

An Analysis of Mottves behind Change of Pashto Language within the Socio Linguistic Context in Pakistan: A Case Study of New Generation of Afghan Migrants

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Abstract:

The present study with a methodological, empirical and theoretical approach starts with an overview of the purpose of language and its change, which take place due to the motivations or situational factors, which are traced to be migration behind the emergence of Pashto as a new language variety. The emergence of the new variety leads to a certain Development and Modification of Pashto in spoken. This study focuses on the Sociolinguistic analysis of language change as a general phenomenon. The study limits it to the changes that occur in Pashto in Pakistan due to Afghan-Migration. The Labov's Approach to language change provided the theoretical framework for the study. Migration is main reason of language change of Afghans; therefore, it is engaging to extract the linguistic features, which distinguish Pakistani Pashto language from that of Afghani variety. The study focuses on what are the motives and needs which compel the language into a new shape by the users to accomplish their interpersonal goals within social context in Pakistan. The methodology for the study grounds on exploratory paradigm, i.e. the qualitative mode of inquiry is used for this purpose. The Data is collected by interviews from socially well established and struggling categories of migrants and Pakistani natives. By applying comparative analysis and internal reconstruction technique, the differences in linguistic features between both varieties of Pashto are traced. The findings of the study depict the amalgamation of two diversified-varieties, contributing in the formation of new version of Pashto of Pakistani natives. The findings also reveal that the emergence of the new variety rests on the reason of the social communicational need as the prime motivational factors in language change.

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