

MINORITY LANGUAGE LOSS: SOCIO-CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC CAUSES

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ABSTRACT

The current study is a review article surveying on the reasons behind minority languages and language losses. It hypothesises language loss is not a simple process that could be explained by changes in societies, and/but there are serious and determining periods that triggers that unintended result such as social and linguistic causes. It goes beyond the causes like financial problems, political and ecological changes and human mobilizations within years. The study clarifies that socio-cultural and linguistic reasons may play a very important role in losing a language belonging particularly to minorities. It argues that socio-cultural tolerance as well as linguistic factors will contribute a lot more to survival of minority languages than applying strict political measurements and educational regulations.

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