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**ONCE AGAIN ABOUT PROGRESSIVE
CONSONANTAL ASSIMILATION**

(Summary)

The article demonstrates that progressive consonantal assimilation is ancient in nature and is characteristic not only of Bulgarian, but also occurs in some Balkan and West Slavic languages. Idiolect's transcriptions of informers in the Municipality of Bregovo (Vidin) indicate that this process has high frequency and a much broader scope in the bilingual area northwest of the town of Vidin. A probable reason for this is the influence of the second communicative code (Wallachian dialect) on the Bulgarian speech of residents in the researched area, as the progressive assimilation in Romanian language is codified. The presence of progressive consonantal assimilation in Bulgarian language is associated with the evolution of the bilabial semivowel $w > \text{ɸ}$ and the late introduction of the pair $\text{ɸ} \sim \phi$.

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