

The Impact of Learning English Language on Chinese Culture

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ABSTRACT

English is the universal language of the earth, and it is also one of the most widely employed tongues in the United States. It has also become an internationally widely used language. Language is the bond of culture, the bridge and link between members of society and the tool for expressing ideas. Everything in the world has an unavoidable association, and the spread of the English tongue in Chinese culture is no special case. This paper aims to analyze the impact of learning English on Chinese culture. The specific research problems include several aspects. The newspaper discussed the development stages of the English tongue in China and the influence of English on Chinese culture in different features. The result shows that learning English has always had more advantages than disadvantages in Chinese culture. In terms of cultural exchange, through learning English, China has gained a more comprehensive understanding of western culture and its essence, and has promoted its own development. In terms of external communication, through language learning and exchange, China's excellent Chinese language connotations, clothing, diet, and other cultures have spread throughout the world, promoting the opening and dissemination of Chinese culture.

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1. INTRODUCTION

English is now the widespread tongue of the world. It has spread to every piece of the earth through British colonial action. The English language has changed from singular to plural. According to the percentage of people who use English as their mother language, English is the most widely used tongue in the world. With the development of financial globalization, the English tongue has also accepted a corresponding position. The English language is closely associated with many tongues, such as Dutch, Afrikaans and German, which greatly enhance the development of the English language. The tongue is also beneficial to the development and spread of Chinese art. Under the development of globalization, China's development speed has also accelerated, and it has become more and more integrated into this "world family". Chinese people are becoming more and more keen on English knowledge, and English language learning has also become well-liked in China.

Much relevant research on foreign language learning has been carried out. The researchers of the Northwest establishment for citizenship analyzed the request opportunity and causes of foreign words to determine the effect of alien words (mainly English) on modern

Chinese, and pointed out the uniqueness of Chinese [1]. They also conducted relevant research on language borrowing and cultural exchange with relevant personnel studying basic education.

Based on previous studies, this paper further analyzes and discusses the impact of English language learning on Chinese culture. The article is divided into four parts. The first part is the launch part, which quickly analyzes the theme and research difficulty of the article. The second part analyzes the stages of English tongue development in China and the development features of each step. The third part analyzes the description and implications of Chinese culture. The fourth part analyzes the influence of English language knowledge on Chinese culture. The fifth part discusses the advantages and disadvantages of English language learning. Culture should also soak up some of the dross when combined with the nationwide state.

This paper enriches the research content related to the English, which is conducive to society's better perception of the implication of culture and the impact of foreign languages on its own culture.

2. THE DEVELOPMENT STAGE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN CHINA

2.1. Phase I-the mid-19th century

English appeared in Chinese society in the mid-19th century. With the advent of the period of geographical discovery and the development of navigation, western English-speaking countries began to gradually enter Chinese society, followed by their language—English. Since the Opium War, Britain has regarded China as the raw material origin and market for its goods. British businessmen have been coming to China for commodity trade. English has become popular in China's upper class society, higher education, and business fields [2].

2.2. Phase II- the two world wars

During the two world wars, western English-speaking countries and the United States had more common and near-constant communication with China. The development of English in China is not limited to a small scope, but also extends to culture and education, the military, politics, and other fields. During this time, a large number of foreign undergraduates were sent overseas, and the return of foreign students also helped the development of the English language in China.

2.3. Phase III-Reform and opening up period

China has had closer interchange with western English-speaking nations and the United States since improvement and opening up. Foreign trade began to develop, and foreign-funded enterprises began to appear in the Chinese market. In command to better adjust to China's economic and communal development after reform and opening up, more and more people are starting to learn English. China's international interchange became closer after China joined the World Trade Organization in 2001.

