# Article information:

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# Article summary:

1. Braj Kachru's model of Inner, Outer, and Expanding circles for English worldwide has helped to recognize the value of denigrated varieties and alter perceptions of their communicative potential and prestige.

2. However, the model is limited by its political/historical view and ignores variation within locales where there is a significant gap between those who know English and those who do not.

3. To improve the model, it should shift focus from nation-states to English-speaking communities wherever they are found and recognize fundamental differences across contexts for English worldwide to arrive at descriptively adequate sociolinguistics and socially relevant language policies.

# Article rating:

Appears moderately imbalanced: The article provides some useful information, but is missing several important points or pieces of evidence that would be required to present the discussed topics in a balanced and reliable way. You are encouraged to seek a more balanced perspective on the presented issues by exploring the provided research topics and looking at different information sources.

# Article analysis:

该文章主要批判了Braj Kachru提出的Inner, Outer, and Expanding circles模型在描述英语全球化时存在的问题。作者认为该模型基于政治/历史视角，无法涵盖英语在非殖民地历史上的传播情况。此外，该模型忽略了地区内部的变异性，特别是在那些英语使用者和非使用者之间差距巨大的地方。总体而言，该模型鼓励对所有三个圈子中英语表现形式进行粗略描述，这些描述在社会语言学分析中不成立。

然而，在文章中并未提及该模型可能存在的潜在偏见及其来源、片面报道、无根据的主张、缺失的考虑点、所提出主张的缺失证据、未探索的反驳、宣传内容等问题。例如，该模型是否过于强调某些特定方言或口音？是否忽略了其他因素（如文化背景）对英语使用和传播的影响？是否考虑到了不同国家和地区对英语教育和使用的政策和实践？

因此，尽管文章指出了该模型存在一些问题，并提出了一些改进建议，但它仍然需要更深入地探讨这些问题，并提供更全面的分析和证据。同时，文章也需要更加平衡地呈现双方观点，避免过于偏袒某一方。

# Topics for further research:

* Potential biases and their sources in Kachru's model
* One-sided reporting and unsubstantiated claims in the model
* Missing considerations in the model
* such as cultural background and language policies
* Lack of evidence for the claims made in the model
* Unexplored counterarguments to the model
* Need for a more balanced presentation of both sides of the debate.

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