

THE HISTORICAL AND SOCIO-POLITICAL ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH AS A GLOBAL LANGUAGE

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**ИСТОРИЧЕСКАЯ И СОЦИАЛЬНО-ПОЛИТИЧЕСКАЯ РОЛЬ США В
РАЗВИТИИ АНГЛИЙСКОГО ЯЗЫКА КАК ГЛОБАЛЬНОГО ЯЗЫКА**

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Abstract: In today's world where technology's changing fast, English is the language that many people use the most. Not only does its linguistic convenience determine its global position, but its geographical spread is closely linked to historical, economic, political, cultural, technological, and educational developments. This article mainly examines the historical, but also socio-political role of the United States in the development of English as a universal language. Although the British Empire provided the bulk of the initial geographical basis for the spread of English, the rise of the United States as a major economic and political power after World War II significantly enhanced the international status of English. The study examines international trade, popular culture, innovation and technology, the Internet, and English language education as key components of American influence. In addition, it extensively discusses the development of American English and the process of Americanization. The analysis shows that while the United States did not create English as a global language, it has dramatically accelerated the spread of a language that already has a solid global foundation and has made significant changes.

Keywords: English language, global language, United States, American English, globalization, lingua franca, soft power, international communication.

Annotatsiya: Zamonaviy dunyoning tez texnologik rivojlanish davrida ingliz tili dunyoda eng ko'p ishlatiladigan tilga aylandi. Uning lingvistik qulayligi nafaqat uning global mavqeini belgilaydi, balki uning geografik tarqalishi tarixiy, iqtisodiy, siyosiy, madaniy, texnologik va ta'lim sohasidagi o'zgarishlar bilan chambarchas bog'liq. Ushbu maqolada asosan Qo'shma Shtatlarning ingliz tilining universal til sifatida rivojlanishidagi

tarixiy, balki ijtimoiy-siyosiy roli ham ko'rib chiqiladi. Britaniya imperiyasi ingliz tilining tarqalishi uchun dastlabki geografik asosning asosiy qismini ta'minlagan bo'lsa-da, Ikkinchi Jahon urushidan keyin Qo'shma Shtatlarning yirik iqtisodiy va siyosiy kuch sifatida yuksalishi ingliz tilining xalqaro mavqeini sezilarli darajada oshirdi. Tadqiqotda xalqaro savdo, ommaviy madaniyat, innovatsiya va texnologiyalar, internet va ingliz tili ta'limi Amerika ta'sirining asosiy tarkibiy qismlari sifatida ko'rib chiqiladi. Bundan tashqari, unda Amerika ingliz tilining rivojlanishi va Amerikalashtirish jarayoni keng muhokama qilinadi. Tahlil shuni ko'rsatadiki, Qo'shma Shtatlar ingliz tilini global til sifatida yaratmagan bo'lsa-da, u allaqachon mustahkam global poydevorga ega bo'lgan va sezilarli o'zgarishlarni amalga oshirgan tilning tarqalishini sezilarli darajada tezlashtirdi.

Kalit so'zlar: ingliz tili, global til, Amerika Qo'shma Shtatlari, Amerika ingliz tili, globallashuv, lingua franca, yumshoq kuch, xalqaro muloqot.

Аннотация: В современном мире, где технологии развиваются стремительно, английский язык стал самым распространенным используемым языком. Его популярность объясняется не только удобством, но и историей, экономикой, политикой, культурой, технологиями и образованием. В этой статье рассматривается, как Соединённые Штаты Америки сыграли важную роль в развитии английского языка как универсального средства общения. Раньше основой распространения английского была Британская империя — она оставила большой след по всему миру. Но после Второй мировой войны Америка встала на путь становления крупной мировой державы. Это изменило всё. Экономика, политика, культура и технологии США стали играть ключевую роль в укреплении английского языка. В тексте анализируются такие факторы, как международная торговля, популярная культура, инновации, технологии, интернет и обучение английскому языку. Все эти элементы помогли английскому стать языком, который люди используют повсюду в бизнесе, науке, развлечениях и образовании. Также обсуждается, как американский английский развивался и как его особенности стали частью глобального языка. Процесс американизации не просто добавление слов, это изменение самого характера языка. Ключевые слова: английский язык, глобальный

язык, США, американский английский, глобализация, lingua franca, мягкая сила, международное общение.

Introduction

English is one of the few languages that has developed into a major lingua franca in international communication between different countries and nations. It is widely used in many areas, including modern and traditional education, international business and diplomacy, science and technology, aviation and tourism, popular culture and digital communication. Moreover, the current global position of English is not determined solely by its grammatical or phonetic features. The language's international standing is primarily linked to the historical, political, and economic capabilities of the societies that use it.

David Crystal emphasizes the need to explain the global status of English from historical and social perspectives. According to his approach, a language's rise to a global level is directly tied to the political and economic power of the society that employs it [1]. Therefore, in a consistent study of the current international status of the English language, it is extremely important to take into account the political, economic, and social influence, first of all of the British Empire, and then of the United States of America.

The initial phase of the spread of English around the world was inextricably linked to the foreign policy of the British Empire, which led it to new continents. Through colonization, migration, trade, government, and education, English reached various parts of the world. Although this process continued for several centuries, by the first quarter of the 20th century, the balance of global power began to shift to a fundamentally new stage. As Britain's political influence weakened, the United States assumed absolute dominance in the economic, political, military, scientific, and cultural spheres. The new era after World War II, in particular, brought about fundamental changes in the global history of the English language. In the late 1940s, the influence of the United States began to lead to the development of unprecedented innovations in international institutions, business and finance, education, scientific research, and popular culture. Consequently, the English language became increasingly associated with American institutions and global communication [2; 4].

