

Re: History of French

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Sun, 19 Sep 2004 22:27:18 GMT: "Peter Dy" <peterdy@sbcglobal.net>: in sci.lang:

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> "Ruud Harmsen" <realemailseesite01@rudhar.com> wrote in message
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> [...]

>> *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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> *Isn't the American-like "r" in words like "daar" something that happened in*
> *the last 30 years, for example?*

Sort of, probably. More like 20 years. And it isn't exactly the same as an American r. And it isn't used in all positions, in fact it's often combined with a very non-American uvular r in non-final/non-pre-final-consonant position.

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