

Do Now: Monday 12/20

- What language do you think I am speaking?
- How many of you speak more than one language?
- How do you think English sounds to non-English speakers?

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- <http://www.wimp.com/englishsounds>

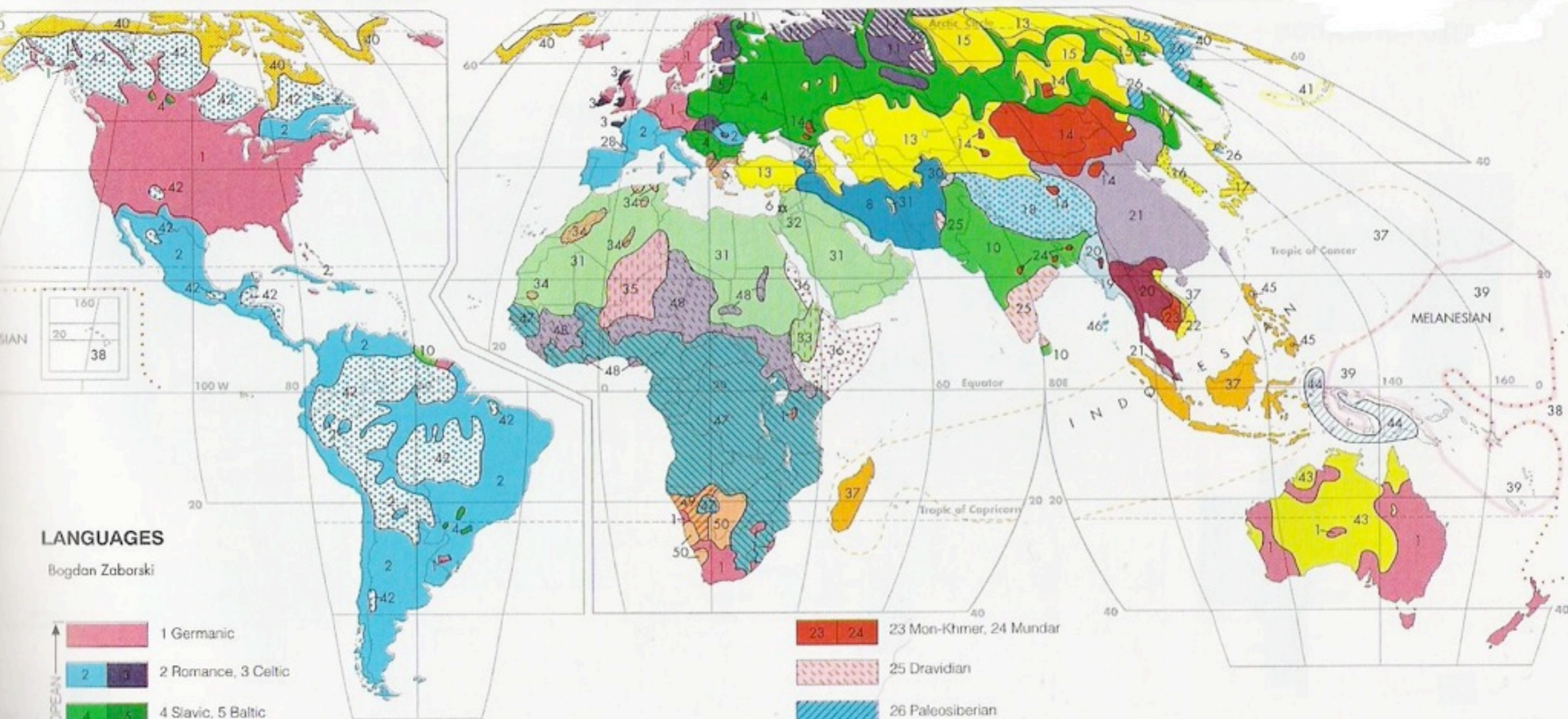
Objective:

- What economic, political, and cultural factors have led to the widespread diffusion of the English language?
- How has the widespread diffusion of the English language led to variation in how it is spoken? What are some examples of this?