The primary objective of this article is to analyze the contribution of the United States to the development of English as a global language from historical and socio-political perspectives.

Literature Review and Methodology

The issue of global English is a multifaceted topic studied at the intersection of linguistics, history, international relations, and economics. David Crystal's work, "English as a Global Language", is a key theoretical source in this field. Crystal explains the international status of the English language through the historical and political power of its speakers and the societies that use it [1].

Gonçalves, Loureiro-Porto, Ramasco, and Sánchez have empirically studied the Americanization of English across space and time. By analyzing data from over 213 million geolocated tweets and Google Books, they examined lexical and orthographic differences between American and British English. The study results demonstrate the strong influence of American English outside of Great Britain [2].

Ku and Zussman analyzed the role of English as a "lingua franca" in international trade. Their research indicates that English language proficiency can have a positive impact on international trade [3].

Lemberg examined the US attitude toward global English between 1945 and 1965, linking it to the processes of decolonization and international development. This approach makes it possible to explain the promotion of the English language in the post-war era as a medium for international development, education, and communication [4].

The study employed historical-analytical, comparative, and systemic approaches. Based on existing literature, the political, economic, cultural, technological, and educational factors influencing the global spread of the English language were analyzed in their interrelationship.

Discussion.

From British expansion to American global influence. It is true that the international community has come to understand that the global spread of the English language began long before the emergence of the United States. The political and economic expansion of

the British Empire was a major factor in the spread of the English language across the entire geographical meridian, including North America, the Caribbean, Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and parts of Oceania. In many colonies, English was main and unchangeable language in administration, education, and trade.

Therefore, the USA should be viewed not as the initial source of the global spread of English, but rather as one of the primary forces driving its subsequent stage of development. Shifts in global political and economic power during the 20th century also altered the international history of the English language. The rise of the USA, coinciding with the decline of the British Empire, led to the emergence of a new center for the English language.

The rise of the USA after World War II. In the post-war period, the USA emerged as a powerful economic and political state. American companies expanded their reach into international markets, the role of American institutions in international relations grew, and educational and scientific exchanges expanded. Research by Lemberg indicates that between 1945 and 1965, English was viewed as a vehicle for international development and modernization [4].

American economic power and international trade. Economic power is one of the key factors shaping the status of a global language. In the second half of the 20th century, the role of the United States in international trade, finance, business, and investment elevated the importance of the English language in economic communication. Studying the use of English as a “lingua franca” in international trade, Ku and Zussman determined that English proficiency can have a positive impact on international trade [3].

American popular culture and "soft power. American cinema, popular television programs, new genres of music, commercials, and other cultural products have become widely available to international audiences. In particular, Hollywood, the most famous film industry, has become a powerful psychological vehicle for transmitting English words, phrases, and cultural concepts to different peoples and regions of the world. The international recognition of genres such as jazz, rock and roll, hip-hop, and American pop music has further increased interest in the English language.

American English and the process of Americanization. Global English is not a monolithic entity; it is, like other languages, created and consumed by societies and individuals. Britain, America, and other regional countries also coexist and develop in parallel under different social and cultural conditions. Nevertheless, the global influence of the United States has significantly increased the status of American English in international relations. For instance, American English uses “organization” instead of the British “organisation” “elevator” instead of “lift”, and “apartment” instead of “flat”. Research by Gonçalves et al. demonstrates the strong influence of American English outside the United Kingdom [2].

Science, technology, and the Internet. The achievements of the United States in science and innovative technologies are another important aspect that has strengthened the global influence of the English language. Prestigious American universities, research institutions and technology companies that have no analogues in the world have become major centers of innovation. The development of computer technology and the World Wide Web has especially strengthened the role of English in digital communication. Numerous terms - such as software, hardware, computer, browser, website, email, download, upload, and online - have entered international usage.

English language teaching and America’s international influence. The rapid development of education has been a key factor in the global spread of the English language. During the post-war economic boom, knowledge of the English language has become increasingly associated with international education, increased interest in scholarly literature, professional development, and opportunities for global communication. Top American universities, academic exchanges, and academic resources in English have further strengthened the international position of the English language in education.

Results

The analysis indicates that the emergence of English as a global language cannot be attributed to a single factor. This process was shaped by the long-term interplay of historical, political, economic, cultural, technological, and educational factors.

First, the British Empire laid the historical foundation for the widespread geographical expansion of the English language. Second, the rise of the USA as a global political and economic power following World War II elevated the international status of English to a new level. Third, the use of English in international trade and business enhanced its practical value [3]. Fourth, American popular culture presented the English language to international audiences in an appealing way. Fifth, the influence of the USA in science, technology, and the Internet solidified the position of English in modern digital and scientific communication. Sixth, education and academic exchanges expanded the role of English within the network of international knowledge and professional opportunities [4]. Seventh, although the international influence of American English has grown, labeling global English simply as “American” would be an oversimplification. Today’s global English is a multicentric system that has been adopted, localized, and utilized in new forms by numerous countries.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the evolution of English into a global language is a long historical process in which the roles of the British Empire and the United States have manifested at different stages. While Britain established the initial historical foundation for the geographical spread of English, the United States significantly expanded its global functions from the second half of the 20th century onwards. US economic power enhanced the importance of English as a “lingua franca” in international trade. Popular culture has made English a widely spoken language for a wide international audience. Science, advanced technology, and the internet have strengthened its position in the digital and scientific fields. Educational and academic exchange programs have reinforced the language's important role as a gateway to international knowledge and professional opportunities. I believe a relative misconception exists when one thinks that global English belongs to America or the UK because global English also matters for the millions of people who use the language as a second or foreign language today. The United States did not create the language; rather the United States helped to accelerate and transform the

already existing international spread of global English through economic, political, cultural, technological and institutional influence.

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