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The struggles described previously are about far more than just language. They are also about how society manages diversity, culture, power, identity, and the many ways it treats the people who are the speakers of different languages.

Language Policy and Social Control

The power of language policy as a mechanism for social control stems from the fact that languages are a part of identity and are closely tied to culture. As such, language policies can shape how people are perceived and treated in society.

In the United States, for example, English literacy testing has historically been used to determine eligibility for citizenship. This practice was ongoing until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Although the government initially accepted literacy as a condition of naturalization, this changed in 1950 when federal law established English as the sole language for naturalization.

In the case of Estonia, the language of the dominant language after the independence of Estonia in 1991. Although there were measures in place to ensure the continued use of Estonian, language policies did not fully address the needs of ethnic minorities.

The case of Israel and its treatment of Arabic as a major language also illustrates how language policies can reinforce or challenge cultural identities. Language policies have been used to maintain the dominance of Hebrew in Israel, while Arabic has been marginalized.

In South Africa, the case of black South Africans in the late 1990s is another example of how language policies can affect social control. The policy of apartheid, which included the forced removal of populations and language restrictions, had significant implications for social control.

Language policies not only affect the distribution of power but also shape the ways in which identity is constructed and perceived. They are integral to the processes of social control and must be understood within the context of historical and cultural dynamics.
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Exercise. e.g., mandatory and inclusive rather than exclusive. By advocating the adoption of language policies which protected the English language in recent years in the UK, such as the Language Act 2002, the government has increased the use of English in education and encouraged the use of English in official settings. This has resulted in increased English proficiency and a greater sense of national identity and belonging. The benefits of this approach are clear: it promotes the use of English in education and the workplace, and it strengthens the position of English as a global language.

In conclusion, language policies are crucial in regulating language use and ensuring equal opportunities for individuals. It is important to consider the social and political implications of these policies and to ensure that they are inclusive and promote diversity. Further research is needed to understand the impact of language policies on individuals and society as a whole.

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Theories of Language Registers

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