

Re: Fr/lat/ru tu-vous/tu-vos/ - : etymology ?

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On Oct 8, 5:29 pm, "Brian M. Scott" <b.sc...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Sun, 07 Oct 2007 21:01:12 -0700, "Peter T. Daniels"
<gramma...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
<news:1191816072.782792.112310@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
in sci.lang:

On Oct 7, 10:35 pm, "Brian M. Scott" <b.sc...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Sun, 07 Oct 2007 14:00:29 -0700, "Peter T. Daniels"
<gramma...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
<news:1191790829.370603.23110@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
in sci.lang:

On Oct 7, 3:49 pm, "Brian M. Scott"
<b.sc...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Sun, 07 Oct 2007
12:18:42 -0700, "Peter T.
Daniels"
<gramma...@xxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in
<news:1191784722.180511.321930@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
in sci.lang:

[...]

You're mad,
sir. "Was"
and "Oz"
are a perfect
rhyme.
(Whatever
symbol you
choose to
use to

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represent
the
vowel.)

They aren't. It isn't the
Wizard of Oz. It *is* 'we
wuz
robbed'.

Maybe in rural outskirts of Cleveland.

I rather doubt that Joe Jacobs grew up in the rural
outskirts of Cleveland.

Who?

Max Schmeling's Jewish–American manager, who famously said
'We wuz robbed!'.

M–W has [az] and [w@z, waz] (s.v. be!)

M–W OnLine has, using its symbolism, /'w&z/ and /'wäz/. Its
/&/ represents both [V] and [@] ('\&\ as a and u in abut'),
and stress mark in /'w&z/ suggests that they're talking
about the stressed form of the word: [wVz], then [wAz].
Does the printed version use other symbols, or did you
simply misunderstand them?

AHD3 s.v. <be> gives the vowel as u–breve or o–breve (in
that order) when stressed and as @ when unstressed; this
also is [wVz] or [wAz], with unstressed [w@z].

I retract my earlier statement that no common U.S. variety
has [A]; I do not retract the claim that [V] is common,
quite possibly more common than [A].

Brian

Kenyon & Knott (1944) have (slightly simplifying):
stressed: wAz [i.e. funny "a" representing woz]
unstressed: w@z
restressed: wVz

A quick riffle through the forematter did not reveal an explanation of
what they mean by "restressed". Anybody have an idea?

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