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On 16 Apr 2007 03:26:48 -0700, phoglund@xxxxxx wrote:

English has long ago ceased to belong to native speakers alone. It's us – the second-language speakers – who will set the standards from now on, not them. We outnumber them.

Could be -- but the misuses of ESL users won't become Standard. They will always be the subject of how not to use the language.

If you're happy being continually misunderstood and degraded as an ignorant and uneducated foreigner, then be our guest! If I were to visit Finland, I would make an honest attempt to learn some Finnish, and would graciously accept correction by native speakers. If Finnish ever became the dominant language in the world, I would understand that it is important to learn it properly.

Padraic

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