

Nein! (Advanced Monologue - Hard to Understand/Maybe Badly Written)

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Here's a thought: Why are the numbers for the German emergency services 110 and 112, not 999 (as in Nein! Nein! Nein!/No! No! No!)? Sure the German word for 'nine' isn't the same as the limey version, it's neun (apparently), but most Germans are bilingual, aren't they, so nine can have two meanings at the same time. What I'm trying to say is 999 would both be easier to remember for the foreigners when they're under extreme stress and the phrase 'nein nein nein!' alone sends a message to those operating the phones that help is needed immediately. 110 (einer einer null) and 112 (einer einer zwei) could subconsciously lead to lazy and disorganised response teams and try saying those numbers into your mobile when someone's attacking you. NNN in contrast, rolls off the tongue. (Do German mobiles recognise the English for nine? Let's assume they do). And why do they have two numbers, not one? That alone could make Germans go 'nein, nein, nein!' However, emergency workers could think those in distress need rescuing by Englanders when they panic and say the three words over and over. So much needless confusion. Maybe that's why the numbers are what they are in Germanland.

So yeah, 112 calls the German fire brigade and ambulances and 110 calls the police. So much for German efficiency. And why is the first number greater than the second? Does that imply that the police aren't as good as firefighters and medics? It's a long shot, but could that be the reason for police brutality? Who knows? I guess by that logic, there should be no cop violence in America, as their number is 911, obviously far greater than 110. As I said, it was a long shot. But I tried. But hang on... 911... In other words NOT number one, one. They're not number one. And that makes the law angry in America. Never underestimate the power of the subconscious. I understand that this is one of my weirder monologues and I'm having great difficulty making it make sense (I'm sure many will be thinking it makes NO sense), but surely there has been thought into what numbers others have to dial up. Surely it's not completely random because THAT would be random. I'm confusing myself yet again. :(

Here's another thought: What if Germans work with numbers with lots of nines in them? Does that make them depressed? For example, if for whatever reason they do the sum '1 + 8.99999 = 9.99999' does that make them go 'Nein, nein, nein', etc.? As in 'what's the point really?' That's the curse of knowing two languages. Now that I think of it, Germans and particular German mathematicians have a bit of a reputation for being serious, don't they? (Yes, I have a German name but I'm an exception). It's all getting clearer, now. This monologue has gone from being insightful to a possibly revolutionary explanation of serious mood disorders and thus, a treatment for them could be around the corner. As always, understanding of medical and psychological problems is key. Again, my work may come across as ridiculous, but almost ALL cures seem crazy at first. For example fighting diseases by giving people small doses of them. That doesn't sound right does it? I'll end on a high. Bye!