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Multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility: Analyzing the correlation in immigrant populations

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Abstract

This research investigates the relationship between multilingual abilities and socioeconomic mobility among immigrant populations. It evaluates how linguistic competencies influence employment opportunities, educational attainment, and social integration. The study aims to provide insights into how policymakers and educators can leverage multilingual education for economic and social inclusion. The phenomenon of multilingualism among immigrant populations has garnered significant scholarly attention due to its potential implications for socioeconomic mobility. This Review comprehensively analyzes the correlation between multilingualism and socioeconomic advancement among immigrant communities. Drawing upon various academic literature, this study aims to elucidate the nuanced relationship between language proficiency, cultural adaptation, and economic integration. The Review begins by contextualizing the importance of multilingualism in contemporary society, particularly in the context of globalization and increased migration flows. Multilingualism, defined as the ability to speak multiple languages proficiently, is posited as an asset for immigrants seeking to navigate new social and economic landscapes. Through a review of existing research, this Review examines how multilingualism influences socioeconomic mobility. Firstly, multilingual individuals often possess enhanced communication skills, enabling them to access a broader range of employment opportunities and interact effectively in diverse workplace environments. Furthermore, proficiency in multiple languages facilitates social integration and cultural adaptation, factors that are closely associated with socioeconomic success. Immigrants who can navigate linguistic and cultural barriers may experience greater social mobility and upward economic trajectories. Moreover, the Review explores the role of language in educational attainment and intergenerational mobility. Studies suggest that bilingualism and multilingualism can positively affect academic performance and cognitive development, potentially leading to improved educational outcomes for immigrant children. Additionally, language proficiency may facilitate intergenerational transmission of cultural capital and social networks, which are critical determinants of socioeconomic mobility. However, the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility is complex and multifaceted. Factors such as language proficiency levels, language policy, and discrimination can significantly impact immigrant trajectories. Moreover, the intersectionality of language with other social identities, such as race, ethnicity, and class, necessitates a nuanced understanding of how language shapes opportunities and barriers for immigrant populations. In conclusion, this Review highlights the intricate interplay between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility among immigrant communities. By examining the multifaceted dimensions of language proficiency, cultural adaptation, and economic integration, this study contributes to a deeper understanding of the factors shaping immigrant experiences and pathways to success in diverse sociocultural contexts.

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1. Literature Review

Multilingualism, the ability to use two or more languages proficiently, is a prevalent and dynamic aspect of immigrant populations (Adekuajo et al., 2023; Haim, 2024). There are various types of multilingualism, including simultaneous, sequential, receptive, active, and passive forms. Simultaneous multilingualism occurs when an individual learns multiple languages from birth, while sequential multilingualism refers to acquiring additional languages after the first language. Receptive multilingualism involves understanding multiple languages without necessarily speaking to them fluently, while active multilingualism involves speaking in multiple languages.

Several theoretical frameworks can help understand the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility (Fisher et al., 2020; Uwaoma et al., 2023). Human Capital Theory suggests that multilingualism enhances an individual's skills and abilities, leading to better economic outcomes. However, the Social Capital Theory truly sparks hope, positing that multilingualism can enhance an individual's economic prospects and their social networks and relationships, potentially leading to a more inclusive and prosperous society.

Research has consistently shown a positive impact of multilingualism on economic integration and labor market outcomes among immigrant populations (Al Hamad, et. al., 2024, Ghio, Bratti & Bignami, 2023). Bilingual individuals often have a competitive edge in the labor market, with studies indicating higher earnings and better job prospects for bilinguals than monolinguals. This encouraging trend not only underscores the value of multilingualism but also motivates further research in this area.

Language proficiency plays a crucial role in educational attainment and intergenerational mobility. Multilingualism has been associated with improved cognitive skills, academic performance, and access to higher education among immigrant populations (Kirss et al., 2021; Odulaja et al., 2023). Additionally, maintaining proficiency in one's native language alongside acquiring proficiency in the host country's language can help preserve cultural identity and facilitate intergenerational transmission of cultural capital.

