

I chose to research the language attitudes present in America, specifically the Central Valley of California to understand how the public perceives language learning and linguistic diversity. My poster highlights the importance of the study and the systemic and social aspects involved in forming people's language attitudes. Although language learning programs are common in Asia and Europe, some negative language attitudes still persist within the public. Within America, there are not many adequate language learning programs, but the population of America contains many bilingual or multilingual speakers. The American education system has a strict standard of what constitutes language fluency which does not adequately reflect the reality of multilingual or bilingual speakers. By surveying monolingual, bilingual, and multilingual speakers and further interviewing a few of them, I can understand their language attitudes and uncover the societal aspects that influence them.