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The standard language ideology has really been a challenging and negative force in my own life and also my family as how I came here as an immigrant. As times pass by you get better at things and in this occasion you get to learn the language better but in general it has brought disadvantages upon us. In my home nation my parents both had good jobs and were teachers but when we came here because of the language they cannot practice their job because of the lack of language and are forced to do something else like construction ,cleaning. As well in school I was scoring lower in clases which were based primarily in English as how i didn't understand what was asked of me. After some time I got better but when I was doing a job or something I saw how people would make fun of my accent as how my English sounded harsh and they were limiting me only to a certain type of job.

It has definitely been a disadvantage but I'm still proud to have it as how knowing 2 languages is better than 1 and knowledge is power. Lately you can say I have been using language ideology myself which I'm not so proud of but it's to be considered on my line of work, as how I work in a restaurant and get to serve different kinds of people. Based on what English the people speak and how they dress themselves we differentiate people and tend to serve in a better way to the person whose English is clear as how we expect them to spend more and look to have a good time. On the other hand it's different with tourists which have an accent as how we expect them to not really tip so the service is efficient but not on the highest level