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Effects of English Language in *The White Tiger* by Arvind Adiga

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Abstract:

Now a day the English language has become the language of the world. If we go through history we would get an idea how English has become the language of the planet. In the 19th century, British territory spread its territory everywhere. They conquered almost one-third of the earth. They used the English language as a communication tool to spread education system, religion, and culture and so on. According to a report titled, "English Next" by language researcher David Graddol that the two billion people will be talking or studying English. English language is used thoroughly in the globe. The Economist says English is the language of a globe of enterprise, politics... It is the language of computers and the Internet. It is the language technology in post-modern world. It is the superior international language in communications, science, aeronautics, amusement, radio, and diplomacy. Here the researcher tried to highlight the dominant position of English language and its pervasive impact on the globe as well as on India, is an undeniable fact. Hence, the Author tried to explore the world of an impact of English language on Indian scenario with the special reference to the novel *the White Tiger* by Arvind Adiga. Here the researcher tried to solve the problem that rose in today's life. Are we living in the shadows of English language? Without it, can't we survive? Let us discuss its pervasive behavior on non-native speakers.

Keywords: Anglophiles, English language, the White Tiger

According to John Whitehead, (director of the British Council), English is a crucial resource for operating on the entire world stage. The ability to communicate and comprehend English is needed in certain fields, professions, and occupations. Hence one of the critics said that the fact is that now days English is so extensively used and it has become an important tool for communication in this post modern world.

The English Language has become a doorstep to the small companies, industries, and many more fields which have become a mass and shown that English has acquired its entire world-vast track record because of the globalization and its impacts on mass people of the world. The Even non-native speakers try to use it in their day to day life, which is also useful for individual's firms and governments employing effectively-educated. An essential thing is that individuals must know at

least two or languages in simple words multilingual. One of them, English has become obligatory to everyone to communicate in the world of market and use to use it for the sake of prestige. Therefore the English language has become kind oxygen for living in the globalized world.

In the present novel *White Tiger*, we have seen the same necessity of learning the English language.

The Mongoose switched to English and I didn't catch what he said but Mr. Ashok replied in Hindi, "Pinky thinks the same too. That's the only thing you and she agree on, but I won't have it, Mukesh. We don't know who's who in Delhi. This fellow, we can trust him. He's from home.

Characters of *The White Tiger* or people from metro cities used to speak in English or their native tongue or switching each other. This shows how this English language has become essential and necessary for all. Thus we believed that the reverse case with other languages. It is considered an international language.

Let us discuss nature of English language and native tongues with code-mixing. The effects would be different and would spoil indigenous language. Researcher tried to solve it with some presumptions like:

1. There are some ways to dig out impact of globalization on language. Firstly, the native tongue should be given the first preference to as an official language in the state and preserve that language as a means to storage of the culture, and vice versa.
2. Secondly, they should use their mother tongue when they are discussing its culture, civilization of that country and history which would force them to connect its own native tongue. Therefore, when the mother tongue of a country is strengthening that means their culture and civilization are also powerful.
3. Thirdly, the citizens should be proud of their culture, which represents the language, customs, values, culture and achievements of the country and its people in past years.
4. All of these solutions help to protect the culture of the people because the people were able to deal with the English language by the right way. If these countries which failed to speak and practices of English, these solutions which are good or other solutions, that means the civilization of the countries still continue to future generations without any changes come from abroad. In addition to the focus on the preservation of language, it means preserving the history of the countries systematically. With these solutions can the English language that has spread in the world greatly affected globalization, affect the culture of peoples.

Even when Pinky was conversing with Balram, she said that the English language has fashion now a day. People should use it extensively. She tried to tell him that he must use the English language in day to day life.

When Pinky Madam talking about English. She thinks that the English language spread everywhere even the block number in the building inscribed in English only.

"After half an hour, Mukesh Sir and Mr. Ashok and Pinky Madam came out of the mall with shopping bags; I ran ahead to take their bags from them, and put them in the back of the car, and then closed the back and jumped into the driver's seat of the Honda City and drove them to their new home, which was up on the thirteenth floor of a gigantic apartment building, the very the apartment which would name as 'Buckingham Towers B Block'. 'Similarly, the same company built another huge apartment building, which was named as a Buckingham Towers A Block. Next to that was Windsor Manor A Block. And there were apartment blocks like this, all shiny and new, and with nice big English names, as far as the eye could see. Buckingham Towers B Block was one of the best—it had a nice big lobby, and an elevator in the lobby that all of us took up to the thirteenth floor.'" (The White Tiger, 46)

In a narrative of *The White Tiger*, there are two types of liquor: Indian made liquor and foreign liquor. This is one evidence that how globalization impacted on Indian atmosphere. Before this, we had only drink that is Indian made but when we saw the upsurge in a market and opened it for all. That is why today we have different types of liquors in the market.

