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SPEAK THE LANGUAGE
OF YOUR FLAG

One of the posters in the school children's "Better Speech" exhibit at the Art Institute this week.

Speak the language of your flag:

America's War on Language: 1918-2018

Dennis Baron

American Community Survey language question

a. Does this person speak a language other than English at home?

- Yes
- No

b. What is this language? (For example: Korean, Italian, Spanish, Vietnamese)

c. How well does this person speak English?

- Very well
- Well
- Not well
- Not at all

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SPEAKING HER MIND Government should set target date for 'everybody in the country' to speak English says former integration tsar

Dame Louise Casey also blasted Theresa May for delaying the Government's long-awaited Integrated Communities Strategy

The Washington Times | POLITICS | U.S. to impose new sanctions on Russia over...

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Syria strike 'within our national in...'
Stormy Daniels' lawyer says Michael ...

English isn't main language at home for 21 percent in America

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REPORT: RECORD 64.7 MILLION U.S. RESIDENTS SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE AT HOME

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“American taxpayers carry the costs of educating nearly four million foreign-born students *who do not speak English.*”

**USE ONLY ENGLISH,
ROOSEVELT URGES**

**America No "Polyglot
Boarding House," He
Tells Iowans.**

Washington Post, May 28, 1918, p. 2

The Trading with the Enemy Act of 1917

**SEE NEW CENSORSHIP
IN ENEMY TRADING ACT**

...per, or publica-
language which does
the provisions of this
hereby declared to be non-
and it shall be unlawful for
person, firm, corporation, or asso-
ciation to transport, carry, or otherwise
publish or distribute the same, or to
transport, carry, or otherwise distribute
any matter which is non-mailable by the
provisions of the act relating to espion-
age, approved June 15, 1917."

New York Times, Sept. 25, 1917, p. 7.

CALLS FOR STRICT BAN ON GERMAN LANGUAGE

*American Defense Society Also
Urges Vigorous Steps to Put
an End to Plots.*

Special to The New York Times
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The
ing of an "overwhelming for
France, greater activity in the
ment of enemy aliens and symbo
prohibition of compulsory study
man in the public schools, and u
military training for Americans
the ages of 18 and 21 years are
several special features urged u
Administration and Congress
American Defense Society today
announcement of its policies
program.

GERMAN BECOMING DEAD TONGUE HERE

*Schools All Over America Banishing
Study of the Tongue from Courses
—A Survey of Their Attitude*

By JOHN WALKER HARRINGTON.
EMPTY benches confront teachers
of the German language all over
the United States. Instruction
in the Teutonic tongue has fallen
off in American schools by at least
60 per cent. and possibly 65, and by
next September it will be near the van-
ishing point in the elementary classes.
Action hostile to teaching the speech
of the enemy has been taken either by
State or local authorities in thirty-six
out of the forty-eight American Com-
monwealths. In Delaware, Florida,
Idaho, New Mexico, and Wyoming this
amounts to prohibition direct from the
officials at the capitals. Iowa and
North Dakota, through their State
Boards of Education, recommend the
dropping of German from all schools,

TO STRIKE GERMANY FROM MAP OF U. S.

NOW is the time to put a quietus in
America on German pride, sym-
pathy, sentiment, and preferment,
in the opinion of Representative J. M. C.
Smith of Michigan. He has introduced
in the House of Representatives a bill
to change the names of municipalities,
counties, townships, streets and high-
ways from "Berlin" or "Germany" to
"Liberty," "Victory," or some other
patriotic designation.
"A blow at German sentiment is the
purpose of the bill," Mr. Smith ex-

plains. Beginning with next Autumn,
Worcester will reduce the schools where
German is taught from five to two in
the preparatory division of the grammar
department. In smaller cities German
is being dropped because the students
are no longer electing it.

Those towns or villages with "Ber-
lin": Berlin, Alabama, Connecticut,
Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mary-
land, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri,
Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey,
North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Penn-
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In 1918 the *New York Times* reports on calls for banning foreign languages in general, and German in particular.

An Order of Fries, Please, But Do Hold the French

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON, March 11 — The French may have Champagne, Brie, croissants and even kisses. Americans, at least in the cafeterias of the House of Representatives, now have freedom fries and freedom toast. With frustration rising in the Capitol over French opposition to President Bush's policy on Iraq, Representative Bob Ney, the Ohio Republican who is chairman of the House Administration Committee, which is responsible for



Stephen Crowley/The New York Times
French fries? Mais non!

