

Re: Does Tajiki = Dari

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it sounds to me that they are one and the same. However, Tajiks speak with a different accent, and their language maybe a dialect.

> *In sci.lang Nirvana <worrylesswarrior@yahoo.com> wrote in <34e36f1b.0407302104.3e304899@posting.google.com>:*
> *: There is a Farsi/Dari speaking minority within Afghanistan who live*
> *: mainly in Kabul. Are they the same as the Tajikis? Or are they 2*
> *: different things?*
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> *it's about 40% of the population and one of the 2 official languages of*
> *the country. another important center is Herat. there are also speakers in*
> *the North along the Tajik border, also the Uzbek one, amongst Uzbeks.*
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> *ethnically they are usually referred to as Tajiks. linguistically there is a*
> *dialect continuum between essentially Iranian Persian (Farsi) in Herat to*
> *the Kabul dialect to the Tajik dialect in the North. Farsi and Dari*
> *(based on the Kabul dialect) and Tajik are mutually intelligible. Farsi,*
> *Dari and Tajik are the terms the governments use.*
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> *Tajik is based on the vernacular with considerable Uzbek influence. Farsi*
> *and Dari follow classical Persian more closely. vowel qualities are an*
> *obvious distinguishing marker. Farsi has its own modern developments. Dari*
> *is quite conservative. Tajik has its own reductions based on the Dari*
> *system.*