3. THE DEFINITION OF CHINESE CULTURE

Chinese culture is a culture based on Chinese civilization and fully integrating the cultural elements of all regions and nationalities in the country. The oriental social system is called "Chinese culture", especially social ideology, which shows the development level of social politics, the financial system, science and technology. The connotation of Chinese culture can be seen from three aspects. Firstly, the basic thought of Chinese old-fashioned culture emphasizes that "self-improvement and moral honesty" are the concentrated personification of the Chinese national spirit. Secondly, it pays attention to people's internal cultivation. Thirdly, it pays attention to family and blood.

The greatest feature of Chinese culture is that it has very distinctive national characteristics, has a long history, and is handed down from generation to generation. Chinese culture is highly comprehensive, seeking common ground while reserving dissimilarities and embracing all parties. It can live in harmony with other national cultures and absorb and learn from the positive factors of other national cultures through cultural exchanges.

4. THE IMPACT OF LEARNING ENGLISH LANGUAGE ON CHINESE CULTURE

In terms of culture, it has effectively enriched the development of the Chinese language and made the Chinese language more dynamic and colorful. All-round cross-cultural exchanges between China and the West and economic globalization have created a suitable opening for English in China. Many English words appear in the fields of the economy, politics, science, and technology, enriching Chinese words to a great extent. The introduction of a large number of foreign words has not only increased the process of inclusion with the world, but also promoted the way of thinking to become more open and active, so that thoughts are no longer complacent [3].

4.1. Enriching of the connotation of Chinese culture

Learning English language, studying Chinese culture with foreign scholars, expressing different opinions, can have better research results and promote the spread of Chinese culture. With the continuous increase of China's comprehensive strength, China's influence in the world is also increasing as more and more friends from around the world begin to study Chinese culture. Because of different ethnic backgrounds, foreign intellectuals also interpret Chinese culture from different perspectives. It is worth learning from. People who are well-versed in the English language can contact and debate with foreign scholars more effectively, as well as interpret and spread Chinese culture more effectively.

For example, the "Chinese Bridge", which has been held for the 20th anniversary so far, has made the world learn Chinese. Scholars in Scotland once said that Chinese is a very interesting language. The holding of the Chinese bridge has attracted numerous foreign students, including primary and secondary school students. Korean students were interviewed when participating in the Chinese Bridge. They began to like China after watching the TV series "Huanzhugege" in South Korea and learning Chinese. Chinese fever has been further heated up, which is the most unique example of foreigners learning Chinese.

Learning English and communicating in English can make everyone better spread Chinese culture. English

learning is a wave in China. In this process, people have learned some English knowledge, more or less. As the Chinese go abroad, the long-standing Chinese culture will not be hidden and will spread in the United States and abroad. This is the best way to spread Chinese culture. Therefore, everyone can become a civilized messenger of cultural exchanges with the West. Culture will spread unintentionally and have a subtle influence [4].

4.2. The external dissemination of Chinese culture

To a certain extent, the development of the English tongue has had a favorable effect on the spread of Chinese culture. Learning the English language and spreading Chinese culture are not inconsistent, and can enhance each other and help each other. The division of language and language and the brief and concise creation of classical Chinese make it hard for Chinese people to study, which leads to the phenomenon that foreign writers cannot better translate Chinese classical Chinese. It is not completely thorough, which leads to many misunderstandings in cultural exchanges between China and the West. With the continuous development of globalization, China's development rate is getting faster and faster, and China's influence in the world is also developing [5].

For example, pandas are Chinese diplomatic ambassadors. Some heads of state rent pandas from China after making friends with China. In terms of literary works, Chinese novels in genres such as martial arts, fantasy, romance, and espionage also have bilingual comparison tables and Wikipedia interpretation to help foreigners better understand the terms in the novels. In terms of film and television culture, many Chinese films and television dramas have gone abroad, such as *Wandering The Earth*, *War Wolf* and other excellent films and television dramas, which have been praised by foreign netizens.

The world could better understand China if the majority of young people can master English well. Only then can the Chinese culture be well spread to all parts of the world and people all over the world can understand China and understand China's ancient civilization [6].

