A Research on Language Use: Investigation of Armenian Language

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Abstract

This paper discusses the function of Persian in comparison with Armenian, the language used in one area of Tehran. It is based on a random selection of 50 subjects from different sex, age, and occupational groups of Armenian with different levels of education in different domains, i.e. family, friendship, neighborhood, education, government and employment. In this study, the subjects were asked to decide what language they use in different domains on a 4-point scale.

After collecting the data by the use of a questionnaire with 30 situations in the seven domains and analyzing them, I concluded that there is a Persian-Armenian diglossia in Armenian community. As a matter of fact, Armenian has been restricted to family domain and the young generation has lost it at a large extent.