The Role of Language in the Creation of Identity: Myths in Linguistics among the Peoples of the Former Yugoslavia

Abstract
The paper gives an overview for non-specialist readers of the connection between language and national identity and the mythologization of this connection through linguistic theories with regard to the formation of Yugoslavia and the post-Yugoslav states.

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A commonly observed trend among American universities is the relative underperformance of minorities in the academic arena. The usual, often lazily regurgitated explanation for this phenomenon revolves around socioeconomic situations that minority groups find themselves in, contributing to their academic plight. While this deserves some credit, this fails to tell the entire story. Apart from the general socioeconomic status of many social groups, minorities often engage in academic communities that do not even remotely mirror their cultural upbringing, values, or habitus. Institutions of higher among the Peoples of the Former Yugoslavia. Marc L. Greenberg, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. **If a union of all the Serbo-Croatian speaking peoples. is ever realized, that is a genuine union satisfactory to both. Croatians and Serbians, it will be a remarkable victory of. central issue in the question of cultural myths in South Slavic linguistics is the tension. between the fuzzy notions of language and dialect. The partly facetious diagnostic that a.