

## Re: History of French

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Herman Rubin wrote:

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> *In article <414A4430.1E62@worldnet.att.net>,*

> *Peter T. Daniels <grammatim@worldnet.att.net> wrote:*

> *>Herman Rubin wrote:*

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> >> *In article <p5ugk0ho4ifmbk65kks8cdpmmid3bsn7m7@4ax.com>,*

> >> *Mxsmanic <mxsmanic@hotmail.com> wrote:*

> >> *>Ruud Harmsen writes:*

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> >> >> *I never noticed anything PC (politically correct, that's what you mean,*

> >> >> *not Personal Computer?) in what I read about linguistics.*

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> >> *>Every academic domain is rife with PC, unfortunately.*

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> >> *The worst is history; it no longer starts with the*

> >> *evolution of ideas, and the military and economic*

> >> *events which led to the development, but instead*

> >> *the changes are attributed to the lives of peasants*

> >> *in the societies. Individuals do not matter.*

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> *>Looks like you've studied as much historiography as linguistics.*

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> *The "individuals do not matter" is not my position; it*

> *is that of the totalitarian Marxists.*

We're not talking about Stalin and Mao and Kim Il Sung. We're talking about Marxist historians.

> >> *There are more intellectual Marxists on the social*

> >> *science faculties in American universities than in*

> >> *the former Soviet Union.*

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> *>Is that a Bad Thing?*

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> *Yes. They believe that the person does not count, that*

> *the discoveries or advances are entirely due to the*

> *social milieu. They believe that this should apply to*

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- > *education as well, that all should be taught the same;*
- > *it is this perversion of education which started about*
- > *70 years ago which needs to be completely reversed.*

Like I said, you haven't investigated much historiography. Or read history by Marxist historians.

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