

Re: History of French

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Sun, 19 Sep 2004 23:56:32 +0200: Mxsmanic <mxsmanic@hotmail.com>: in sci.lang:

>And how do the *_trained_* voices sound? After all, they are the ones
>speaking standard English.

Yeah, right, especially that woman in the link I mentioned elsewhere in the thread, with her almost Scottish/Italian trilled r. Trained yes, but standard? In that era maybe, when the standard was still very much alienated from the language of the street.

>> *The last time I flew JetBlue, I got to see Match Game and Family Feud*
>> *(on GameShowNetwork or whatever it's called) from the 70s, and even 30*
>> *years is enough for them to sound a little different.*

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>What were the differences?

Probably hard to describe phonetically, but clearly noticeable. Peter's observations for AmE are consistent with my own regarding Dutch. About the same rate of change. Differences difficult to pinpoint, by clearly recognizable. 30 years is long enough. That's roughly one generation, so it's not surprising my children talk noticeably differently than their parents. I heard my sister's children talk again last weekend, and they talk different *_and_* the same as mine, due to a different mix of regional, parental and modernist influences. They too talk differently than both their parents, who don't both talk the same either, due to different though similar backgrounds.

And all this happens in a country 300 by 200 km.

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