

THE HISTORY OF OUR LANGUAGE

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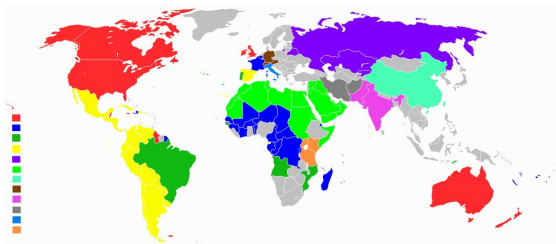
“The real mystery of the Basque language is not the origin, is the duration”, said Koldo Mitxelena as he analyzed and presented almost everything we know about the Basque language. Now, I get the information he and many other people have said to make a report about Basque.

COLORFUL WORLD MAP:

Thousands of languages are being used in the world, and all of them are spoken, although some have more speakers than others. The most spoken languages are:

1. Chinese (Mandarin)
2. Spanish
3. English

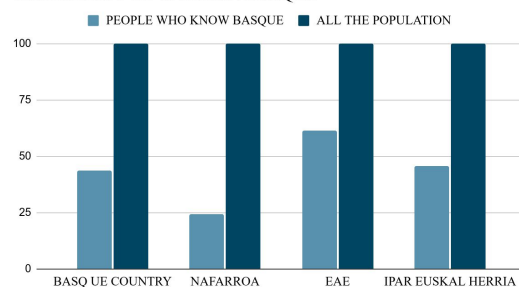
Basque is ranked 51. in the world. The best known languages are used to indicate what is spoken in the maps. That is why Karene Pao, who occupies the last place in the world, that is, having very few speakers, does not appear on this language map.



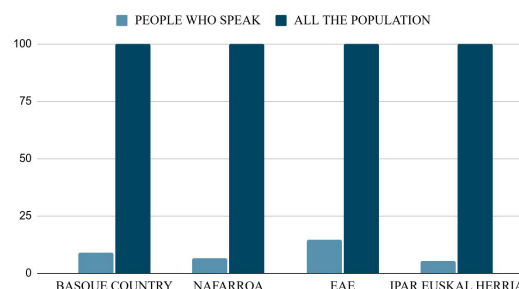
The Basque language should appear on this map. With 3.000.000 habitants in the whole of Basque Country %43,72 know how to speak Basque, but, %8,9 use it on the street. Specifically, in Navarra of the 650.000 habitants, %24,2 are able to speak in Basque and %6,7 speak it in the street.

There are around 2.000.000 inhabitants in the Basque Autonomous Community, of which 61,45% can speak Basque and 14,8% use it on the streets; and finally, 300.000 inhabitant of the North Basque Country, 45,55% can speak Basque, but only 5,3% use it on the streets. What I mean by this is that knowing how to speak a language does not mean that everyone speaks it, but that it would be good for more people to make a small attempt not to lose that language they know and use a language that can be used because it will not require much effort.

THE ABILITY TO SPEAK IN BASQUE



USE IN THE STREET



HOW MANY LANGUAGES ARE IN THE WORLD?

In total there are 7.000 languages in the world. On the other hand, many people think there are fewer languages because they are not heard, so they are not know and almost no one uses them. Having said this, we should know that not all languages have the same importance: some can be used around the world to communicate in different countries, other languages are spoken only in small towns. For example, as I said before, the language Karéne Pao is a rare language, specifically it is the last language on the world list and therefore it is not used. The opposite of this language is Chinese (mandarin), as it is the first of the world list and many people speak in the world.

NUMBER OF SPEAKERS:

In the game called the scale game, it goes up from putting the languages that lost the last speaker in 0 to putting the language with the most speakers in 10: Basque is in the 9th, because it has 1.000.000 speakers.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Most people of the street thought that Basque, on the scale, was the 3th or 4th for the following reasons: because the Basque Country is small and we are the only ones who speak this language; for the proportion; because people who can speak that language don't encourage it, which means, they do not use Basque; because it

doesn't have power; Because other languages have more speakers than Basque; and, because we are close to Spain and France, and their language is very enlarged so that we see ourselves diminished.

According to Ethnologue, there are 400 languages with 1.000.000 speakers in the world, and Euskara is one of them, which means that it is present in 10% of the most Basque-speaking countries in the world.

Among basque speakers, there are 790.000 in the Basque Autonomous Community, 75.000 in Navarra and 57.000 in the North Basque Country, for a total of 922.000 Basque speakers. And that number is slowly increasing as people learn this beautiful language of ours.

CALVET BAROMETER:



Calvet, the man who created the barometer, was a sociolinguist and French (he is the person who appears in the image). The barometer measures the life force of languages. Calvet believes that the number of speakers is not the life force of a language, that is, there are more factors. The factors mentioned above were:

- The barometer includes 563 languages, of which, as I said at the beginning, is ranked 51.
- The Barometer gives great importance to social networks: Wikipedia has 160.000 articles in Basque, and with 280 languages, The Basque language was put at 35. In another social network, on Twitter, you can only choose between 38 languages and they put Basque language.

- North Basque Country:
 - Couples of Basques are very poor.

- What language is used for, that is, in what cases the language is spoken.
- Linguistic and communicative attitude, which is how the language is used.
- Transmissions between days.
- What protection or assistance is offered to them by the official state.

SITUATION OF EUSKARA (UNESCO):

Unesco's languages that are in danger of extinction in the world gradually he classified them by color:

	Without risk
☆	Vulnerable
★	In danger (here is Basque)
★	Significant risk
★	Serious risk
★	disappeared

According to Itziar Idiazabal, teacher at the UPV, several factors must be taken into account for the classification:

- Intergenerational transmission (this is the most important factor):
 - In south Basque Country:
 - 100% among Basque couples.
 - 80% in mixed couples.

HOW DO BASQUE PEOPLE GET OUT OF THE "CABINET"?

200.000 of us don't get to consume Basque culture, for example, only 1/4 consume in the Basque Country

750.000 from the Basque, 40.000 people, listen to music in Basque; 33.000 people read press in Basque; 116.000 people read two books (in Basque); and 500.000 people Basques do not speak Basque, which means that these Basques are hidden. We give advice to these 500.000 Basques " about how to get out from the closet":

- Read a book in Basque.
- Read the newspaper Berria and the weekly Argia on sundays.
- Tune Etb1 in the first string.
- Go see an act..
- Badok, install this app to listen to music in Basque.

LINKS:

Colorful world map:

<https://danivoiceovers.com/los-10-idiomas-mas-hablados-mundo/>

For all things:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZGocoPn6Gwhky6i_Tod2ClIsjADzBZqQSA9B4jOzcsI/edit