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\* Number of fluent Arabic speakers  
in the United States Embassy in Iraq.

It's hard to represent America's interests abroad when we can't speak the language. While the US has a number of programs that are ideally suited to increasing America's foreign language competency—Fulbright-Hays, the National Security Education Program, the Foreign Language Assistance Program, and Title VI of the Higher Education Act—federal support for them has lagged for years. Increased investment in these programs today will yield big and lasting dividends.

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\*Source: *The Iraq Study Group Report: The Way Forward—A New Approach*, page 92.

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