Liberty Measles at West Point. HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 7.—

An epidemic of "liberty measles" was reported today at the United States Military Academy, West Point, where 25 cadets were said to be in the hospital. Quarantine regulations to last until Feb. 15 have caused a discontinuance of recitations and cancellation of dates for athletic events.

SAUERKRAUT MAY BE 'LIBERTY CABBAGE'

Dealers Think Camouflaged
Name Is Better Suited to
American Sensibility.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the names of all cities, villages, and counties, townships, boroughs, and streets, highways, and avenues in the United States, its Territories or possessions, named Berlin or Germany, be changed from the name Berlin or Germany to the name of Liberty, Victory, or other patriotic designation.

Sec. 2. That the municipality where of the above names occur shall with upon the passage of this act proper proceedings of this act from and after the date specified above shall be made to any person or municipality called Berlin or Germany shall be prohibited from or delivery in the States, its Territories or pos-

LEAGUE STARTS WAR ON GERMAN PRESS

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to Limit *lis* to Eng-

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VALUE OF GERMAN LANGUAGE ASSAILED

Educator Says It Is a Barbarous Tongue,
Which Is Lacking in Cultural Worth
and of No Commercial Importance

German Language and Character.
Editor of The New York Times:



First. English should and must be the only medium of instruction in public, private, denominational or other similar schools.

Second. Conversation in public places, on trains and over the telephone should be in the English language.

Third. All public addresses should and must be in the English language.

Fourth. Let those who cannot speak or understand the English language conduct their religious worship in their homes.

MEANT TO STOP GERMAN PLOTS

GOVERNOR HARDING'S PROCLAMATION DESIGNED TO PREVENT HUN PROPAGANDA.

"I am telling those who insist upon praying in some other language that they are wasting their time, for the good Lord up above is now listening for the voice in English."

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1918: Better American Speech
Week

The Watch Your Speech Pledge, 1918

BETTER AMERICAN SPEECH WEEK

OCT. 27, to NOV. 2, 1918

ONE LANGUAGE FOR A
UNITED PEOPLE

SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF
YOUR FLAG.

SLOVENLY SPEECH BESPEAKS
A SLOVENLY MIND

WATCH YOUR SPEECH
PLEDGE:

I love the
UNITED STATES
OF
AMERICA.

I love my country's LANGUAGE.
I PROMISE:

- (1) that I will not dishonor my country's speech by leaving off the last syllables of words;
- (2) that I will say a good American "yes" and "no" in place of an Indian grunt "um-hum" and "nup-um" or a foreign "ya" or "yeh" and "nope";
- (3) that I will do my best to improve American speech by avoiding loud harsh tones, by enunciating distinctly and speaking pleasantly, clearly and sincerely;
- (4) that I will try to make my country's language beautiful for the many boys and girls of foreign nations who come here to live;
- (5) that I will learn to articulate correctly one word a day for one year.

Better American Speech Committee
Chicago Woman's Club

Carter Practice School, Chicago:

Vol. I FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1918 No. 3
CARTER PRACTICE SCHOOL ROOM 308

EXTRA EDITION
Desperate Spies Tried!
One Acquitted!
COURT-MARTIAL EVERY FRIDAY

BEWARE! Bad-English spies are being interned every day! Protect our native tongue now and ever. Use good English. Speak as well as you can! Think before you speak! Cherish and protect the language of your country.

USE GOOD ENGLISH
Watch your speech!! The room is flooded with secret service agents! Oh, yes, and so is the playground. If 306 doesn't get you, 308 will.

PLANNING OUR DRIVE FOR

I hereby pledge myself a secret service agent to protect the language of my country, to capture all spies of Bad-English and to keep my position secret.

Signed this 24th Day of November 1918,
John Smith

67TH CONGRESS, }
4TH SESSION. } **H. R. 14136.**

A BILL

To define the national and official language of the Government and people of the United States of America, including the Territories and dependencies thereof.

