

Re: History of French

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"Ruud Harmsen" <realemailseesite01@rudhar.com> wrote in message
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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
>>news:ft0sk05sl05220n34384q5ojc1i5tbtt9a@4ax.com...
>>[...]
>>> *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?
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> *Sort of, probably. More like 20 years.*

Really? Wow, interesting. It's extremely common now on radio.

And it isn't exactly the same

> *as an American r. And it isn't used in all positions*

Yeah, that's why I wrote "American-like" and "in words like 'daar.'"

Peter

, 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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