

# The Politics of Language Planning and Policy in Education and Language Endangerment in Ghana

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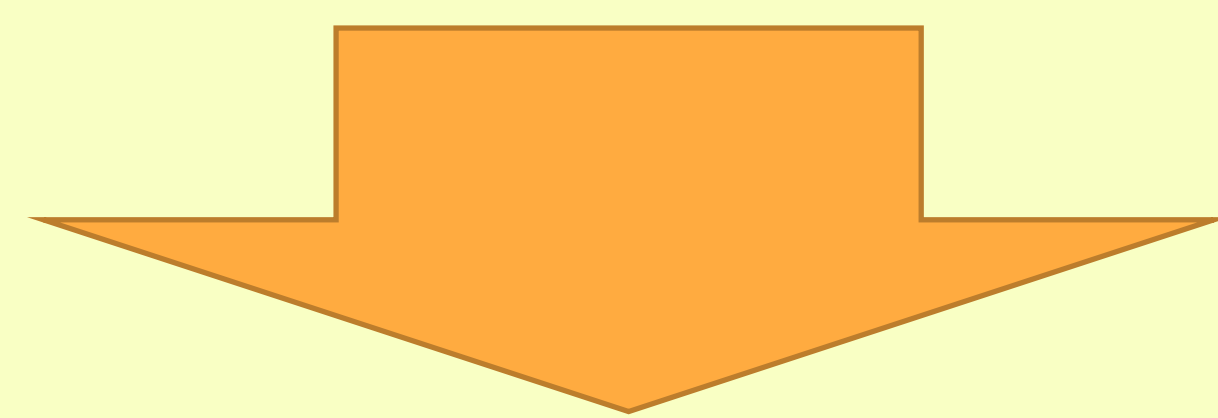


## Language in Ghana

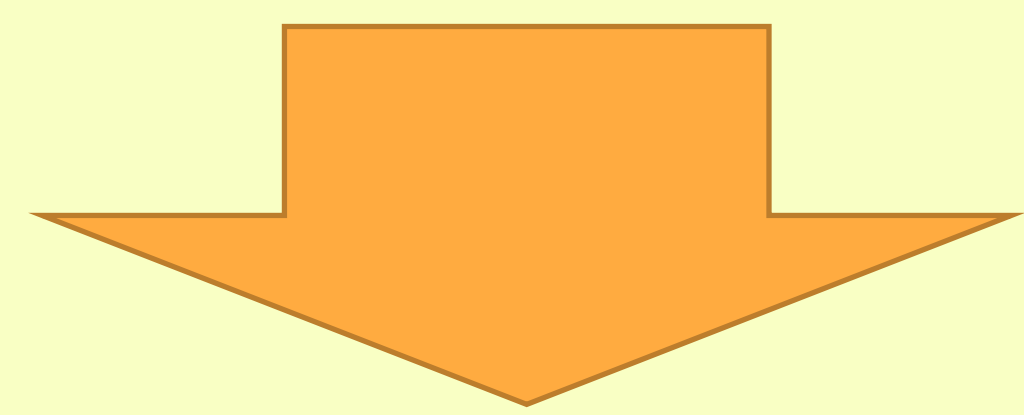
- 50-80 Ghanaian languages
- Former British colony: English for business and govern
- English and 11 Ghanaian languages used in schools
- Exclusion of all other Ghanaian languages

## Policy and Endangerment

Strong resistance from some speaker communities to use one of the approved 11 languages in their community



This leads to ethnic tensions.



Remedy: draft of new language policy to:

- Ensure broader consultations with the diverse linguistic communities
- Permit use of all languages as medium of instruction
- Not privilege a subset of languages

## The Way Forward

- Language planning must include political considerations
- Encourage all home languages in the classroom in order to:
  - Improve school outcomes
  - Create peaceful co-existence
  - Create environment for language maintenance and



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