By **Mr. McCORMICK.**

FEBRUARY 1, 1923.—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

Rep. Washington Jay McCormack, Montana

ILLINOIS MAN WANTS AMERICAN LANGUAGE

Christian Science Monitor, April 6, 1923, p. 3

Special from Monitor Bureau

CHICAGO, April 6 --Effort to legislate the "English language" out of existence so far as Illinois' grade schools are concerned has been made at this session of the Illinois legislature. In place, thereof, the Senators have been asked to consider the "American language."

The project comes up in Senate Bill No. 23 which amends the school law to provide "for instruction in the elementary branches in public schools in the American language instead of the English language." Senator Frank J. Ryan of Chicago introduced the bill.

It's Legal—We Speak English

Residents of Illinois can stop worrying about learning to speak "American," and revert back to English, because Gov. Ogilvie yesterday signed a bill making English the official language of the state. A state law passed in 1923 designated "American" as the official language of Illinois, but some legislators pointed out that there was no such language.

Chicago Tribune, Sept. 24, 1969, p. 3.

1906 pledge for prospective citizens:

Eighth. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to -----, of which at this time I am a citizen (or subject), and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

Ninth. I am able to speak the English language.

Tenth. I have no other allegiance or fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to -----, of which at this time I am a citizen (or subject), and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

English Language Amendment, 1981

Sec. 1. The English language shall be the official language of the United States.

Sec. 2. Neither the United States nor any State shall make or enforce any law which requires the use of any language other than English.

Sec. 3. This article shall apply to laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, programs, and policies.

Sec. 4. No order or decree shall be issued by any court of the United States or of any State requiring that any proceedings, or matters to which this article applies be in any language other than English.

Sec. 5. This article shall not prohibit educational instruction in a language other than English as required as a transitional method of making students who use a language other than English proficient in English.

Sec. 6. The Congress and the States shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The English Language Unity Act has been before the US Congress since 2005.

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 997

To declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a uniform rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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HR 997 requires what would appear to be a high level of English literacy for citizenship:

``Sec. 164. Uniform English language rule for naturalization

``(a) Uniform Language Testing Standard.--All citizens should be able to read and understand generally the English language text of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the laws of the United States made in pursuance of the Constitution.

The 2017 Immigration in the National Interest Act

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3775

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a skills-based immigration points system, to focus family-sponsored immigration on spouses and minor children, to eliminate the Diversity Visa Program, to set a limit on the number of refugees admitted annually to the United States, and for other purposes.

the proposed 2017-18 immigration reform bill in the 115th Congress

- to establish a skills-based immigration points system,
- to focus family-sponsored immigration on spouses and minor children,
- to eliminate the Diversity Visa Program,
- to set a limit on the number of refugees admitted

minimum of 30 points required for visa

The language requirement:

Applicants with equal points and equal educational attainment shall be ranked according to their respective English language proficiency test rankings.

Points are determined by decile in an appropriate proficiency test (IELTS, TOEFL, or other approved test):

10th decile: 10 pts.

9th decile: 9 pts.

8th decile: 8 pts.

6-7th decile: 6 pts.

< 6th decile: 0 pts.

My point score:

- 10 pts. English language proficiency (est.)
- 0 pts. for age (> 50)
- 6 pts. for BA from US institution
- 0 pts. for PhD from US institution *in a non-STEM subject*
- 0 pts. for “Extraordinary achievement” — Nobel Prize in science or social science = 25 pts; 15 points for Olympic medal (or equivalent sporting contest).
- 8 pts. (of possible 12 pts) for job offer with salary higher than median household income.
- 0 pts. (out of possible 6 pts) for investment in a US-based business > \$1.35m (or 12 pts. for investment > \$1.8m for 3 years), *and* maintain a management role in said business.

my total: 24 pts

REJECTED

✓ Versión preparada a solicitud del Bureau de Educación de los Estados Unidos,
bajo la dirección del siguiente comite: Will Earhart (Presidente), Walter Damrosch,
Arnold J. Gantvoort, O. G. Sonneck, y John Philip Sousa.

