DIALECTOLOGY
• Dialectology
  • Older term
  • Focus was on geographical differences
  • “Dialect” has negative connotation
  • “Variety” is more neutral
DIALECTOLOGY

• Sociolinguistics
  • Focuses on variation within same geographical area
  • Register, style
  • Effect of age, education, gender, social class
  • Language policy, political influences, bilingualism
NORTH AMERICA
WHAT DOES THIS TELL YOU?
DIALECTS HAPPEN BECAUSE OF CONTACT

- Who is friends with who on Facebook?
- How does this match up with dialect areas?
DIALECTS HAPPEN BECAUSE OF SETTLERS
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WHAT IS INTERESTING HERE?

Scandnavian Dialects

INLAND
- Icelandic
- Ladino
- Orkney
- Shetland

MAINLAND - NORTH
- Westlandic
- North Norwegian
- Ostlandic
- Trondhjem
- Nordlandic
- Swedish
- East Swedish
- Gotland

Please note that no borders should be taken as absolute.

http://www.incatena.org/viewtopic.php?t=32137
• Bert Vaux
• Joshua Katz, a statistician mapped these data
NORTH AMERICAN DIALECTS

- Where is this speaker from?
- American English is easy to understand, right?
British Accents

- The voices
WORLD ENGLISH DIALECTS

- International dialects of English archive
- The audio archive
- Speech accent archive
- Worldwide accents of English
- Canadian English
- Australian vocabulary
- South African English
- US/UK vocabulary differences
LANGUAGE ATTITUDES

- Where do people speak correct English (according to Michiganers)
• Where do people speak correct English (according to Alabamans)
LANGUAGE ATTITUDES

• Where do people speak pleasant English (according to Alabamans)