Language

- How does geography explain how there are so many languages spoken throughout the world?
- What role does language play in one's identity?
- What role does language play in folk/pop culture?
- What would this guy say about the importance of language? <http://www.wimp.com/speakconviction>

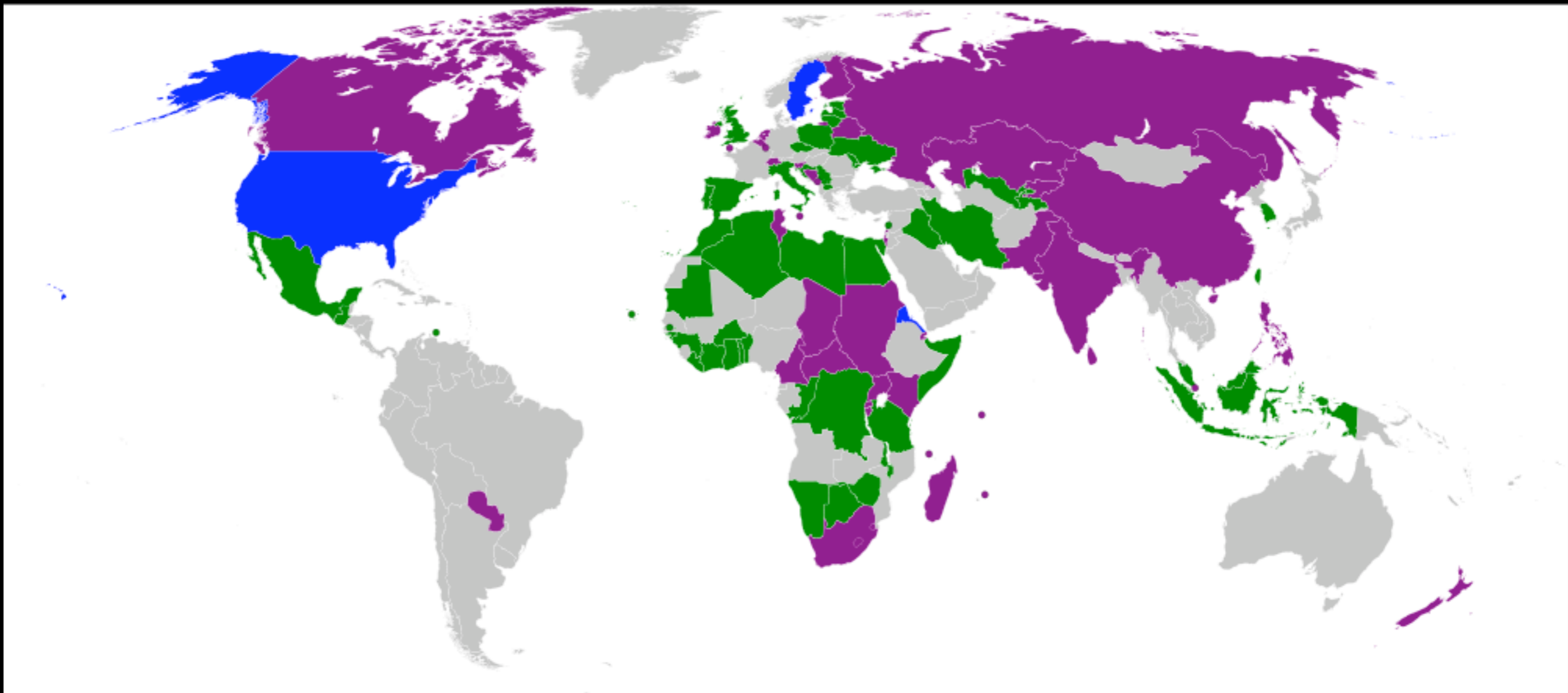
World Language Families 2006



LANGUAGES

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| <p>↑ IND-EUROPEAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Germanic 2 Romance, 3 Celtic 4 Slavic, 5 Baltic 6 Greek, 7 Albanian 8 Iranian, 9 Armenian 10 Indo-Aryan URALIAN: 11 Finno-Ugric, 12 Samoyed 13 Turkic 14 Mongolic <p>↓ ALTAIC</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Tungus-Manchu 16 Korean 17 Japanese 18 Tibetan, 19 Burmese 20 Thai, 21 Chinese 22 Vietnamese | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 Mon-Khmer, 24 Mundar 25 Dravidian 26 Paleosiberian 27 Ket 28 29 30 ASIANITIC: 28 Basque, 29 Caucasian, 30 Burushaski 31 ☆ 33 SEMITIC: 31 Arabic, 32 Hebrew, 33 Amharic 34 35 36 HAMITIC: 34 Berberic, 35 Tuareg, 36 Cushitic 37 38 39 AUSTRONESIAN: 37 Indonesian, 38 Polynesian, 39 Melanesian 40 41 Eskimo, 41 Aleut | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42 American Indian 43 Australian Aborigine 44 45 46 44 Papua, 45 Negrito, 46 Andaman 47 Bantu 48 Language of intermediate zone between Bantu and Hamit-Semitic 49 50 49 Hottentot, 50 Bushmen |
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- Multiple official languages
- Single official language, functionally multilingual
- No official language, functionally multilingual

English Language

- Why are so many countries multi-lingual?
- Why do so many people know or want to learn English?
- If English is so important, should it be the official language of the United States?

