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<S1> okay , let's begin , there is a seminar , next , no it's a , next week yeah , er tampere peace research institute on northern dimension is if anyone is interested let it go around . but if someone of you is here still next spring and june there is one opportunity for summer school in moscow . and then to the topic , you are the first one yeah </S1>

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<S1> okay thank you <APPLAUSE> and then , audience has voice </S1>

<S3> of course a couple of questions erm this citizenship how much does it influence the people are they the russians allowed officially to work and everything </S3>

<S2> no yeah i can explain it's erm yeah sorry i i didn't probably didn't mention @@ it's a if you don't have a citizenship you can't vote </S2>

<S3> okay yeah </S3>

<S1> alright </S1>

<S3> i never thought it i mean [(xx)] </S3>

<S2> [no but you can't] vote and you can't actually make any kind of decisions so like for example when the after 1991 the people found okay so it was all decided by estonian side so how things should be done [not considering the people] </S2>

<S3> [yeah of course] makes sense but i mean on a more daily basis </S3>

<S2> no <S3> [(xx)] </S3> [but you] can't yeah this language you can't you can't be hired by the government organisation if you don't have su- [sufficient] </S2>

<S3> [yeah but ca-] can i legally if i'm a russian living in estonia like (xx) i don't speak estonian can i legally open a shop or er work at this shop </S3>

<S2> you have to use the you have to use the language even in business it's it's [(xx)] </S2>

<S1> [yeah] </S1>

<S2> you have to use it if you can't if you can't prove that you have the sufficient well that's what i believe if you don't have that you have a sufficient er knowledge <S3>

[yeah] </S3> [of estonian] you can't do </S2>

<S3> then you can't even get a job officially </S3>

<S2> well i think it's certain areas you can but for example in service you can if you have to <S3> mhm </S3>erm if you have a direct contact with the people and you don't have s- sufficient estonian then you can't get it </S2>

<S3> yeah okay </S3>

<S2> and i mean it's funny thing because @@ the @@ the estonian it was an article i read it was a famous estonian tele- television i don't know reporter or something he went on strike on the hunger strike because er the the estonian government they made some kind of simplifying towards the citizenship law for the russians so he @@ went to the hunger strike because of them thinking that it's it's unfair </S2>

<S4> okay what what can we do if we say estonian citizen citizenships who studies in in estonia at school er but teaching in in russian is it okay in russian i know some

<COUGH> [(xx) yeah] </S4>

<S2> [no okay they because] they they have a ra- law on minority you ki- you you you have a right to to have your school and language but it's i mean how i understand this problem it's it's kind of like the the whole policy it's just like to to wait to somehow to put russian on the back and maybe it's fair i don't know but like for example they have a school but they there is no fund from government so people can't really erm </S2>

<S4> so there is another problem how to integrate such kind of people who who who are estonian but they don't speak [estonian] </S4>
<S2> [oh you] mean estonian </S2>
<S4> yeah i mean [e- e-] <S2> [oh] </S2> estonian citizenships they are they are estonian but they study in school in russian and teaching is in the ru- russian also there are such kind of examples in universities so it's something (xx) when there is all you have to use er [er] </S4>
<S1> [to what you refer] <S2> [yeah] </S2> cause i know that there are courses for instance in tartu university in russian language <S2> yeah </S2> and then there is a private university which is partly for russian students and all the courses are in russian language </S1>
<S4> no not just what i [mean is] </S4>
<S1> [in in es-] in tallinn <S4> yeah in tartu </S4> i've been investigating this university so i've evaluating this universities last spring </S1>
<S4> i mean in in tartu university in tartu so [(xx)] </S4>
<S1> [there are also] courses in russian </S1>
<S4> er courses er even , i know [something] </S4>
<S1> [but no] not whole programs </S1>
<S4> really actually i know some people here the program a- a- almost the whole program of course there are some courses in estonian but all the whole program in russian (xx) </S4>
<S3> so it's if those are some citizens then you can safely assume that they also speak estonian with </S3>
<S4> not s- not s- [no (xx)] </S4>
<S2> [no but it was like] er it was kind of like yeah it was in this way you you you were granted the citizenship like automatically if you are like no matter nationality but if you lived there or your family lived before this russian occupation <S4> [oh right] </S4> [so they made you] start from this <S4> [mhm] </S4> [so that's] why it was like only yeah as i told it was 80,000 russian who get this and <S4> [yeah] </S4> [and all the] estonians they've got this but the the language law it come later it was <S3> [mhm-hm] </S3> [1995] [so that] </S2>
<S3> [okay] okay okay that's right okay . can i ask you difficult question </S3>
<S2> yeah </S2>
<S3> basically is this in some way really i mean that's of course we've we have all seen this apartheid thing in south africa </S3>
<S2> in what in [south yeah] </S2>
<S3> [in south africa] apartheid is it in some way comparable or not to that (xx) </S3>
<S2> no , you mean why did i refer to that i was more like when i was defining why why minority should be minority not by the amount but rather by what po- kind of power they have because it is often that the they demand or like what i've read at least the estonian side it was more like now look at this this is this russian er they they are so huge amount you can't even call them minority and <S3> [yeah] </S3> [it's] you can't say about the because minority means for me at least that it's lack of power and er . and like , yeah it's it's another thing in sorry @@ i i just go on but it's another interesting thing it was like that in estonian press it's always like they speak with this group term if you if you know ...