

Editing Assignment

The advance of English as a world language threatens the existence of less widely spoken European languages, including Dutch.

During the globalization in the beginning of the century 20, England was one of the world leading country's. England had many colonies and connections with other country's over sea, managed by their huge fleet. In all the trading areas English became the leading language as it is to-day.

In the long time, a country like the Netherlands will be mostly urbanized as one big city. This will take away the so-called strongholds of the local languages and dialects the rural villages. In big cities, like Amsterdam English is advancing rapidly as the number one language, helped by the globalization of these cities. Urbanization threatens local cultures, such as the Dutch language.

With the increase in the use of the language of English on TV the Dutch youth gets highly influenced by it. "Dutch TV Youth Programmes" take over the English language to create an atmosphere in which the youth can communicate in a cool way. They take it over, and when communicating against their friends they refer to those programs to act in such a way to impress their environment. More and more, the Dutch youth is being heard using English words instead of Dutch ones which have equivalent meanings.

One important aspect that should be taken into account is the importance of culture. Due to cultural interested people and people who hold their language up it will never vanish or lose importance. Therefore dutch as not a very small language will rather gain importance than lose it.

The amount of people using the dutch language might decrease in future time, however dutch as a language will never vanish due to language patriotism. Urbanization and globalisation as well as the influence of the media will advance english to not a second language but a shared first.