Subject: Should English be the official US language?
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Just somewhat curious. I had a discussion with a friend earlier, and we got onto the topic of whether or not English should be the official language of the US. It wouldn't mean you'd NEED to speak English at every given moment, but in order to become a citizen and the like, it should be required to know English.

Pros: Less lazy immigrants. If they can't speak any English and are in the US, it makes it easier to spot illegals.

Less confusion. A larger majority of people speaking English would just be easier in general.

Less possible crime rate that is a result of illegal immigrants. Probably sounds racist, but too bad. It's true, alot of areas with high amounts of illegals, juuust so happen to have equally high crime rates. Usually, anyways.

Cons: Makes us seem a bit more uptight, and hell, it may very well make America more uptight. Which we certainly don't need to be.

Could possibly mess up foreign relations, as we'd seem like "closed borders" then.

Feel free to throw in other pros/cons to this. I personally think it'd be nice. You'd naturally still be free to speak any language you want after becoming a citizen, but honestly, it should be required to become a citizen.