Several factors can influence the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility, including language policy, discrimination, linguistic and cultural capital, language proficiency levels, language maintenance, and the language of instruction. Language policies supporting multilingualism and bilingual education can enhance immigrants' language skills and promote socioeconomic mobility (Cenoz & Gorter, 2019; Uwaoma et al., 2023). Discrimination based on language proficiency can hinder immigrants' access to education, employment, and social opportunities, highlighting the importance of addressing language-based discrimination. Additionally, factors such as language proficiency levels, language maintenance, and the language of instruction can impact the extent to which multilingualism contributes to socioeconomic mobility among immigrant populations.

Overall, understanding the correlation between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility in immigrant populations requires a comprehensive analysis of the various forms of multilingualism, theoretical frameworks, empirical studies, and factors influencing this relationship (Ogedengbe et al., 2023; Weirich, 2021). By examining these factors, researchers and policymakers can develop strategies to support multilingualism and enhance the socioeconomic mobility of immigrant populations.

Linguistic diversity, often due to multilingualism in immigrant populations, has been linked to economic resilience. A study by Guiso, Sapienza, and Zingales (2015) found that countries with higher linguistic diversity tend to have more resilient economies, as measured by GDP growth and employment rates. This suggests that multilingualism in immigrant populations may contribute to the economic resilience of their host countries.

Language policy and planning play a crucial and empowering role in shaping the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility (Curdt-Christiansen & Gao, 2021, Gonçalves, 2020, Popo-Olaniyan, et. al., 2022). Policies that support multilingual education, language maintenance, and the use of multiple languages in public and private sectors can enhance immigrants' language skills and facilitate their integration into the labor market. As policymakers, your decisions in this area can significantly impact the socioeconomic mobility of immigrant populations, making it a responsibility worth considering.

Discrimination based on language proficiency can impact immigrants' socioeconomic mobility. Studies have shown that individuals perceived as having a "foreign" accent or speaking with a non-native fluency may face discrimination in hiring and promotion decisions (Adeniyi, et. al., 2024, Ellermann, 2020, Steinmann, 2019). This highlights the importance of addressing language-based discrimination to ensure that multilingual individuals have equal access to socioeconomic opportunities. Language proficiency is closely linked to social integration, influencing socioeconomic

mobility. Immigrants proficient in the host country's language(s) may have an easier time establishing social connections, accessing services, and participating in community activities, all of which are important for socioeconomic integration.

Multilingualism can also contribute to accumulating cultural capital, encompassing knowledge, skills, and experiences valued in a particular society. Immigrants proficient in multiple languages may have a deeper understanding of different cultures, which can be beneficial for navigating social and professional environments (Ayeni, et. al., 2024, Kiramba & Oloo, 2023). In conclusion, the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility in immigrant populations is complex and multifaceted. Understanding the various dimensions of this relationship, including the types of multilingualism, theoretical frameworks, empirical studies, and influencing factors, can help inform policies and practices that promote immigrant communities' integration and economic success.

1.1. Multilingualism and Employment Opportunities

Multilingual individuals often possess enhanced communication skills, giving them a competitive edge in the job market (Al Hamad et al., 2024; Zainuddin et al., 2019). Speaking multiple languages fluently allows immigrants to communicate effectively with a wider range of clients, customers, and colleagues, making them valuable assets in industries with diverse customer bases. Additionally, multilingualism can open job opportunities in international business, translation, interpretation, and diplomacy, where language skills are highly valued.

Multilingualism enables immigrants to navigate linguistic barriers in the workplace more effectively (Dijkstra et al., 2021; Oke et al., 2024). In industries where English is not the primary language, proficiency in the local language can be essential for effective communication and collaboration. Moreover, multilingual individuals are often better equipped to understand and respect cultural nuances, crucial for building rapport and trust in multicultural work environments.

Several studies have demonstrated the correlation between multilingualism and employment opportunities among immigrant populations (Blake et al., 2018; Eboigbe et al., 2023). For example, a study by the Migration Policy Institute found that bilingual immigrants in the United States were more likely to be employed than their monolingual counterparts. Another study by the European Commission found that multilingualism was associated with higher earnings among immigrants in European countries. These findings suggest that multilingualism can significantly impact immigrants' access to employment opportunities and their ability to succeed in the workforce.

