**Language and Communication within our Culture**

        In a country with a population of over 300 million inhabitants, there is no denying the significant amount of diversity within our borders. With such a varied range of citizens, one can't help but feel a possible separation of cultures between different groups of people. Within this division, a momentous factor that can be most easily recognized is language. Culture can divide people by language, leading to language itself dividing the people as well. Something as simple as eating in a foreign restaurant can feel as though one must become acquainted with more than one language just to be able to gain the full experience or enjoyment. A variety in language is beginning to feel more necessary in this modern society today as the population grows and more and more, with people growing from a certain culture, therefore spreading its language themselves. Quite possibly without even realizing it themselves.  
        We currently live in a culture where actions regarding communication are more controlled by either how we are reared as children by our guardians, or by our own personalities that we develop over time. As people born in the USA for example, one of the most important cultural traditions and lessons we've been taught includes respecting all individuals and granting them their free rights so that they themselves may be treated fairly. Unlike in some cultures, as stated in the article, where one's communication can be influenced by a higher authority with actions such as keeping one's head lowered when speaking to the authority figure. Another factor contributing to a diversity in communication is gender. In a situation where one must give orders, a woman may be regarded as "bossy" but a man be regarded as "responsible," despite giving the exact same orders in the exact same way. All of these aspects can depend on the actual recipitant of the communication, their personality, and mind-set. It should be known that culture does influence the ways in which people communicate as well as the strategies they use to communicate. It makes feel as though no culture is the same, which is more often than not, true. Therefore, there is almost no limit to the different types of communication that is applicable, especially if one considers the mass amount of cultures that exist within our country alone.  
        Language is a huge supporter of communication, as well as a large likeness of one's cultural background. We would need both, as they are two important aspects of culture. Without language itself, communication is almost impossible. With it, it makes a multitude of things possible and opens doors for various types of cultures, old and new. Culture in itself depends on the ability of those who live in it to be able to show, teach and pass on values and lessons through the use of a symbol system; that is what language is. Language is what can help make a culture. It may not be the backbone, but it may very well be the supporting structure.