"Action" English liquor shop Indian-made foreign liquor sold here. It was the usual civil war that you find in a liquor shop in the evenings: men pushing and straining at the counter with their hands outstretched and yelling at the top of their voices. The boys behind the counter couldn't hear a word of what was being said in that din and kept getting orders mixed up, and that led to more yelling and fighting. I pushed through the crowd—got to the counter, banged my fist, and yelled, "Whiskey! The cheapest kind! Immediate service—or someone will get hurt, I swear!" (The White Tiger, 84)

The novel *The White Tiger* has become propaganda to globalization and use of English language in a day to day life in India. When Pinky Madam goes for shopping and saw there was a t-shirt. Even if we observe at t-shirt on it inscribed English word only.

"No," I kept saying to each shirt he showed me—until I found one that was all white, with a small word in English in the center. Then I moved to watching the man who was selling black shoes.

People who cannot speak English are not able to understand the modern and advance technology, and they face a lot of problems in the world, for example, the people of the third world are very poor and in a lot of misery, due to the exertive usage of technology, sciences. They would not be able to understand the technical terms in English. This factor is contributed to the lack of progress in some of these people and stay at the under developing condition. On the other hand, there are some suggested solutions for this problem. The first point is to learn English in schools while maintaining the mother tongue. For instance, some countries in Asia and Africa are learning English in schools and universities. The second point, translation of books that are written in English to the language of the country, this helps to ease of learning and speed of access to information.

These countries can also protect their native language even they use the English language while studying because they use native language for these countries besides the English language during a study.

Mr. Ashok spoke in English—and I guessed what he said: "Doesn't he have the right to read his own letters?" (*The White Tiger* p 40) And his brother replied in English, and again I guessed, rather than understood, his meaning: "He won't mind a thing like this. He has no sense of privacy. Contrary to this, in the atmosphere of the village, there would not be a separate room for privacy to enjoy their life. Trust me, he doesn't mind." (*The White Tiger* p 43) He turned so that the light was behind him and began to read aloud:

Dear grandson. This is being written by Mr. Krishna, the schoolteacher. He remembers you fondly and refers to you by your old nickname, the White Tiger. Life has become hard here. The rains have failed. Can you ask your employer for some money for your family? And remember to send the money home. (*The White Tiger*, 113)

Well, we have seen so far the English language has world language. Throughout the world, people are trying to learn the English language. The rich people opted English language for their education and thinks that if they learn English they would get more polite . And they are trying to teach it to the poor. The best example that we have Balram, a driver, learned English from Pinky and Ashok.

"Well," he said, a driver is good till he's fifty or fifty-five. Hence the eyes go bad and they kick you out, right? That's thirty years from now, Country-Mouse. If you save from today, you'll make enough to buy a small home in some slum. If you've been a bit smarter and made a little extra on the side,

then you'll have enough to put your son in a good school. He can learn English, he can go to university. That's the best-case scenario, a house in a slum, a kid in college best-case? (The White Tiger, 119)

Conclusion

To sum up, this essay has discussed some of the problems that are facing in the world from the English language, which become the first language in the world. These problems represent some dangers that may impact on other languages in the world for instance loss the native language. There are some countries in the world which cannot be able to reach the speed of technology and knowledge, because these countries are lacking communication in English. The foremost problem of using English language, non speakers thinks that if they learn alien language, they would lose native culture and the very indigenous society. Therefore if these countries use these solve that written above in this essay that evaluates after following these solutions a lot of countries which do not speak English, able to benefit from English. In the same time, these countries have the ability to maintain their native language. In my opinion one should learn more than one language, that too English language. Because English language has become business language in the world itself.

"A giant pile of old books lay in the center of the market, arranged in a large, hollow square made at weddings to hold the sacred fire. A small man sat cross-legged on a stack of magazines in the center of the square of books, like the priest in charge of this squire of print. The books drew me toward them like a big magnet, but as soon as he saw me, the man sitting on the magazines snapped, "All the books are in English." "So?" "Do you read English?" he barked. "Do you read English?" I retorted. There. That did it. Until then his tone of talking to me had been servant-to-servant; now it became man-to-man. He stopped and looked me over from top to bottom. "No," he said, breaking into a smile as if he appreciated my balls. So how do you market the books without knowing English? "I know which book is what from the cover," he said. "I know this one is Harry Potter." He showed it to me. "I know this one is James Hadley Chase." He picked it up." "I just want to stand on the books. I had a book once, when I was a boy." "Suit yourself." (The White Tiger, 121) By quoting this we can say that English language has become a language of the globe.

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