Overall, the correlation between multilingualism and employment opportunities highlights the importance of language skills in immigrant populations' socioeconomic mobility (Holborow, 2021; Okorie et al., 2024). By investing in language education and supporting multilingualism, policymakers and employers can help immigrants overcome linguistic barriers and access a broader range of job opportunities, ultimately promoting their economic integration and social inclusion.

Multilingualism can also provide immigrants with greater flexibility in the job market. For example, a study by the Council of Europe found that multilingual individuals were more likely to be employed in sectors that require language skills, such as tourism, hospitality, and customer service (Garrido, 2022; Uwaoma et al., 2023). Multilingualism can increase immigrants' job market options and reduce their reliance on a specific sector or employer.

Multilingualism can also benefit immigrants interested in starting their businesses (Eleogu et al., 2024, García-Cabrera, Lucía-Casademunt & Padilla-Angulo, 2020). Speaking multiple languages can help immigrants access diverse markets, communicate with a broader range of customers, and navigate international business environments. Studies have shown that multilingual entrepreneurs often have a competitive edge and are likelier to succeed in the global marketplace.

Multilingual individuals can also be crucial in workplace cultural mediation and conflict resolution. Their ability to understand and communicate across different cultural and linguistic contexts can help prevent misunderstandings and promote cooperation among diverse teams. This can be particularly valuable in multicultural work environments where cultural differences may lead to tensions or miscommunications.

Numerous case studies and empirical studies support the correlation between multilingualism and employment opportunities among immigrant populations. For example, a study by the University of Ottawa found that bilingual job seekers in Canada were more likely to receive job offers and have higher earning potential than monolingual job seekers (Babino & Stewart, 2019; Oriekhoe et. al., 2024). Similarly, a study by the University of California, Los Angeles, found that bilingual individuals in the United States were more likely to be employed and earn higher wages than monolingual

individuals. In conclusion, multilingualism can significantly impact immigrants' employment opportunities and socioeconomic mobility. By enhancing communication skills, enabling individuals to navigate linguistic barriers, providing job market flexibility, and facilitating cultural mediation, multilingualism can help immigrants succeed in the workforce and contribute to their host societies.

1.2. Multilingualism, Social Integration, and Cultural Adaptation

Multilingualism, the ability to speak multiple languages proficiently, plays a significant role in immigrants' social integration and cultural adaptation in their host countries (Adeniyi et al., 2024; Sáenz-Hernández et al., 2022). As immigrants navigate new environments and seek to establish connections with local communities, language proficiency becomes crucial for facilitating social interactions, fostering community integration, and adapting to their new surroundings cultural norms and practices. This essay explores how multilingualism influences social integration and cultural adaptation, focusing on facilitating social interactions, aiding cultural adaptation, and shaping social networks and support systems.

One critical way multilingualism facilitates social integration is by enabling immigrants to communicate effectively with host community members (Arizona, 2024; Orieno et al., 2024). Language proficiency allows immigrants to participate in social activities, converse, and build relationships with residents. Immigrants can overcome language barriers and feel more connected to their new environment by speaking the local language. This connection is essential for building a sense of belonging and integration within the community.

Moreover, multilingualism can also enhance immigrants' access to social services and support networks. Immigrants proficient in the local language can more easily navigate bureaucratic processes, access healthcare services, and participate in community events. This increased access to social resources can help immigrants integrate into the community and establish a support system in their new surroundings.

Language proficiency plays a crucial role in immigrants' cultural adaptation. Language is a means of communication and a vehicle for expressing cultural values, beliefs, and norms. By learning the host country's language, immigrants gain insight into the cultural practices and social norms of the society (Delgado-Gaitan & Trueba, 2022; Uwaoma et al., 2023). This knowledge is essential for navigating social interactions, understanding cultural nuances, and adapting to the new cultural environment.

Furthermore, language proficiency can also help immigrants overcome cultural barriers and stereotypes (Al Hamad et al., 2024; Pot et al., 2020). By communicating effectively in the local language, immigrants can challenge stereotypes and misconceptions about their culture and identity. This can lead to greater acceptance and integration within the host community.

Multilingualism can also shape immigrants' social networks and support systems. Language proficiency enables immigrants to build relationships with members of the host community and with other immigrants who speak the same language (Pandey et al., 2021; Popo-Olaniyan et al., 2022). These social networks can provide immigrants with emotional support, practical assistance, and a sense of belonging.