Origin of the English language?

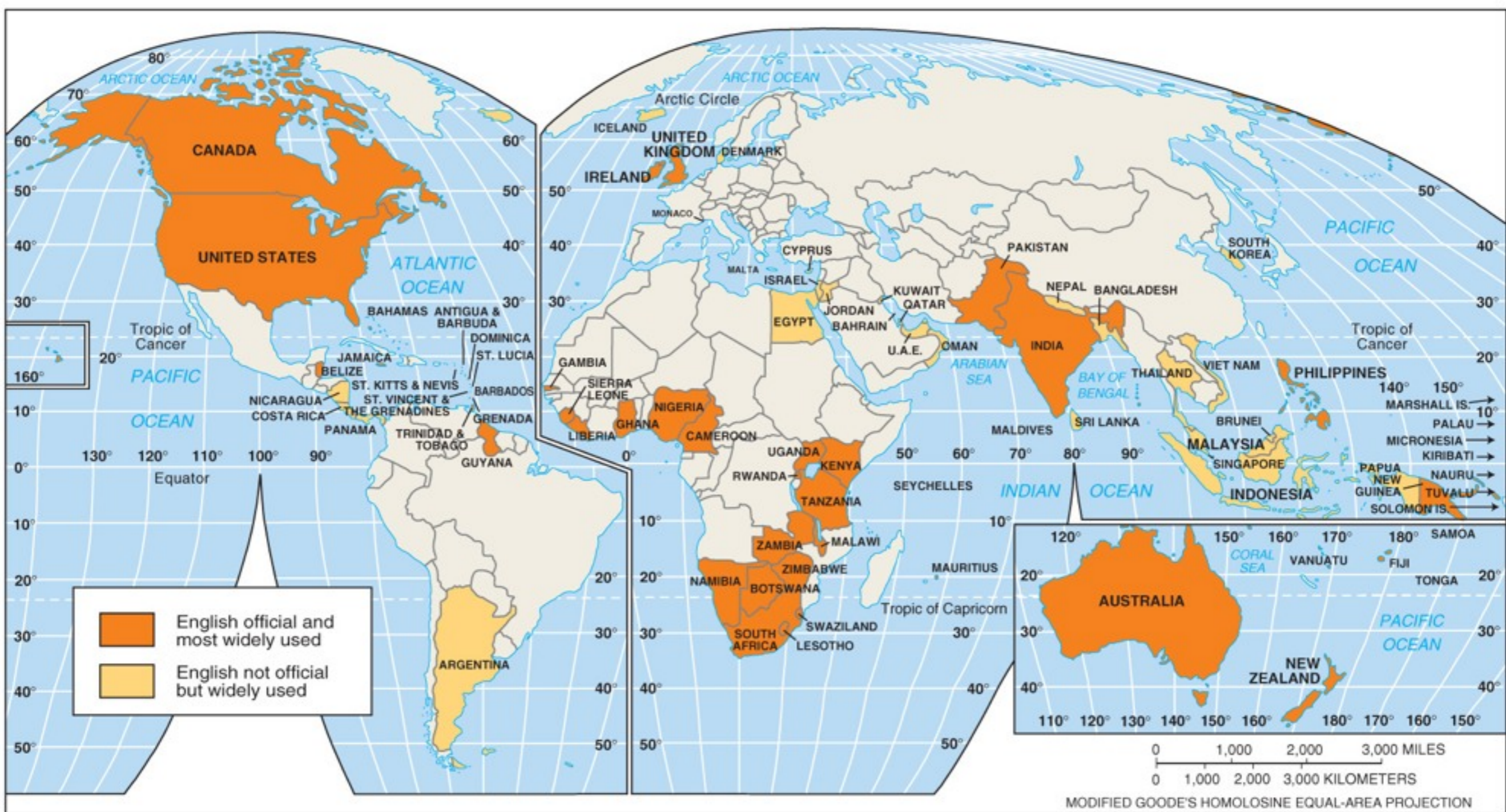
- What does this map tell us about the origins of English?
- Figure 5-2
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Why is English so widespread?

