

# Linguistic superpowers or...

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I found this link

<http://strangemaps.wordpress.com/2008/01/02/230-papua-new-guinea-the-linguistic-superpower/>

on nakedtranslations (a translator's blog). For people who don't follow links it's a map purportedly showing countries ranked by linguistic diversity. Here are the results for the top 12. I'm not convinced by any of these numbers but the one that puzzles me is Nigeria. Is there any evidence that Nigeria is more linguistically diverse than its neighbours?

Papua New Guinea 823 languages  
Indonesia 726  
Nigeria 505  
India 387  
Mexico 288  
Cameroon 279  
Australia 235  
DR Congo 218  
China 201  
Brazil 192  
United States 176  
Philippines 169  
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