

# **Introduction**

Sociolinguistics affirms that language does not exist in some theoretical vacuum; it carries social evaluations and entails real outcomes for real speakers of a particular language variety. Through this perspective we will deconstruct the linguistic régime of the United States to understand how such a multicultural nation ultimately gave rise to the worldwide English monolith. Thru the paradigm of political linguistics, we will look at how these social evaluations and their juridical manifestations have played out over the history of the United States, the effects of various laws on American language communities.

## **Political Linguistics**

### **Deficit Mindset**

On the controversial issue of bilingual education, Huerta et al. writes that “nos quiere hacer creer que es una práctica ”neutral,“” and that “la dimensión política, social, y de poder ...se deja fuera de la discusión.”

## **Language Repression**

## **Language in the United States**

## **Bilingual Education**

### **Research Plan**

1. Historical and modern US demographics
2. History and literature review on Official English movement and state-level language laws
3. International comparisons