

ETNOPSZICHOLÓGIAI TÉNYEZ K A KÉTNYELV SÉGBEN

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The purpose of the present paper is to highlight some ethnopsychological aspects of bilingualism and linguistic exchange. Relying on a survey made in Aranyosgyeres, it is suggested that the linguistic attitude and the prestige of languages determine the language use and the linguistic competence of bilingual minorities. The extent of linguistic interferences peculiar to the native language of minority groups is also influenced by the particular person's attitude towards the two languages. The further extension and survival of bilingualism in society depends on both personal and social disposition regarding the languages in question. The correlations between language use and linguistic attitude, as well as the interrelations between age and linguistic interference are also foregrounded and meticulously scrutinized.

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