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Moroccan Arabic transcript:

ي: وحد التأثير بهذا سميته؟ الاستعمار، كاين تأثير ديال اللغات ان منين كتمشي لشمال المغرب، كتلقاي الناس كتيهدرو الشمالين كيهدرو باللغة العربية و اللغة التانية اللغة الاسبانية و عاد باش الفرنسية. كتمشي للوسط، تلقاي الناس ديال الدار البيضاء و مراكش كيهدرو بالعربية و الفرنسية و باش تكون الاسبانية. منين كتمشي للجنوب، الناس كيهدرو اللغة العربية و اللغة التانية الاسبانية عاد باش تجي الفرنسية. هذا الشي كل شي تأثرنا بهذاك الاستعمار، في الجنوب كانت اسبانيا و فرنسا و في الوسط راه كانت فرنسا و هذا. و وحد لوقيت راه المغرب كله كان مستعمر من طرف، من طرف فرنسا.

English translation:

Y: We went along this... There is some sort of influence... What do you call it? There is some sort of...

S: Influence.

Y: A big influence from colonization – an influence in the language such that, when one goes to northern Morocco, you would find that the people in the north speak Arabic and their second language is Spanish and then comes French. If you go to the center, you find that the people in Casablanca and Marrakech speak Arabic and French, and you could say French. If you go to the south, the people there speak Arabic, the second language is Spanish and then comes French. All of this is due to the colonial influence; in the south it was Spain and Portugal, in the north it was Spain and France, and in the center it was French. Of course, at some point the whole of Morocco was colonized by France.

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