

NATIVE SPEAKER TEACHERS AND TEACHING THE CULTURE OF ENGLISH**Lina Farsia^{1*}**

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Abstrak

English is the world's lingua franca which used by different people from different nation for communication purpose. Hence English is not only owned by the nations that use english as their first and official language but it is also owned by everyone who uses English. Every person who uses english has the same ownership of english as the person who is English native speaker. Consequently, the culture of English does not only belongs to the native english contries but also to everyone who uses english for comunication. The notion that native speaker teacher is better than non native speakers teachers is not valid anymore. The competence non native speakers teachers also can teach English successfully. American and British cultures are no longer the priority when it comes to teaching the culture of english but building up the awareness fo how people from different countries have different culture and improving students cross-cultural understanding is the key to the successful to the teaching of Englishh culture

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“**I prefer a native speaker teacher**” is a statement I did not and still do not like. Few years ago, I kept listening to this statement from my students and from some language institutions. However, at that time I just felt mad because they ignored my ability in teaching English but could not do anything to prove this statement was wrong maybe because I used to think the same way. Therefore, I could not blame them for that because if I were them I might have preferred the same thing. No one is better in teaching English besides native speakers of English. Because previously those people and I was thinking that the goals of studying English is how to be as “cool” as native speakers (American and British English). What was worst at that time was we looked down and assumed that Australian English is not good enough to be studying.

Hence American and British were the only role model in English teaching and