Palabras de
Francis Scott Key ✓
(1779-1843)

La Bandera de las Estrellas

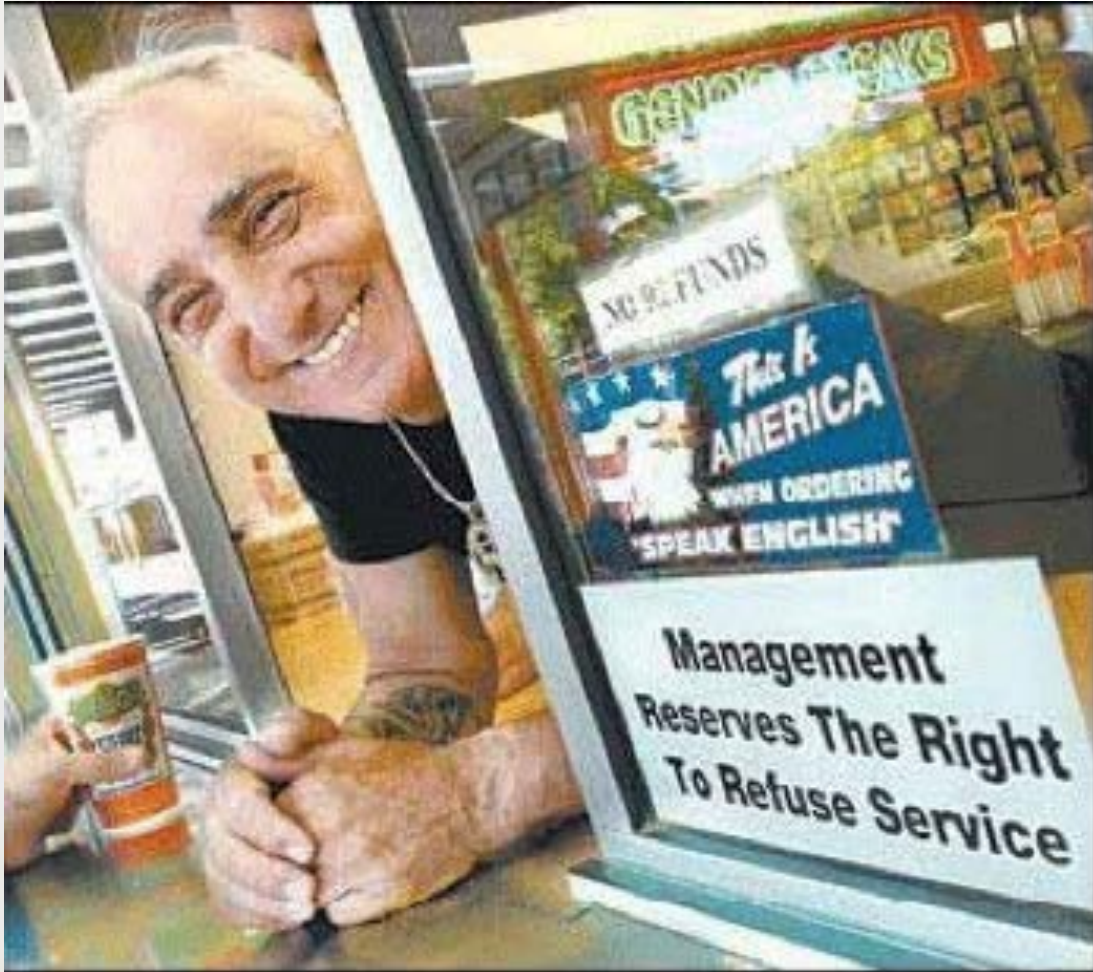
✓ Música de
John Stafford Smith
(1750-1836)