- Turn to page 148. Look at figure 5-1.
- Turn also to page 262. Look at figure 8-4.
- What does this tell us about how the English language was spread throughout the world?
- Why do we speak English in the US today?

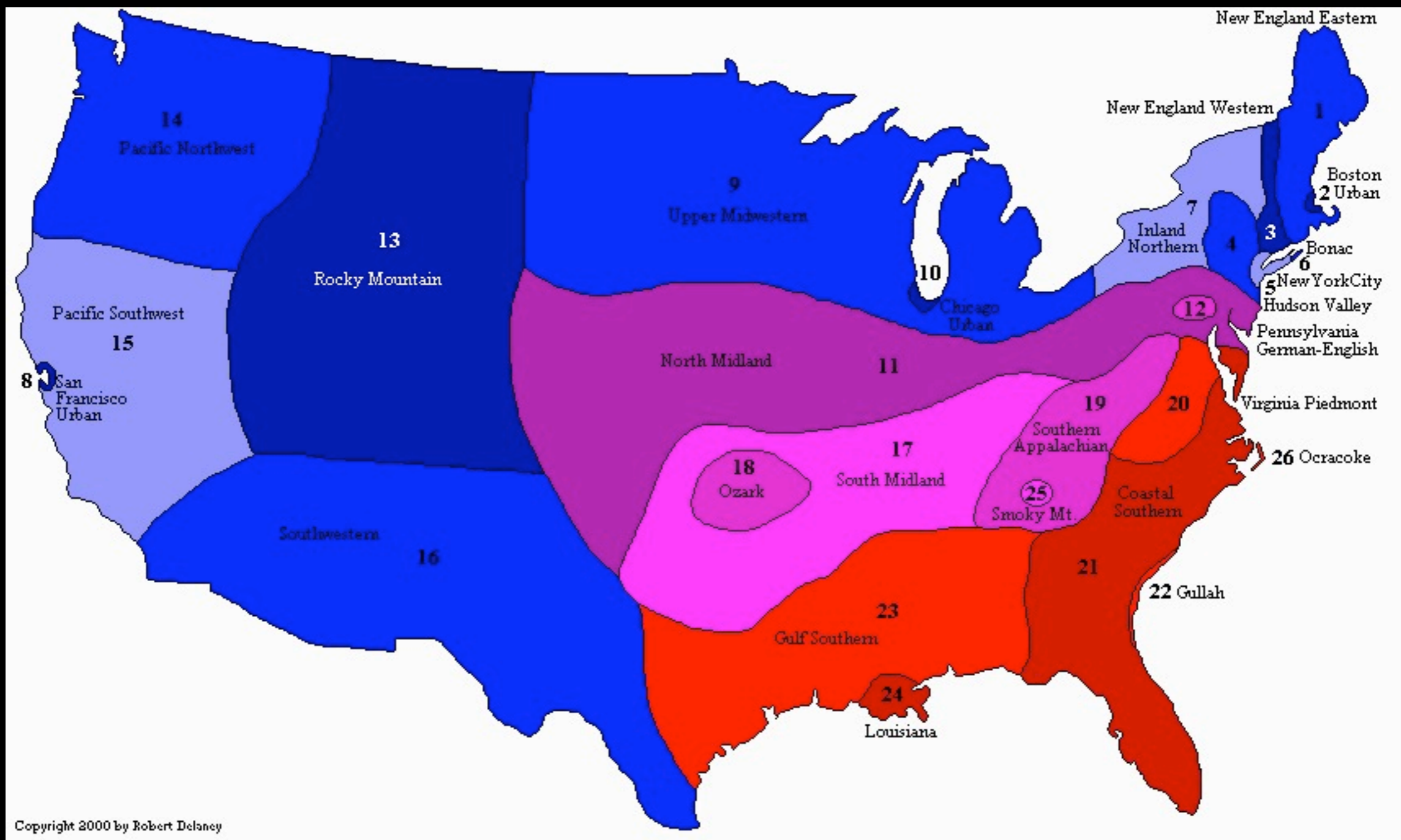


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Why is the English language so important to learn?

- As you watch the following clip, respond to the following question:
- Why do so many people want to learn to speak English in the world today?
- http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/jay_walker_on_the_world_s_english_mania.html

Why are there so many variations in English?



