation  
> NDC that represents Hornst

Everybody is such that they didn't wear green

SN

for

port nt , t t p r || s st ss pt ons nt | r t r r r .  
q st on op r tors Fq| o g , H s n . s r s  
t



question inversion

	question clause	Neg <sub>[FOC]</sub> clause	A <sub>[FOC]</sub> clause
Overt <b>OP</b>	wh question	C	wh question English
Non-overt <b>OP</b>	wh question	F	wh question Dutch

no question inversion or not proposition or F structure  
 overt question inversion or not to C proposition or Ho structure  
 question of F structure **fuck**

### 4.3 Polarity-sensitive focus particles and the derivation of *wh*-inversion





See [Jayaseelan \(2001\)](#) and [Belle i \(2004\)](#) for extensive justification of these low-peripheral positions (and [Benincà & Polo 2004](#) on TopP > FocP order in particular).

## 5. CONCLUSION

I have attempted here to lay out some of the basic descriptive properties of fuck-inversion, a novel inversion phenomenon in Englishes of the British Isles characterized by an emphatic negative interpretation despite the absence of overt negative morphology.

After situating it within a broader typology of inversion phenomena involving emphatic polarity, I argued that fuck-inversion involves a non-overt negative operator in a high scope position within the clausal left periphery, triggering inversion of T in satisfaction of the  $N^{\neq C}$ -criterion. This puts fuck-inversion on par with canonical negative inversion, the main difference between the two being whether the negative operator is overt or non-overt.

Finally, I argued that the taboo component of the phenomenon, e.g. fuck, is a polarity-sensitive focus particle akin to too and either in another polarity-based inversion phenomenon, namely so/neither-inversion. Thus, fuck

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