

## 13. ARGUMENTS AGAINST &amp; FOR ABOLITION OF EXONYMS

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**Arguments against abolition of exonyms:**

- Exonyms are part of national culture,
- Exonyms reflect historical relationships,
- Abolition of exonyms would lead to difficulties in pronunciation,
- Abolition of exonyms leads to confusion in international traffic, safety problems.

**Arguments for abolition of exonyms:**

- Keeping exonyms leads to confusion,
- Use of exonyms delays identification of objects,
- Why use incorrect/distorted names when correct ones are available,
- Keeping to exonyms reflects reactionary, neo-colonialistic ideas,
- Abolishing exonyms improves international communication.

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