Dialects of English

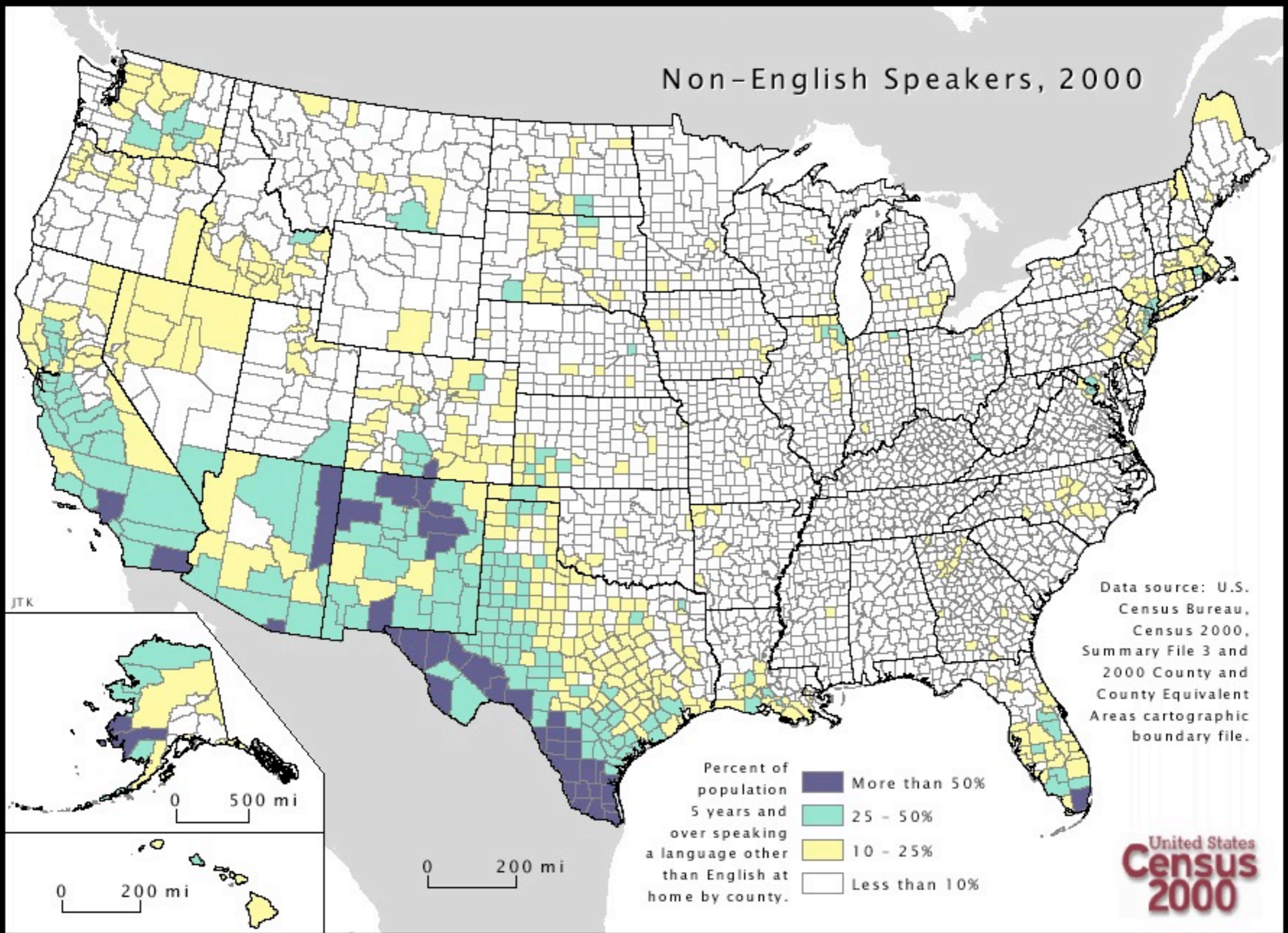
- dialect
 - regional variation (vocab, spelling, pronunciation)
 - Anyone want to sample a British accent?
- Who speaks **standard english**?
- Why don't Americans speak English with the same accent?
- isogloss - a boundary created between dialects

How did this happen?

How could this happen?

- <http://www.wimp.com/tangierisland>

Non-English Speakers, 2000



Data source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3 and 2000 County and County Equivalent Areas cartographic boundary file.



Exit Ticket:

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