4.3. Better understanding of western culture

Learning English language can better learn Western culture, which is more favourable to the spread of Chinese culture. Chinese culture has always recommend "take the essence, get rid of the dross, be eclectic, and integrate". There are also many excellent traditions in the West. Culturally, China has been learning and borrowing from outstanding Western culture for decades, such as advanced achievements in science and technology and political administration.

During the Westernization Movement, China's westernization faction, represented by Li HongZhang learned foreign skills and built artillery and ships. The westernization faction developed new industries by means of government offices, government supervision and business offices, and government business cooperation. The westernization faction founded the modern military industry in the 1960s and 1970s. Under the banner of self-improvement, the emergence of modern military industry brought western guns and ships, in the name of civilian industry, to the latter stage of prosperity. The westernization school also intended to send foreign students to western countries in order to cultivate their talents. These students not only learned foreign languages and literature, modern natural science, military technology, and some social science knowledge, but many of them played a great role in political, military, diplomatic, and other economic and cultural activities [7].

Through the study of the English language, China can gain a deeper perception of Western culture, so as to achieve its fundamental nature. The past serves the present and the purpose of common development is to make up for the deficiencies in the culture, enrich the cultural content, better cut into the common points of eastern and western cultures, and better spread China's excellent culture to people all over the world [8].

5. DISCUSSION

The development of anything has advantages and disadvantages, so the study of the English language is no exception. The English language has become one of the indicators for society's testing of personal ability standards, and many people also use English language learning to improve their expertise. In today's society, most parents let their children learn and develop English language learning skills from an early age in order for their children to have a better basis in society, but this is not to say that they do not want their children to master more social skills. However, to prevent serious westernization, the influence of Chinese traditional culture cannot be lost. If so for a long time, it will cause the loss of cultural heritage.

Every nation does not want to see its own culture interrupted. With the accelerated procedure of economic globalization, capitalist globalization has also led to the establishment of English language domination, which is essentially the expansion of capitalist colonization and the output of culture and information, based on the hegemony of the English language [9]. Significant survey data indicates that under the influence of the dominance of British and American culture, some Chinese people have shaken their stance on their own culture, and their identification with British and American culture even exceeds that of their mother tongue culture. This trend is very dangerous. In the era of globalization, two-way cultural exchange has been implemented in culture [10].

In particular, to improve students' localized expression abilities, a correct cultural position should be established. The development of cultural globalization has led us to live in a complex and diverse cultural environment, and different cultures and values will subtly affect the individual's consciousness, as well as the individual's identification with the local culture, ideas, etc.

Culture itself is not good or bad. Excellent cultures all over the world are worth learning about. The advantages of learning the English language outweigh the disadvantages. Other cultures should also be absorbed. The English language is the universal language and the most widely used language in the world today. Learning the English language is not only to learn the cultures of western countries, to acquire excellent knowledge, but also to learn English. Learning English can help them better explain their traditional culture and ideas in English, and let foreign scholars better understand the research process of Chinese culture, as well as better communicate and discuss their research with foreign scholars. To spread Chinese culture, everyone is a messenger of civilization, and they are all subtly promoting the culture of their own country.

6. CONCLUSION

This paper analyzes the impact of learning English on Chinese culture. As a universal language, English has become an international common language. As a large country coexisting with the world, learning English is essential. The development of the English language in China after the Tang Dynasty, the Qing Dynasty and even the Opium War is obvious. The wave of learning has never decreased. Learning English language helps Chinese people to bring Chinese culture to the world and exchange academic knowledge with international friends. Through the learning and the development of English language, Chinese culture has also been comprehensive, enhancing its own cultural connotation in the process of contact, and the influence of Chinese culture has gradually deepened. Language is the best way to spread culture, but it also has disadvantages. The rapid development of capitalism led to the formation of hegemonism and a change of cultural position.

The deficiency of this study is that there are few practical case studies. With the development of science and technology and output, the coming of new things also makes the English language more colorful. Future research will analyze the development of the English language and Chinese culture in combination with more developing social phenomena.

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