

## Re: Related languages (Re: A China–Sumer connection)

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Comm wrote:

>> 3. *Everything is subjective. As I said – both and russian sound  
>> like japanese to a hedgehog. Oh, russian does sometimes sound a  
>> bit like portuguese. Portuguse, brazilian and galician sound  
>> different from one another.*  
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> *Russian, when I hear it, is very distinctive – and it sounds  
> nothing like Portuguese, Japanese or whatever. You can't convince  
> me of what I hear – and to me, those "Hispanic" languages sound  
> similar – and the people – uneducated types too – have no problem  
> speaking to each other. I can't even believe you are trying to  
> argue this. I keep saying "to you it sounds" "to me it sounds" and  
> YOU keep going on and on about "IT SOUNDS." Gah.*

You can't just say it all works on a subjective basis. Because then you can go subject shopping to back any point.

>> *You've repeated that accusation in the past, only to be found out  
>> that everyone had it the same as I did.*  
>  
> *That's because you copy each other.*

But it was you friend phippssumthin... waughtevva.

> *Here, for the LAST time:*  
>  
> *1. Dominican Republic friend can speak all kinds of HISPANIC,  
> included in that, even according to her, is Brazilian and  
> Portuguese. She speaks some Italian, enough to get buy, because  
> she MARRIED an Italian speaking guy and learned it from hearing it  
> spoken by her husband and his father who speaks very poor  
> English. HE is from an Italian speaking houshold. SHE married into  
> that and lived there with them. She speaks NO French. She speaks  
> SOME English, enough to chat on the beach about very ordinary  
> things.*

Ah, so she only speaks italian because she's married to an italian. So much for the point you tried to raise when you first mentioned she spoke italian. 'All kinds of hispanic' turns out to be spanish, portuguese and galician which, according to the general public is portuguese with a spanish accent.

>> *Have you or have you not claimed to have a 'hispanic' friend who*  
>> *understands all kinds of 'hispanic' and italian, and an italian*  
>> *friend who understands spanish and french without having studied*  
>> *them?*  
>  
> *NO. Again, you mixed it up – one did it, and the rest of you*  
> *drones followed. I was very VERY clear.*

But afterall my depiction of your girl friend was as accurate as could be. You had told no one that she had learned italian.

> *My Italian friend, the husband of my girlfriend, speaks enough*  
> *Spanish to explain complex things to an immigrant – HE LEARNED IT,*  
> *STUDIED IT. He speaks NO French. The only person that speaks*  
> *French is the Polish guy.*

But then, if he only knows other romance language because he studied it, why had you assumed he should grasp a little romanian? Same for your girl friend.

Whattabout the brazilian? What does he speak and how did he get to the craft?

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