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Jens S. Larsen wrote:

It's not monolingual.

Internet is certainly plurilingual, but de facto, the Anglophone part of it is more "international" than the rest of it.

If you call it imperial in stead of international, you can drop the quotation marks.

Why would any great number of native English-speakers go to international forums? Most of them live in big countries anyway, and they have to be influenced before puberty in order to make any considerable impact.

English-language forums as such are widely perceived as "international forums" and tend to be "invaded" by international visitors such as you and me.

Why wouldn't that standardize our English rather than de-standardize that of the natives? After all, different people have different ways of abusing English. Besides, visitors from other speech communities normally invade English language forums only if there are no comparable forums in their own lan

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