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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research study is to investigate the challenges faced by the speakers of Xitsonga because of Anglicization. The interpretation of the concept of Anglicization is that Xitsonga speakers prefer to use English instead of their own language. Although the essence of this study is general to the other speakers of African languages, the field has been delimited to Xitsonga.

The study was conducted in the two districts of Limpopo Province, namely Vhembe and Capricorn. The researcher collected literature from different sources such as dissertations, thesis, newspapers, magazines, journals as well as the internet. Furthermore, data was collected through an interview method. In this methodology, both structured and unstructured interviews were used with the aim of getting more detail information from the participants.

The investigation revealed that English dominated in every sphere of the speakers of Xitsonga, such as culture and tradition, music, media and former model C schools. There were many reasons advanced by the participants for the dominant of English in their daily lives. The study found that most of the Xitsonga speakers have a negative attitude towards their language due to Anglicization. Therefore, the researcher concludes that because of Anglicization, Vatsonga tend to undermine their language in favour of English because they believe that everything that has to do with English is good and superior.

In view of the findings of this study, the researcher deemed it necessary to make recommendations which could be used for further studies in order to revert this situation which affects the development of Xitsonga.

It is hoped that the development of Xitsonga could be enhanced by the positive attitudes of the speakers of this language.

Key terms:

Anglicization, sociolinguistics, language attitudes, language usage.