

## Language Attitudes - Project 1 (Dialect)

Read the Language Myth by Dennis Preston at:

<http://www.pbs.org/speak/speech/prejudice/attitudes/>

Following this myth/research:

Survey how people in Portland feel about Portland speech

### 3 main questions:

- Is there a way of talking in Portland that's different from other areas in the US? (Distinctness) Is there a unique way of talking in Portland?
- Do you think people in Portland speak correctly? (Correctness) Whatever correctly means to you.
- Do you like the way people in Portland speak? (Pleasant)

Need to gather social info about your survey takers: approx age, sex, ethnicity, first language, occupation if you can ask, **where they are from (where they went to highschool)**.

## Language Attitudes - Project 2 (Change)

Read the article by Walt Wolfram on Language change at:

<http://www.pbs.org/speak/ahead/change/change/>

Following this myth/research:

Survey how people in Portland feel about language change

### 3 main questions:

- Do you think kids today talk differently than when you were a kid?
- Do you think it's (the language) better or worse today than when you were a kid?
- Do you talk differently than your parents?

Need to gather social info about your survey takers: approx age, sex, ethnicity, first language, occupation if you can ask, **where they are from (where they went to highschool)**.

## Language Attitudes - Project 3 (Gender)

Read the article by Janet Holmes on Language and gender at:

<http://www.pbs.org/speak/speech/prejudice/women/>

Following this myth/research: Survey how people in Portland feel about language and gender

### 3 main questions:

- Do you think men and women speak differently? (If yes) how so?
- What do you like about the way men talk? Women talk? What don't you like about the way men talk? Women talk?
- In general, do you think men or women speak more correctly? Examples

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\*\*\* Can also re-word questions to focus on sexual orientation vs. gender if you'd rather.

## Language Attitudes - Project 4 (Ethnicity)

Read articles on African-American English and Chicano English at:

<http://www.pbs.org/speak/seatosea/americanvarieties/AAVE/>

<http://www.pbs.org/speak/seatosea/americanvarieties/chicano/>

Following this myth/research: Survey how people in Portland feel about language and ethnicity

### 3 main questions:

- Do you think there are stereotypes about how certain ethnic groups speak English?  
Could you give me an example... (Asian, Native, African, Hispanic - Americans) (Just talking about people born and raised in the US)
- How accurate do you think they are?

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