

Table 7.2 Distribution of States within Which at Least 90 Percent of the Population Can Speak the Main Language, 1960s

<i>Region</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>Number of States</i>
Europe*	63	27
The Americas	58	26
Asia and Oceania	30	23
Middle East and Africa	20	55
Total World-System	38	131

Source: Reconstructed from Rustow (1967), table 3.

*In 63 percent of the twenty-seven states in Europe, at least 90 percent of the population could speak the main language.