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Gingrich Clarifies 'Ghetto Comment'

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In a speech last weekend, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich called for English to be the official language of government and all public schooling.

"We should replace bilingual education with immersion in English, so people learn the common language of the country, and so they learn the language of prosperity, not the language of living in a ghetto," said Gingrich.

The speech drew rave reviews from the crowd but many in the Latino community did not like the use of the word, ghetto.

"Three words came into my mind, ignorance, elitism and racism," said Christine Neumann-Ortiz of Voces De La Frontera.

Gingrich wanted to reach a large audience so he chose video Web site, YouTube to get his message across in both English and Spanish.

In his three minute Spanish video, Gingrich explains he didn't mean to offend anyone. Since its posting late Wednesday, it has already had more than 10,000 hits.

The former House Speaker and Georgia Congressman said, "My word choice was poor but my point was simply this: In the United States, it is important to speak the English language well in order to advance and have success."

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