

Wars and Language Education
— The Lessons the Twentieth Century Holds for Us —

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The problem of linguistic isolation often coincides with cultural isolation. And wars in the Twentieth Century have taught us that cultural isolation is a luxury we can no longer afford.

This paper is to examine the history and status of our cultural awareness frequently overlooked among us. This leads to a reconsideration of popularly held beliefs about language education in this country.