

Dialect vs 'Proper' Language

Many individual Caribbean countries have their own distinct dialect or 'patois' in addition to the official language. There has been widespread debate on whether those dialects should be recognised as legitimate languages. The topic came up again among the French Caribbean community in Britain at their annual Creole Day celebrations. Some other countries want to follow the footsteps of Haiti which is the only country where Creole is an official language. WHAT DO YOU THINK? Do you think dialects should be officially recognised? Do you think of them as a language? Should people be encouraged to speak their own dialects? Give us your feedback: chatboutjamaica@gmail.com