

**THE FIRST PERSON PLURAL ENDING OF THE FIRST AND SECOND
CONJUGATION PRESENT VERB FORMS IN THE HISTORY
OF BULGARIAN LANGUAGE NORMS FROM 1945 UNTIL NOW**

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The article explores the history of Bulgarian language codification norms with regard to the 1st person plural ending of the 1st and 2nd conjugation present verb forms. This history outline serves as a theory base for a further comparison between the ending *-m* and nowadays' attitude of Bulgarians toward its non-standard variant *-me*. Since there are only three dictionaries in the period of 1945 until recently which have dealt with the question of codification, it is necessary for the third part of the article to examine the ongoing scientific discussion on the studied ending, as well as the linguistic geography data evidencing for it. The fourth part discusses some language attitudes, firstly, towards the uncodified ending *-me* and, secondly, towards all the natives who are using it. In order for a more complex and broad view on the studied speech phenomenon to be presented, the last part of the article draws conclusions out of the analysed scientific discussion and the review on the so-called direct codification, as well as summarises all possible attitudes of Bulgarians towards the uncodified variant *-me*.

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