

Re: Latin and Oscan

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"Marco Pagliero" <martesi@xxxxxx> writes:

And if you look how English is spoken in India or Kenia, or how French is spoken in Mauritius/Reunion or Guadelupe, you see what I mean. (And again, I don't mean Kenians or Reunionnais to be stupid.)

Everytime an invading army has arrived somewhere, normal people didn't go to school to learn the new language, but instead they invented a new pidgin.

A different accent and some local vocabulary mixed in does not equal a pidgin. For one, you don't understand the meaning of "pidgin", it's a barely-functional hack that has no native speakers; if the language were handed down to another generation, it would be a creole, and French most certainly did not arise out of a creole. Even the theory that Middle English, a much more radical case of language mixture than the coexistence-but-not-fusion of Latin and Celtic, was a creole is not taken seriously.

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