ELN101 PLA Week 09

Post-lecture Assignment (PLA) 09: Bilingualism: English as the Official Language in the U.S.
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For this Post-Lecture Assignment (PLA), read a few articles about English as the official language in the U.S. Make sure to read at least two articles and write a few (between two to four) questions you want to ask about the America's national language policy (i.e., English as the official language) This exercise is the first step for your second research project for the class.

You can find the articles in the Dropbox folder for the weekly reading assignments (https://t-nagano.link/ELN101Fall2026Readings) (click on "Week10_AssignmentArticles") or use this direct link (https://t-nagano.link/WUp4O) / QR code.

List of articles

1. Designating English as the Official Language of The United States
2. Opinion America Doesn't Need an Official Language by Carlos Lozada
3. How Americans feel about making English the official language of the U.S. by Sahana Mukherjee et al.
4. Trump to make the English official language of US: What this changes by Adeja Shivonne
5. Trump Made English the Official Language. What Does It Mean for the Country? by Jack Healy
6. There's a reason the United States hasn't had an official language by Philip Bump
7. Trump's English-Only Rule Is an Unkind Policy for a Nonexistent Problem by John McWhorter
8. ACTFL Statement on English Designated as the Official Language of the United States (Statement from ACTFL)
9. LSA Statement Against Designating English as the Official Language (Statement from the Linguistic Society of America (LSA))
10. TESOL Statement on the Executive Order Designating English as the Official Language of the United States (Statement from TESOL International Association)
11. What Trump's order making English the official language in the US could mean by Fernanda Figueroa
12. Trump to make English official US language, White House official says by Doina Chiacu
13. Trump Orders English to be Sole US Official Language (Source: Language Magazine)
14. Making English the official US language can't erase the fact that the US has millions of Spanish speakers and a long multi-lingual history by Daniel J. Olson
15. Why The USA Did Not Have An Official Language For Almost 250 Years by Tom Hale
16. What Trump's Order Making English the Official Language Means for Immigrants by Alison Moodie
17. Trump's First 100: English is the official language of the United States by Sophia Rerucha

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