

*Speaking With a Nonnative Accent: Perceptions of Bias, Communication Difficulties, and Belonging in the United States* is an article that flips the script on normal research on accent bias. Most research focusses on the listeners of nonnative accents and their attitudes towards the speakers of those accents. However, this article is important as it studies how speakers of nonnative accents feel that they are being perceived. The hypothesis of the experiments is that having a nonnative accent can create two challenges for speakers. The first being perceptions of stigmatization that people will not have a positive reaction to them when they speak. The second being actual communication challenges due to differences in pronunciation. The authors main focus was to study how these challenges affected the nonnative speakers feelings of belongingness. Their second study involved people with regional accents. These people also receive a level of stigmatization however they have less problems in actual communication. This tended to result in a greater feeling of belongingness in the united states. These results may indicate that stigma of accents may be very strongly linked to communication challenges as opposed to differences in intonation and pronunciation.

This article serves as my third scholarly article. It is the article that I will really use to round out my argument as their research was unique to much of the other research on accent bias. I think it is a very important experiment to conduct in which you survey the actual speakers of nonnative accent to better understand these struggles from their own perspective. I also found it significant that true problems in communication seem to be a main reason in why accent bias exist. This opens up the door to possibly explore ways in which we can learn to communicate more effectively despite differences in accents. This may be the true key to mitigating accent discrimination all together.

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