✓ Traducción métrica del inglés, por
Francis Haffkine Snow ✓

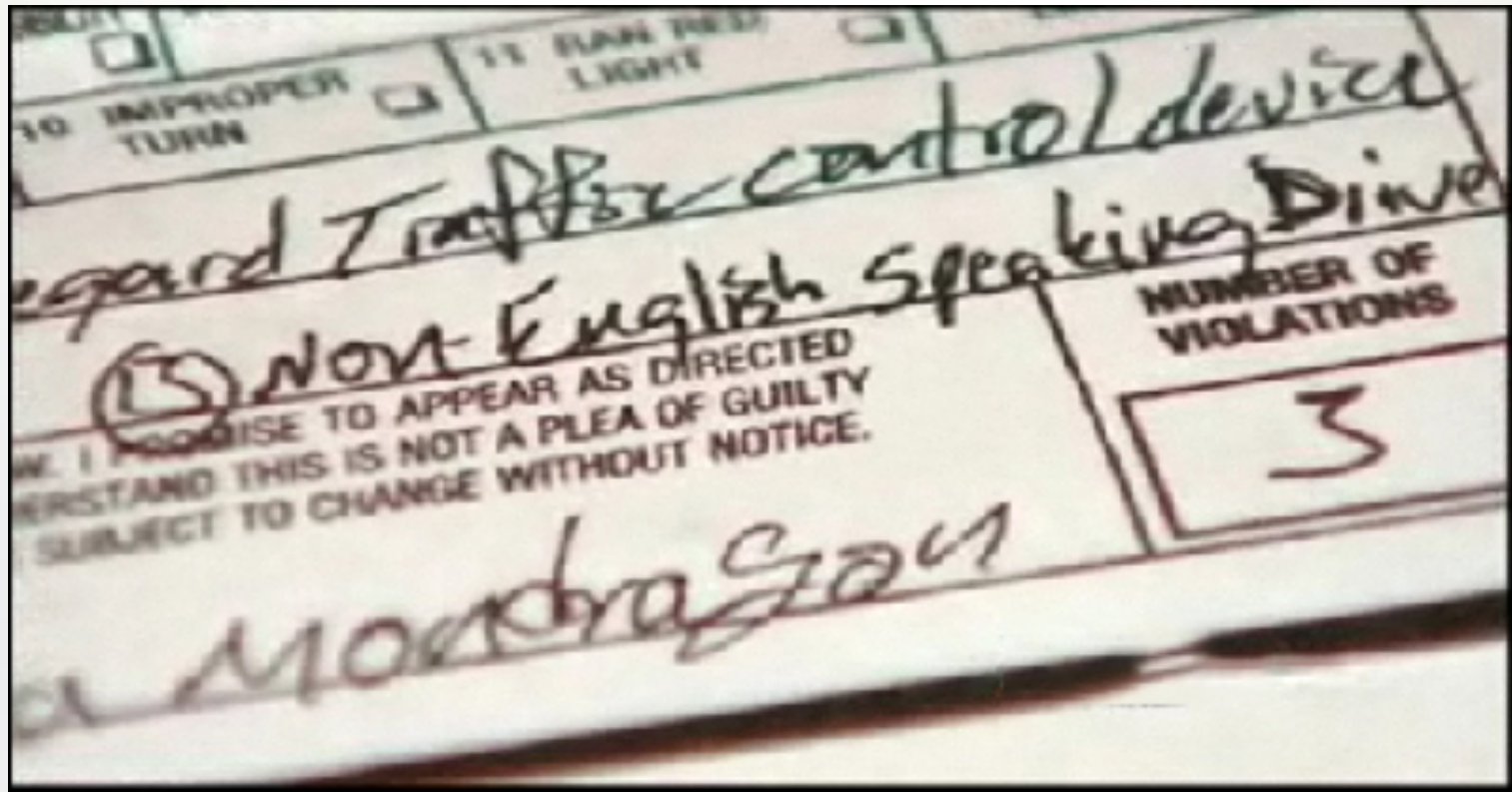
✓ Harmonizada por
Walter Damrosch ✓

1. A - ma - ne - ce: ¿no veis, a la luz de la au - ro - ra, Lo que tan - to a - cla -
2. En la cos - ta le - ja - na que a - pe - nas blan - que - a, Don - de ya - ce nu -
3. ¡Oh a - sí se - a siem - pre, en leal - tad de - fen - da - mos Nues - tra tie - rra na -

Spanish language version of the Star Spangled Banner, commissioned by the Bureau of Education as part of its Americanization campaign in 1918, and supervised by John Philip Sousa.



Joey Vento, late owner of Gino's Steaks, poses at the take-out window.



Dallas, Texas, police issued tickets for “Non-English speaking driver” even though there was no legal requirement that drivers speak English.

whitehouse.gov/espanol
went from this



Trump's Spanish version of White House website removed

you're
looking for can't be found.

HERE ARE SOME USEFUL PAGES

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LATEST NEWS

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to this,
on Jan. 20, 2017:

The pro-Russian news site Tsarizm.com interviews ProEnglish Stephen Guschov at CPAC.



Stephen Guschov, ProEnglish

L. Todd Wood, Tsarizm

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