
Subject: Re: Should English be the official US language?
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 11 Dec 2008 22:38:00 GMT
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R315r4z0r wrote on Thu, 11 December 2008 15:41: Not what I was getting at. I mean more money than it currently does.

What would you rather spend your money on?

1. Making multi-language signs (cheapest)
2. Training and teaching government registered translators (more expensive)
3. Make sure everyone knows English and of the ones who don't, give them government controlled classes that teach them (most expensive)

It's a waste of money to pay anymore for something people don't need and don't want. Not to mention the costing fees it would take to first make sure everyone knows English through some sort of national exam or something. Oh, and the Constitution and the foundation of the country, lets not forget about that either.

Like I said, if someone is in dire need of communication, they should make it their own business, using their own money to make sure they can communicate. No one else should be involved with that unless they volunteer to be.

It is my right not to want to learn or have anything to do with the English language. It's bad enough that an English class is a mandatory study in schools in America...

What I think SHOULD be put more of a focus on is languages OTHER than English. There should be a broader choice for languages for study in schools. English shouldn't be a mandatory class, what should be is a language class, with many more choices for languages than there are currently offered. That would be more worth the effort and cost. However it is still even more expensive than the things explained above, therefore it will never happen.

You're an idiot and missing the point if you think that the government HAS to spend money on this. The entire point is that the government SHOULD'N'T be spending money on any of this. The people that want to get into the United States and are living here should be fluent enough in English to get by. Nobody's asking them to be masters of the language. Hell, if we made that mandatory, we'd have to deport natural born citizens because so many of them don't even know proper English.

We don't have to offer classes to citizens. That's just it. If they want to get by in America, they should know how to speak English. It doesn't involve the government, at all. If you're an ugly, obese slob who can't get a date, should the government then have to pay for you to learn how to lose weight and maybe get plastic surgery so you're even the least bit attractive to other humans? No. Even if it's not your fault that you're like that, it's not the government's responsibility to acclimate you. YOU have to do it on your free time, like you said.

If you need a translator, what makes you think it's the government's job to provide one? If someone needs a translator, they should be forced to get one at their own expense.

Why do people always insist that the government HAS to be a part of something stupid like this?

Your argument that signs are the least expensive way to acclimate people is the wrong way to look at it. The government should not be spending ANY money because people are too stupid/stubborn/lazy/arrogant to learn the overwhelming spoken language in the nation.

To further my point, we have plenty of non-English (American, Canadian, UKers, Aussies, Kiwis) people on these forums that type fluent English. Hell, they type a lot more properly than most of the native English speakers on these forums. THEY DON'T EVEN LIVE IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATIONS. If they can learn it, what is so fucking hard about making people who LIVE in the United States learn English?

Not to mention that English is the second most widely spoken language on the planet.

Lastly, if I move to a foreign country where English is not an official language, I'm not going to bitch and moan about not being acclimated. I made the choice to move. I realized that when I moved, they didn't speak English. If I get lucky to find someone fluent in English while I'm there, GREAT, but I won't expect it. I'll have to learn the language if I want to get by, and that's the way it should be.
