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# Spanish in the US: A Sociolinguistic Approach

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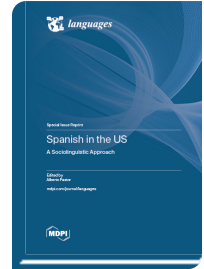
"Spanish in the US: A Sociolinguistic Approach" explores the pivotal role of Spanish as both a linguistic and cultural force in the United States, emphasizing its influence in shaping identities, strengthening community connections, and navigating complex sociopolitical landscapes. As the second-most spoken language in the country, Spanish occupies a central position in both private and public spheres, reflecting the ongoing interplay between language, society, and policy. The studies presented in this collection examine a range of sociolinguistic topics, including the challenges of language maintenance and intergenerational transmission, the representation of Spanish in public and digital spaces, the experiences of heritage speakers, and the dynamics of bilingualism and code-switching. Additionally, this volume explores the intersection of language with race, identity, and power, offering fresh insights into the adaptability of Spanish within diverse U.S. contexts. By bringing together innovative research, this collection provides a comprehensive understanding of how Spanish continues to evolve and thrive in a multilingual society.

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