

THE FUTURE OF THE BASQUE IS IN OUR HANDS

These days we've been looking for information about the Basque language, and I'm going to tell you the most interesting facts.

Location of the Basque Country



The Basque Country is located between Spain and France. Basque is one of the official languages of Spain but in France and Navarre it is not.

Official Languages

It is called an official language, a language of legal value in a country, state, or territory. In law, it is the language used in administration. As I mentioned before, in some places Basque is not an official language yet.



Speaker statistics:

The people who know Basque in Euskal Herria are:

All EH: **3.155.597** of the population **43,4%**k.

EAE: **61,4%** out of **2.191.722**

Navarre: **24%** out of **643.234**

North EH: **44,5 %** out of **318.205**

Those who speak Basque in the street are much less:

All EH : **8,9%**

EAE: **14,8%**

Navarre: **6,7%**

North EH: **5,3%**

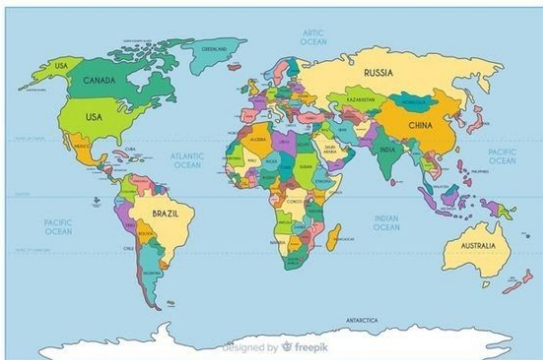
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How many languages are in the world

Basque is one of the 7,000 languages that exist in the world.

The most spoken language in the world is Chinese. In addition to Chinese, English, Spanish, Arabic, German, Hindi Italian are languages with many speakers as we can see in the map below.



Despite the 7,000 languages that exist in the world, many of them are in danger of extinction.

scale

If we place the 7,000 languages of the world on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 referring to dead languages and 10 to languages like Chinese, where would the Basque language stand?

The answer will surprise you: the Basque language would be in the 9th place. Surely most of you have put the Basque language much below.

On this scale there are more than 1,000,000 speakers, and the data from the Basque language are: Euskadi (790.000), Navarra (75,000), Ipar EH (57000) and Banque Country

If we add speakers who know Basque outside the village, we will reach the million.



Why do we see ourselves that small?

He thought that on the first scale the Basque language is probably lower than on the 9th place, why do we see the Basque language so small?

When asking people they say things like:

- Basque is small.
- People who know don't speak it.
- The Basques speak alone and we are very few.

-We are very small compared to many languages.

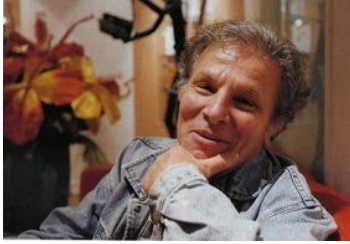
But with the previous scale we see that we are not as small as we thought. However, we must take care of Basque because it is easy to lose a language like Basque.



Calvet barometroa

Calvet is one of the most important sociolinguists in France. This has created the barometer of Calvet. In this barometer, the Basque language ranks 51 out of 563 languages.

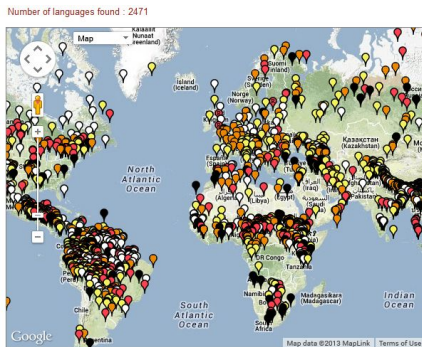
In Wikipedia, Basque has a prominent weight in 35 articles. One of the 38 languages on Twitter is Basque..



Calvet socio linguista

State of Euskara

The situation of the Basque language according to UNESCO is as follows: 2,470 endangered languages in the world.



This map was created by UNESCO.

Meaning of the colors:

- White: Vulnerable
- Yellow : Danger
- Orange: Significant risk
- Red: Serious risk
- Black:Disappear/lose

UNESCO has considered many factors. Of these, the most important is intergenerational transmission. The intergenerational transmission in South Basque Country is generally good:

- Being the two of the Baque Country, in 100% the Basque language is transmitted
- If the father is Spanish-speaking and the other is Baque, the Basque language is 80%.
- In EH North the situation is very different, usually the Basque language is not transmitted.

How to get 500,000 Basques out of the cupboard

The professor and youtuber Imanol Epelde, in his video “Nola atera armariutik 500.000 euskaldun”, offers the following information: With 750,000 speakers, the Basque press and those reading two books are only 33,000 people, who understand Basque culture are only 200,000.

Imanol gives some video tips to understand culture and books in Basque:

- 1-It says that 2,500 books have been published in Basque, one of them is probably your taste
- 2-Program your TV putting the first Basque chains
- 3-Read the newspaper Berria and the magazine Argia.

- 4-So get the app, in this app there are all the songs created in Basque language

- 5-See theatre in Basque from time to time

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hpC-x4U1zM&feature=emb_title

Consequences:

The consequences I have drawn:

If we don't take care of Basque, it will eventually disappear, and we'll have to use it more to keep it from happening. If we don't do something fast, we will regret it.

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