Summary

Research in the past has indicated that speakers of Dutch in Flanders tend to avoid words that sound French to them or that they know from their own dialect, even if those words are perfectly acceptable in Standard Dutch. This tendency is explained by a long tradition of negative attitudes towards French and dialectal influences in Dutch language teaching in Flanders. This article is an attempt to demonstrate on the basis of more recent material that this anti-French and anti-dialect attitude is still very strong, also with younger speakers of Dutch.