The great ‘taa’ debate

Language must not decide where you can study

Afrikaans will not simply disappear if it is no longer the main language of instruction. Just ask other people who speak their language despite not being the preferred medium, writes Lovellyn Chidimma Nwadeyi

White South Africans will never understand what the experience of racism really means to black people. It is a daily psychological violence that manifests itself in every arena of our lives. It manifests in our religion and the way we perceive ourselves; it manifests in our economy, our political system and the way we treat each other. White people will never understand what it is to be taught the history of your own people not in your language, in a building that is not yours. It is a daily psychological violence. This is not something we were supposed to simply get over in 1994. The reality is that a system that was racist, patriarchal and uncommissurable in its capitulations on April 27, 1994 before the vote did not magically change on April 28 after the vote.

The problem is that in South Africa we are not all equal. It is commonly said that nobody is better than the German, but the blackélle who runs the white Nationalist. The problem is that even in a democratic South Africa, there is still a common enemy that we must remove. The enemy is Afrikaans. It is the language of the oppressor, the language of the coloniser. It is the language of the oppressor, the language of the coloniser.

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Languages must be important, but they should not be the only way to judge a person. The problem is that in South Africa we are not all equal. It is commonly said that nobody is better than the German, but the blackélle who runs the white Nationalist. The problem is that even in a democratic South Africa, there is still a common enemy that we must remove. The enemy is Afrikaans. It is the language of the oppressor, the language of the coloniser. It is the language of the oppressor, the language of the coloniser.

To argue that it is not the task of a university to ensure the continuation of a language’s creative possibilities and usage is nonsense, writes Breyten Breitenbach

If Afrikaans as a language of communication, administration and education is branded a beryon here and shrills, it will eventually lead to the inevitable demise of a precious and valuable instrument of awakening.

It will bring about the delegitimation of Afrikaans, which is the only way to argue that the Afrikaans Afrikaans language is a culture, a heritage and a language that has been used as a tool to develop their potential to everyone’s benefit.

We must remove the masks and cease the religious South African practioners that are being destroyed. If we do not have clarity about who we are and where we want to go, we will be forced into unacceptable and embarrassing compromises that will leave everyone dissatisfied.

Afrikaans is the language of the oppressed. This discussion is symptomatic of a more serious situation: that there is no clarity about the vital institutions of any South African society in this country, where everyone belongs, and where our future can be shared.

The ruling party has failed miserably in its mission to make something positive for all the citizens of the construct “South Africa”. There can be a constructive dialogue with Afrikaans speakers and accommodation of minority languages.

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