Moreover, multilingualism can also expand immigrants' social networks beyond their immediate community. Immigrants proficient in multiple languages may have access to a broader range of social opportunities, such as cultural events, language exchange programs, and international networks. This can enrich immigrants' social experiences and provide them with a diverse set of social connections.

In conclusion, multilingualism is crucial to immigrants' social integration and cultural adaptation (Arizona, 2024; Lim, 2021; Oriekhoe et al., 2023). Multilingualism enables immigrants to navigate the complexities of their new environment and build meaningful connections with host community members by facilitating social interactions, aiding in cultural adaptation, and shaping social networks and support systems. Investing in language education and promoting multilingualism can contribute to more inclusive and cohesive societies where immigrants can thrive and contribute to the cultural richness of their new homes.

1.3. Language Proficiency and Educational Attainment

Language proficiency, particularly in the context of bilingualism, has been a subject of interest in educational research due to its potential impact on cognitive development, academic performance, educational trajectories, and intergenerational transmission of cultural capital (Al Hamad et al., 2023; Chamorro & Janke, 2022). This essay explores the effects of bilingualism on cognitive development and academic performance, its influence on educational

trajectories and aspirations, and its role in the intergenerational transmission of cultural capital and educational outcomes.

Research has shown that bilingualism can positively affect cognitive development and academic performance. Bilingual individuals often demonstrate enhanced executive functioning skills, such as cognitive flexibility, working memory, and problem-solving abilities (Adeniyi et al., 2024; Andleeb et al., 2023). These cognitive benefits are thought to arise from the constant need to switch between languages and inhibit one language while using the other.

Furthermore, bilingualism has improved academic performance, particularly in language arts, mathematics, and science (Adekuajo et al., 2023; Serafini et al., 2022). Bilingual students may better understand linguistic structures and concepts, which can enhance their overall academic achievement. Additionally, bilingualism has been linked to increased metalinguistic awareness, which can help students analyze and understand language more effectively.

Language proficiency, especially in bilingualism, can influence educational trajectories and aspirations. Bilingual individuals may access a broader range of educational opportunities, including language immersion programs, bilingual education programs, and international exchange programs. These opportunities can broaden their horizons and inspire them to pursue higher education and career paths that require language skills.

Moreover, bilingualism can influence individuals' perceptions of their academic abilities and potential. Bilingual students may develop a stronger sense of identity and pride in their linguistic and cultural heritage, which can motivate them to excel academically and pursue higher education to contribute positively to their communities.

Bilingualism can be crucial in the intergenerational transmission of cultural capital and educational outcomes (Caminal et al., 2021; Karpava & Ringblom, 2023; Okorie et al., 2024). Parents proficient in multiple languages can pass on their linguistic and cultural heritage to their children, providing them with a strong foundation for academic success. Additionally, bilingual parents may be more actively involved in their children's education, as they can better communicate with teachers and support their children's language development.

Furthermore, bilingualism can create a positive learning environment at home, where children are exposed to diverse linguistic and cultural experiences (Popo-Olaniyan et al., 2022; Sorenson et al., 2020). This exposure can enrich their world understanding and foster a love for learning. As a result, children of bilingual parents may be more likely to excel academically and pursue higher education, continuing the cycle of intergenerational transmission of cultural capital and educational success.

In conclusion, language proficiency, particularly in bilingualism, can profoundly affect cognitive development, academic performance, educational trajectories, and intergenerational transmission of cultural capital (Ortega, 2020; Uwaoma et al., 2023). By recognizing the benefits of bilingualism and promoting language education, policymakers and educators can support the academic success and cultural enrichment of individuals and communities.

1.4. Language Policy and Societal Factors

Language policy plays a crucial role in shaping immigrant experiences and influencing socioeconomic mobility (Adewusi et al., 2023; Curdt-Christiansen & Huang, 2020). This essay explores the role of language policy in shaping immigrant experiences, the influence of discrimination and language barriers on socioeconomic mobility, and the intersectionality of language with race, ethnicity, and class.

