significant insights about the ways in which people learn, teach, and participate in communities and schools that shape and differ in their literacy practices. However, economic and political power continue to influence the ways in which literacy practices are constructed, and the extent to which they are accessible to social groups. In this context, literacy practices are intertwined with power and privilege, and the ways in which they are reproduced and maintained shape individual and collective identities. Literacy is not just a tool for communication, but a means of power, resistance, and empowerment. It is a site of struggle over meaning and identity. Building on the work of scholars such as postcolonial theorists, this paper explores the ways in which literacy practices are constructed and how they can be used to challenge and resist oppressive power structures.

Introduction

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Afghan children 'some simple English phrases', students were motivated by the belief that English is an international language and the language of science, technology, and the media. As one said:

The English language is an international language spoken all over the world and it is the language of science. Therefore to promote their education and awareness with modern technologies, it is important to teach them English.

Students noted that English serves as a common language not only across nations, but within nations, and expressed the hope that knowledge of English would redress imbalances between developed and developing nations. With only a few exceptions, the students demonstrated little ambivalence towards the English language, and perceived it as an important tool for social, economic, and political advancement, both within Pakistan, as well as the international community. When students were pressed to consider whether the spread of English had any negative consequences, only two noted that a country's native languages could be compromised, and only one noted that the spread of English would be accompanied by the spread of western culture, which he called 'a bad sign'. In sum, students expressed the hope that a future Pakistan would be one in which all inhabitants were literate, knowledgeable about English, and technologically advanced. They desired a peaceful society, true to the principles of Islam, and respected in the international community.

Insights from these students are best understood in the context of their complex identities in a time of social and political instability, both nationally and internationally. The students value being literate, but recognise that literacy is a privilege. They see themselves as part of a larger community of English speakers, but not as second-class citizens of the USA or UK. They regard themselves as members of the larger Islamic Pakistan nation, but they recognise Pakistan's marginal status in the international community. They desire technological progress, but not at the expense of peace. The research suggests that the struggle for literacy, access to English, and technological progress are interdependent and reflect the desire of a country in a post-colonial world to engage with the international community from a position of strength rather than weakness. The findings suggest further that English and the vernacular can co-exist in mutually productive ways and that the appropriation of English does not necessarily compromise identities structured on the grounds of linguistic or religious affiliation.

The research raises two central concerns that have particular relevance to the research I am conducting in Uganda. First, like Canagarajah (1999) and Luke (2004), I learnt from the Pakistan study that if we wish to understand the meaning of literacy in students' lives, we cannot ignore the imperatives of the material world and the ways in which resources are distributed — not only nationally, but internationally. Canagarajah (1999) makes a compelling case that in developing countries in which there is a daily struggle for food, clothing, shelter, and safety, researchers cannot indulge in theoretical debates and abstract policies, but need to address the material realities of the communities in which we conduct research. Similarly, Luke (2004) argues that while we as educators might debate the meaning of critical literacy, we may not do justice to the lived experiences of physical and material deprivation in diverse communities throughout the globe. The students in the Pakistani study made frequent reference to the relationship between literacy, the distribution of resources, and international inequities. For these students, and many students in Africa, a community that is literate, skilled in English, and technologically advanced, is also a community that has food, shelter, and peace.

A second concern raised by the Pakistan study was that students might in fact overestimate the benefits that can accrue from the development of literacy and the spread of English. Ahmed's assessment, for example, that people who are educated 'are rich and have no problems' may lead to a crisis of expectations. May (2001) makes a convincing argument that there is no necessary correlation between the adoption of English by developing countries and greater economic well-being. Of even greater concern are the ways in which pedagogical and social practices may be serving, perhaps inadvertently, to reinforce the view held by the students that people who are literate are more rational and intellectually able than those who are not. If students in Pakistan, and perhaps in other parts of the world, equate literacy with rationality and intellectual ability, while at the same time embracing
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Towards the Future: Focus on Uganda

The research of the text suggests a way that students could draw on their background knowledge and experiences to make the social meaning of the text and their own experiences relevant. The research aims to support the view that the ability to understand and interpret the text is central to the concept of different social experiences in Uganda. The research uses a range of techniques to make the social meaning of the text and their own experiences relevant.

This research focuses on students in both primary and secondary schools. The research indicates that students in primary schools have less background knowledge and less interest in the text than students in secondary schools. However, students in primary schools have more opportunities to engage with the text and to develop their understanding of it. The research supports the view that students can develop a deeper understanding of the text through a range of activities that engage them with the text and with each other. The research indicates that students who have had the opportunity to engage with the text in a meaningful way are more likely to understand and interpret it in a relevant and meaningful way.
investigating how schools and communities can work together to develop effective health literacy programs. One of our challenges is a lack of research on critical literacy in Africa.

Conclusion

Community's development goals.

Educational programs designed to improve health literacy must support not only our research agenda, but also work in a collaborative, participatory, and responsive manner. This includes working with communities to develop effective health literacy programs. One of our challenges is a lack of research on critical literacy in Africa.