

APPENDIX A: POPULATION OF SUDAN: ETHNIC CENSUS OF 1956 (ONLY ETHNIC CENSUS TO DATE)

"The population of Sudan consists of:

39% Arabs

30% Southerners

13% Westerners

6% each of Beja and Nuba

3% Nubiyin

3% Foreigners & Miscellaneous"¹

These percentages were based on the identification of tribes (of which 597 were registered, grouped into 56 tribal groups). In the census people could choose which tribe under which to register themselves, but the tribes themselves were categorized by the census as Arab, Southern, Western, Beja, Nuba, and Nubiyin (Nubian). This was inadequate but remains the only ethnic census taken.

The census determined that Arabic was spoken at home by 51 percent of the population, and non-Arabic indigenous languages by 48 percent.

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¹ Karol Josef Krotki, "Demographic Survey of Sudan", in *The Population of Sudan. Report on the Sixth Annual Conference* (Khartoum, Philosophical Society of Sudan, 1958) [a digest of the first census's findings], pp.36-7.