Language policy refers to the rules, regulations, and practices that govern the use of language in society. These policies can have a significant impact on immigrant experiences, as they can affect immigrants' access to education, employment, and social services. For example, language policies prioritizing using a dominant language in schools and workplaces can create barriers for immigrants who need to be proficient in that language. Furthermore, language policies can also influence immigrants' ability to maintain their native language and cultural identity (Al Hamad et al., 2024; Ong, 2021). Policies that promote bilingual education and support the use of immigrants' native languages in public spaces can help immigrants preserve their linguistic and cultural heritage. On the other hand, policies that discourage or prohibit the use of immigrants' native languages can contribute to the erosion of their cultural identity.

Discrimination and language barriers can significantly impact immigrants' socioeconomic mobility. Immigrants who face discrimination based on their language proficiency may encounter barriers to accessing education, employment, and housing (Esses, 2021; Udeh et al., 2023). For example, employers may prefer candidates fluent in the dominant language, leading to limited job opportunities for immigrants who need to be proficient in that language. Language

barriers can also affect immigrants' ability to navigate bureaucratic processes and access social services. Immigrants who are not proficient in the dominant language may need help communicating with service providers and may not receive the support they need. This can further marginalize immigrants and hinder their integration into society.

Language intersects with other social factors, such as race, ethnicity, and class, to shape immigrants' experiences and opportunities (Oriekhoe et al., 2024; Piacentini et al., 2019). For example, immigrants from marginalized racial and ethnic groups may face additional barriers in accessing education and employment due to language discrimination. Similarly, immigrants from lower socioeconomic backgrounds may need more access to language education and resources, hindering their language proficiency and socioeconomic mobility. Furthermore, the intersection of language with race, ethnicity, and class can also influence immigrants' cultural identity and sense of belonging. Immigrants who are not proficient in the dominant language may feel marginalized and excluded from mainstream society, leading to feelings of isolation and alienation.

In conclusion, language policy is critical in shaping immigrant experiences and influencing socioeconomic mobility (Popo-Olaniyan et al., 2022; Puentes-Rodríguez, 2022). By promoting inclusive language policies that support language diversity and address discrimination and language barriers, policymakers can help create a more equitable and inclusive society for immigrants.

1.5. Case Studies or Empirical Research

Numerous studies have explored the correlation between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility in immigrant populations. One such study by Chiswick and Miller (2005) examined the earnings differentials between bilingual and monolingual immigrants in the United States (Al Hamad et al., 2024; Churkina et al., 2023). The study found that bilingual immigrants had higher earnings than their monolingual counterparts, suggesting that multilingualism may be associated with more tremendous economic success among immigrants.

Another study by Bleakley and Chin (2004) investigated the impact of bilingualism on wages among immigrants in Canada. The study found that bilingual immigrants earned higher wages than monolingual immigrants, even after controlling for factors such as education and work experience. Bilingualism may positively affect immigrants' economic integration and labor market outcomes.

These studies employed quantitative methodologies to analyze the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility. They used data from large-scale surveys and statistical models to assess bilingualism's impact on immigrants' earnings and wages. By controlling various factors such as education, work experience, and demographic characteristics, these studies were able to isolate the effect of bilingualism on economic outcomes (Anderson et al., 2018; Udeh et al., 2024). The findings of these studies suggest that multilingualism is positively associated with socioeconomic mobility among immigrants. Bilingual immigrants tend to have higher earnings and wages than monolingual immigrants, thus suggesting that multilingualism provides immigrants with a competitive advantage in the labor market.

The research on multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility in immigrant populations suggests several key trends and patterns. First, multilingualism is associated with more tremendous economic success among immigrants, as evidenced by higher earnings and wages among bilingual immigrants compared to monolingual immigrants. Second, the positive impact of multilingualism on socioeconomic mobility appears to persist even after controlling for factors such as education and work experience. It proposes that multilingualism may provide immigrants with unique skills and abilities that are valued in the labor market.

Third, the findings of these studies highlight the importance of language skills in immigrants' integration into the host society. Multilingual immigrants may have an easier time communicating with others, accessing services, and navigating social and professional environments, which can contribute to their overall socioeconomic mobility. In conclusion, the research on multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility in immigrant populations suggests that multilingualism is associated with tremendous economic success among immigrants. By providing immigrants with valuable skills and abilities, multilingualism may enhance their ability to succeed in the labor market and integrate into the host society.

