

# Code-Switching As a Sign of Modernization in A Multilingual Community

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## **Abstract**

Codeswitching is considered a common habit among multilingual youth acquiring a foreign language. This study investigated code-switching in the repertoire of Ṭaibeh community, in Israel. Changes in the local community repertoire were examined by age, gender and education for the effects of globalization, modernization, and Hebraization. Furthermore, factors including: social class, economic status, group solidarity, traditions, and parental influence are discussed.

Before the establishment of the State of Israel, Ṭaibeh was a village and the center of trade and education for Arabs of the area. Consequently, there was a considerable contact between the foreign and local repertoires, including exposure to foreign languages. In the past, Ṭaibeh was the place of much political activity. The social and economic context of Ṭaibeh allowed many Arabs from other places to visit and interact with the local citizens. The interface between the local citizenry and the outsiders both Arab and Israeli are analyzed in this study by the following variables: age, gender, and education and supported by specific examples of native Arabic speakers of Ṭaibeh.

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