

## Attitudes toward language and dialect

If the web could overflow, it would be overflowing with opinions about language and German is no exception. You can find such stuff very easily:

General web search using terms like these:

- Dialekte Einstellungen
- Anglizismen Einstellungen
- Sprachverall
- Sprachkritik

Search for particular dialects, especially if coupled with other terms:

- Sächsisch
- Bairisch
- Fränkisch

Search in particular publications online, whether *Spiegel*, big papers like *Die Zeit*, or broadcast media. For many of these, regional sources are particularly useful, e.g. NDR and “Plattdeutsch”.

Pick some variety of German — e.g. Kiezdeutsch or some dialect, etc. — and find a set of popular publications about it, just a couple of magazine articles or broadcast pieces, and describe what they say about the variety, in terms of attitudes and values, language structures and language history.

Then provide a critique of those remarks: Are they accurate in terms of language description and history as far as you can tell?