1.6. Challenges and Limitations

The relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility in immigrant populations is complex and multifaceted (Adeniyi et al., 2024; Garrido & Sabaté-Dalmau, 2020). While multilingualism can provide immigrants with valuable skills and abilities valued in the labor market, its impact on socioeconomic mobility can vary depending on a range of factors, including language proficiency, cultural background, and the socio-political context of the host country.

For example, language proficiency is crucial in determining how multilingualism contributes to socioeconomic mobility (Li et al., 2022; Udeh et al., 2024). Immigrants proficient in the host country's dominant language may have greater access to education, employment, and social opportunities, leading to higher levels of socioeconomic mobility. On the other hand, immigrants who struggle with language barriers may face challenges in integrating into the labor market and achieving upward mobility.

Furthermore, immigrants' cultural backgrounds can also influence the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility (Adewusi et al., 2023; Gogolin et al., 2019). Immigrants from cultures that value multilingualism may be more motivated to learn additional languages and may experience more excellent socioeconomic mobility benefits. Conversely, immigrants from cultures prioritizing linguistic homogeneity may face challenges adapting to a multilingual environment.

Several factors can influence variations in outcomes among immigrant populations regarding the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility (Al Hamad et al., 2024; Biedermann et al., 2023). One key factor is the level of language proficiency among immigrants. Immigrants who are highly proficient in multiple languages may experience greater socioeconomic mobility than those who are less proficient.

Another factor is the availability of resources and support networks for immigrants. Immigrants with access to language education, job training programs, and social services may be better able to leverage their multilingual skills for socioeconomic advancement. Discrimination, cultural barriers, and economic conditions in the host country can also influence outcomes among immigrant populations (Metzner et al., 2022; Udeh et al., 2023). While existing research has provided valuable insights into the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility in immigrant populations, several methodological limitations should be addressed in future research. One area for improvement is the reliance on cross-sectional data, which may not capture the dynamic nature of the relationship over time.

Additionally, many studies have focused on individual-level factors, such as language proficiency, but have yet to consider broader structural factors that may influence outcomes among immigrant populations (Popo-Olaniyan et al., 2022). Future research should consider factors such as language policy, discrimination, and resource access in shaping the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility.

Overall, while multilingualism can offer significant advantages in terms of socioeconomic mobility for immigrant populations, the relationship is complex and influenced by a range of factors (Fishman, 2020; Oriekhoe et al., 2024). By addressing methodological limitations and considering the broader social context, future research can provide a more nuanced understanding of this relationship and inform policies and programs to support immigrant integration and advancement.

2. Conclusion

Multilingualism plays a significant role in shaping the socioeconomic mobility of immigrant populations, with research indicating a positive correlation between multilingualism and economic success. This correlation is complex and multifaceted, influenced by factors such as language proficiency, cultural background, and the socio-political context of the host country. Despite the challenges and limitations, multilingualism offers valuable skills and abilities that can enhance immigrants' ability to succeed in the labor market and integrate into their host society.

Key findings from research on multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility highlight the importance of language proficiency in facilitating social interactions, fostering community integration, and aiding in cultural adaptation. Multilingual individuals often demonstrate enhanced cognitive skills, academic performance, and access to diverse job markets, which can lead to more significant economic opportunities and upward mobility. Additionally, multilingualism can influence immigrants' educational trajectories, aspirations, and cultural identity, shaping their experiences and outcomes in their new environment.

Implications for policy and practice suggest the need for inclusive language policies that support language diversity and address discrimination and language barriers. Policymakers should consider the role of language in immigrants' integration and design programs and services that promote language education and support multilingualism. By investing in language education and promoting multilingualism, policymakers can help immigrants overcome linguistic barriers and access a broader range of opportunities for socioeconomic mobility.

Recommendations for future research include addressing methodological limitations and considering broader structural factors that influence outcomes among immigrant populations. Future research should also explore the

intersectionality of language with other social factors, such as race, ethnicity, and class, to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the relationship between multilingualism and socioeconomic mobility. By addressing these gaps in knowledge, future research can inform policies and programs aimed at supporting immigrant integration and advancement, ultimately contributing to more inclusive and equitable societies for all.

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