



# **LANGUAGE POLICIES AND THEIR IMPACT ON CULTURAL Diversity**

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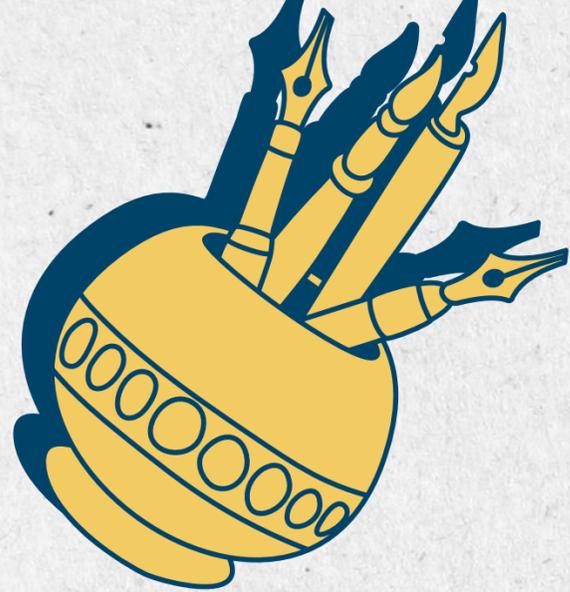
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# LET'S TALK ABOUT INTRODUCTION

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- **Definition:** Language policies are measures that govern the use and status of languages in society.
- **Key Idea:** Language policies can either preserve or erode cultural diversity, depending on their design and implementation.
- **Quote/Statistic:** "Every two weeks, a language dies, taking with it an entire cultural heritage."





## 1. MONOLINGUAL POLICIES

Promote one dominant language (e.g., France with French).

- Impact: Risks cultural homogenization.

## 3. Language Revitalization Policies

Revive endangered languages (e.g., Māori in New Zealand).

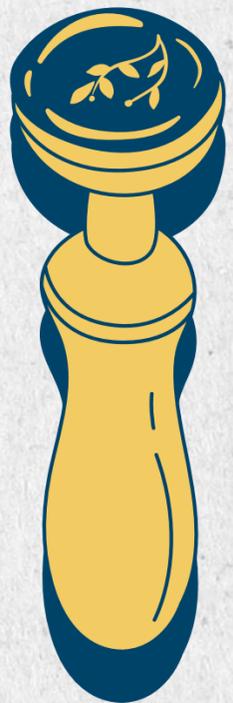
- Impact: Preserves cultural heritage.



## 2. BILINGUAL/MULTILINGUAL POLICIES

Support coexistence of languages (e.g., Canada).

- Impact: Enhances inclusivity.



## 4. EDUCATIONAL POLICIES

Medium of instruction and language teaching (e.g., India's three-language formula).



# POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS

## POSITIVE IMPACTS

- Preservation of cultural heritage.
- Empowerment of minority communities.
- Encourages cultural exchange and multilingualism.



## NEGATIVE IMPACTS

- Language extinction and cultural loss.
- Marginalization of minority groups.
- Social and economic inequality.

# CASE STUDIES

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## 1. South Africa:

- 11 official languages promote inclusivity but face resource challenges.

## 2. China:

- Mandarin unifies, but regional languages risk marginalization.

## 3. European Union:

- Multilingualism preserves cultural diversity but is costly to maintain.

## 4. New Zealand:

- Māori revitalization efforts are a global model for language preservation.



# SOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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- 1. Support Multilingual Education:** Teach both dominant and minority languages.
- 2. Invest in Language Revitalization:** Document and promote endangered languages.
- 3. Leverage Technology:** Develop apps and digital content for minority languages.
- 4. Policy Implementation:** Ensure fair resource allocation and political will to preserve linguistic diversity.



**THANK YOU FOR  
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