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### **Linguistic Insecurity 40 years later**

An Index of Linguistic Insecurity was calculated for New York City in 1966; 20 years later a similar study found Winnipeg Canadians more secure than New Yorkers. 20 years later, undergraduates at a Michigan university were given comparable tasks. The Michiganders, who think local English is unparalleled in correctness, are as insecure as New Yorkers. This suggests a distinction between regional or group (in)security and personal (in)security. Details of such studies are also discussed: the status of the items (stereotypes or indicators), specific phonological facts (vowel versus consonant variation, segment or syllable deletion), and surrounding language ideologies.