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Changing the Frame: Single State

If America had now run as a single state and adopted trilingualism, where we all had to learn English, Spanish, and French as we grew up, my view of global politics would be different from growing up only knowing one language. Traditionally while in school or at home learning other languages, you are better exposed to these various cultures. For example, as you learn Spanish, you come across the phrases used, foods, and how they live in those Spanish-speaking countries. It would be an extreme privilege for me to learn other languages in keeping the same method of understanding other cultures because it would allow me to be more empathetic and also aware of the way they are treated due to ethnicity. I realized that living in America and particularly in New York City, I am not exposed to what is happening in other parts of the world due to the hustle and bustle of urban life. Poverty in Africa, wars in Ukraine, and even human rights in Iraq are issues that I know exist but are not seeing or facing daily, so it becomes "out of sight, out of mind." Understanding French would expose me to women's and children's rights and the abuse of law enforcement and asylum seekers. Coincidentally, America has exposed me to these particular issues in my own country. As long as a single state is controlled with the right intentions and not as a threat to others, I believe it could be a good thing due to it challenging my personal frame values.