**Bilingualism, Sedivy 12.5**

"How could the simple fact of knowing more than 1 language enhance cognition?!"

superior skills in cognitive control amount to…

reducing interference from irrelevant info

            switching btw tasks more efficiently

            less egocentric

            more creative in tasks, e.g....

mono- vs. bi lingual 8-year olds performing tasks dealing with taking spatial perspectives

monolingual vs. bi- kindergarteners tasked w. drawing a flower that doesn't exist

different ways of encoding info: Turkish structures for "hearsay"

acquiring a 2nd language may lead to bluring info and losing sensitivity to 1st language distinctions - intralanguage leakage

 e.g. change in color perception

"by absorbing E into their cognitive system, Greek-E bilinguals no longer thought about color in the way Gk monolinguals did" - 2nd language reshapes one's cognitive space

**Supercharged linguistic skills**

Given: a L that makes use of 140 phonemes demands a finer control over the auditory and articulatory systems

Given: a L that uses complex syntactic embedding needs a robust working-memory capacity

Given: mind that depends on "intelligent" interferring meaning sof inflectional markers that don't exist in the L vs. L that depends on stacking morphemes onto its words - memory!

i.e. > by learning a L, do you become supercharged for skills demanded by the 2nd L?

Is learning a tone L helpful in perceiving musical tone?

**Activating cultural values**

 Is thinking differently related to the L at all? becoming someone else?

L serves as the trigger for cultural values

"truly understanding the nature of the L - culture entanglement needs to go far beyond uttering some intuitive truisms!"

              precise understanding of the difference btw Ls?

              solid sense of skills needed to learn and use structures of the given L?

              ways to express concepts of the L

              social and cultural contexts

              methods to study interactions of the above...

Only then one can start speculating abt whether a L alters our mentality/personality.