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Update on 'Official English'

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In the last issue of this journal I reported on the *en banc* decision of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the *Yniquez* case, which challenged the constitutionality of the 1988 initiative in Arizona that made English the official language of that state. The judges held 6-5 that state employees have a First Amendment free speech right to use any language of their own choosing in the discharge of their duties on behalf of the state. This is true, held the court, even if the employee's supervisor cannot understand that language.

Under this ruling it would presumably be possible for a state employee to use any of the 300-plus languages besides English that the U.S. Census Bureau reports are spoken in the United States. We thought you would like to see that listing. How many of these languages have you heard of before?

My request (I am the sole defendant in this case) to the U.S. Supreme Court to review this matter was filed on December 20, 1995. I hope to have the court's decision some time in the next two or three months.

[Tax-deductible contributions are urgently needed to help underwrite the costs of this court action. These can be sent to English Language Advocates, 316½ E. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI 49770, earmarked for the *Yniquez* case.]

Indo-European Languages

Afrikaans
 Albanian
 Armenian
 Assamese
 Balochi
 Bengali
 Bielorussian
 Bihari
 Bulgarian
 Cajun
 Catalanian
 Croatian
 Czech
 Danish
 Dutch
 Fradese
 French
 French Creole
 Frisian
 German
 Greek
 Gujarathi
 Gullah
 Hawaiian Pidgin
 Hindi (Urdu)
 Icelandic
 Irish Gaelic
 Italian
 Jamaican Creole
 Kashmiri
 Krid
 Kurdish
 Ladino
 Lettish
 Lithuanian
 Lusatian
 Luxembourgian
 Macedonian
 Marathi
 Nepali
 Norwegian
 Oriya
 Panjabi
 Papiamentae
 Pashto
 Patois
 Pennsylvania Dutch
 Persian
 Pidgin
 Polish
 Portuguese
 Provencal
 Rajasthani
 Rhaeto-Romanic
 Romany
 Rumanian
 Russian
 Sanskrit
 Saramacca
 Scottic Gaelic
 Serbian
 Serbocroatian
 Simohi
 Sinhalese
 Slovak
 Slovene
 Spanish
 Swedish

Ukrainian
 Welsh
 Yiddish
Asian and Pacific Island Languages

Achinese
 Azerabaijani
 Balinese
 Bikol
 Bisayan
 Brahut
 Burmese
 Carolinian
 Chak
 Chamorro
 Chinese
 Dravidian
 Fijian
 Formosan
 Fuchow
 Gilbertese
 Gondi
 Hakka
 Hawaiian
 Ilocano
 Indonesian
 Japanese
 Javanese
 Kachin
 Kamnada
 Karachay
 Karen
 Kazakh
 Kirghiz
 Korean
 Kurukh
 Kusatean
 Malagasy
 Halay
 Malayalan
 Mandarin
 Madri
 Marquesan
 Marshallese
 Melanesian
 Miao (Hmong)
 Miao-Yao
 Micronesian
 Minangkabau
 Mokilese
 Mon-Khmer (Cambodian)
 Mongolian
 Munda
 Muong
 Miuean
 Mukuoro
 Palau
 Paleo-Siberian
 Pampangan
 Pangasiman
 Polynesian
 Pohapean
 Samoan
 Sebuako
 Sundanese
 Tagalog
 Tamil
 Telugu
 Thai (Laotian)
 Tibetan

Tokelauan
 Tongan
 Trukese
 Tungus
 Turkish
 Turkhen
 Uishur
 Ulithean
 Vietnamese
 Moleai-Ulithi
 Mu
 Yapese

Native North American Languages

Achumami
 Ahtena
 Alabama
 Aleut
 Algonquian
 American Indian
 Apache
 Arapaho
 Arikara
 Athapascan
 Atsina
 Blackfoot
 Caddo
 Cahuilla
 Cayuga
 Chasta Costa
 Chemehuevi
 Cherokee
 Chinook Jargon
 Chiricahua
 Chimere
 Choctaw
 Clallan
 Cocomaricopa
 Coeur d'Alene
 Columbia
 Comanche
 Cree
 Cupeno
 Dakota
 Delaware
 Delta River Yuman
 Diegueno
 Eskimo
 Foothill No. Yokuts
 Fox
 French Cree
 Haida
 Han
 Havasupai
 Hibatsa
 Hopi
 Hupa
 Inupik
 Iroquois
 Jicarilla
 Kalispel
 Kansa
 Karok
 Keres
 Kickapoo
 Kiowa
 Kiowa-Apache
 Klamath
 Koasati
 Koyukon

Kuchin
 Kutenai
 Kwakiutl
 Luiseno
 Makah
 Mandan
 Menomini
 Miami
 Micmac
 Mikasuki
 Mohave
 Mohawk
 Mono
 Mountain Maibu
 Muskogee
 Navaho
 Nez Perce
 Nootsack
 Northern Patute
 Ojibwa
 Okamogan
 Omaha
 Oneida
 Onondaga
 Osage
 Other Athapascan-
 Eyak
 Ottawa
 Patute
 Passamaquoddy
 Pawnee
 Penobscot
 Picuris
 Pina
 Pono
 Ponca
 Potawatomi
 Puget Sound Salish
 Guapam
 Quinault
 Sahaptian
 Salish
 San Carlos
 Cree
 Sandia
 Seneca
 Serrano
 Shastan
 Shawnee
 Shoshoni
 Sierra Miwok
 Siuslaw
 Spokane
 St. Lawrence Is.
 Tachi

Tamaina
 Tema
 Tilanook
 Tiwa
 Tlingit
 Tonkawa
 Towa
 Tsinshian
 Twana
 Upper Chehalis
 Upper Chinook
 Ute
 Walapai
 Washo
 Wichita
 Winnebago
 Winton
 Yaqui
 Yavapai
 Yuchi
 Yuki
 Yuma
 Yupik
 Yurok
 Zuni

Other Languages

African
 Akharic
 Arabic
 Arawakian
 Aykara
 Aztec
 Bantu
 Basque
 Berber
 Caucasian
 Chadic
 Chibchan
 Cushite
 Efik
 Estonian
 Finnish
 Fulaki
 Gur
 Hebrew
 Hungarian
 Khoisan
 Kru
 Lapp
 Mande
 Mapuche
 Mayan Languages
 Hbum (and related)
 Misumalpan
 Nilo-Hamitic
 Milo-Sharan
 Milotic
 Nubian
 Other Uralic Lang.
 Oto - Manguen
 Quechua
 Saharan
 Sonoran, Nec
 Sudanic
 Swahili
 Syriac
 Tarascan
 Tupi-Guarani

