

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

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Jesus Christ on a stick. See in.

"António Marques" <m.ap@sapo.pt> wrote in message
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> *Comm wrote:*

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>>> *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.*

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

How languages sound to people hearing them is 100% subjective. Just like
music is subjective.

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>>> *You've repeated that accusation in the past, only to be found out
>>> that everyone had it the same as I did.*

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>> *That's because you copy each other.*

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> *But it was you friend phippssumthin... waughtevva.*

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>> *Here, for the LAST time:*

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>> *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 by, 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 household. 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.*
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> *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.*

Yes, she can speak with such people with no problem at all. I asked her – she said that her English is better than her Italian. She did not STUDY Italian. She lives with Italians that speak it in the home. Her HUSBAND (who I did not mention prior to this save to say she was married to an Italian speaker and knew some from him) STUDIED Spanish.

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>>> *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?*
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>> *NO. Again, you mixed it up – one did it, and the rest of you drones
>> followed. I was very VERY clear.*
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> *But after all my depiction of your girl friend was as accurate as could
> be. You had told no one that she had learned Italian.*

Oh yes, I did mention that she had Italian speaking husband – due to him she knew Italian. But I ASKED her. She claims her English is better than her Italian. So much for that. Her husband CAN speak Spanish – he studied it.

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>> *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.*
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> *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.*

My girlfriend's husband was NOT PRESENT when Pole and Romanian were speaking to each other. Gah.

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> *Whatabout the Brazilian? What does he speak and how did he get to the
> craft?*

Fabio speaks with all kinds of people. He's from Brazil. Now, his English and speaking lover (who studied German) said (I asked) that Fabio's language has these other nuances to it – which don't seem to be in Spanish – he called them "like flourishes." To his ear, regular Spanish is plainer, doesn't have the flourishes. Nonetheless, Fabio (who might be here illegally, not sure) speaks WITH all kinds of Spanish, Latino speaking people and ethnic groups.

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> *laurus : rhodophyta : brezoneg : smalltalk : stargate*