

To Sustain a “Safe” Language

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Abstract

Globalization has allowed the English language to have the status of a common, international language, while the global economy rule of “global standard” has enabled “American English to be the world standard” in languages. The proliferation of English has never been greater as it is now in the global scale of increasing superiority. Minority language speakers have abandoned the mother tongue to convert to speaking English. “English predominance” instills not only inequality among languages, but also a rapid extinction of minority languages. An extinction of a language is also an extinction of a culture. The language diversity in existence is a heritage of mankind, indispensable for originality, creative ideas and development of humanity.

This paper anticipates what kind of language dissemination strategy would be vital in sustaining the currently perceived as “safe and sound” language diversity (having over 100 million speakers in each language group) in this 21st Century to continue to stay “safe” for the 22nd Century. The paper looks into the ongoing English language proliferation and the EU multi-lingual policy to highlight what are the relevant challenges.