SOCIOLINGUISTIC VARIATION AND CHANGE

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Summary

All language is subject to variability south is completely predictable, but some is not. What appears to be free and funconstrained variation between and within individuals often proves to be subject to non-entegorical linguistic and/or social constraints. This structured variability may be un indication of changes taking place in the language, thus diachtonic studies of crange may be complemented by synchronic studies of variation. The research methods and the quantitative analysis of such variation are reviewed. Key findings in variational tinguistics are discussed: the systematic distribution of variants in different styles and across different social groups (age, class or social network, gender). Striking parallels between the distribution of variants across different social categories emerge: for example, changes below conscious awareness are favored in more careful styles, by speakers from the middle (or lower middle) class and women. The meaning of these distributional parallels are considered. Finally, recent directions in the study of language variation and change are discussed. These include links with qualitative methods for studying language variation and the use of variable data to illuminate studies of language contact.

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