

Language Policy and Identity in Post-Colonial Societies

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Abstract. This article explores the complex relationship between language policy and identity in post-colonial societies. It examines how language policies implemented by governments influence national identity and cultural integration. Through case studies of various post-colonial countries, the article highlights the tensions between preserving indigenous languages and promoting a national language. The research underscores the importance of inclusive language policies that recognize linguistic diversity while fostering unity. These insights are crucial for policymakers aiming to balance cultural preservation with national cohesion.

Keywords: Language policy, National identity, Post-colonial societies, Cultural integration, Linguistic diversity

Introduction

Language policy plays a pivotal role in shaping national identity, particularly in post-colonial societies where multiple languages and cultural identities coexist. This article examines the impact of language policy decisions on identity formation and cultural integration. By analyzing case studies from various post-colonial countries, it reveals the challenges and opportunities in managing linguistic diversity. The findings highlight the tension between promoting a common national language and preserving indigenous languages, emphasizing the need for policies that respect linguistic diversity while fostering national unity.

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