# THE WORD-CHECK DICTIONARY

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#### **Advocacy**

#### /ˈædvəkəsi/

Advocacy is the act of supporting or promoting a cause, policy, or the interests of a group or individual. It involves actions aimed at influencing public opinion, government policies, and decisions within political, and social systems and institutions. economic, Advocates work to create change by raising awareness, educating others, and lobbying for specific outcomes. This can be done through various methods, such as organizing campaigns, writing opinion pieces, engaging with media, and participating in public speaking or protests.





Was a policy and system of legislation in South Africa that enforced racial segregation and discrimination against non-white citizens. It institutionalized existing racial segregation, sanctioning political, economic, and cultural discrimination, and limited contact between racial groups.







Are beliefs or suppositions accepted as true without proof, forming the foundation for decisions, thoughts, and actions. They are very normal but we must be aware of where these assumptions lead us.



Prejudice against individuals based on their social and or economic status.

# Colourism /ˈkʌlərɪzəm/

Prejudice against individuals based on their social and or economic status.





#### Communism /ˈkɒmjʊnɪzəm/

Political and economic ideology advocating for a classless society.

Consent /kənˈsɛnt/



Permission for something to happen or agreement to do something. It must be given freely, without coercion, and with full understanding of the implications.

# Constructive Criticism /kənˈstrʌktɪv ˈkrɪtɪsɪzəm/

Social media interaction that involves addressing a problematic topic by proposing alternative narratives or solutions.



Mobile platforms that facilitate romantic connections by matching users based on profiles, preferences, and interactions.



#### Derogatory Labels /dɪˈrɒɡətəri ˈleɪbəlz/

Derogatory labels are terms or adjectives used to belittle, demean, or insult individuals based on their identity, such as race, gender, sexual orientation, or ability. These labels often perpetuate stereotypes and contribute to a culture of hate and discrimination.



A period during which a person refrains from using digital or electronic devices to break a pattern of excessive or compulsive use, prioritizing face-to-face social interactions, mindfulness, and harmony with nature.



## Digital Wellbeing /ˈdɪdʒɪtl ˈwɛlˌbiːɪŋ/

The practice of using technology in a healthy and balanced way, being mindful of the time spent online, understanding the potential risks, and taking action to ensure positive digital experiences.

# Discrimination /dI<sub>.</sub>skrImI'neIJƏn/

Unjust or prejudicial treatment of individuals or groups based on characteristics such as race, gender, age, religion, or sexual orientation.



#### Doomscrolling

# /ˈduːmskrəʊlɪŋ/

The act of spending excessive time online scrolling through news or other content that makes one feel sad, anxious, or angry, often leading to a negative impact on mental health.



A form of artistry for comedic entertainment, and/or performative purposes. It involves the exaggeration of attributes and behaviors typically associated with women, men and artists in general.

#### Empathy /ˈεmpəθi/

The ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. It involves putting yourself in someone else's shoes and feeling what they are feeling.

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#### Equality /Iˈkwɒlɪti/

The state or quality of being equal, where different groups of people have a similar social position, receive the same treatment, and have the same opportunities, ensuring fairness in status, rights, and opportunities.



The quality of being fair and impartial, ensuring that everyone is treated fairly according to their needs without special treatment for any group.



Principles and standards that guide behavior as right or wrong, often based on moral philosophy and societal norms.



#### Exclusionary Language /Ikˈskluːʒənəriˈlæŋgwɪdʒ/

Exclusionary language refers to words or expressions that marginalize, alienate, or discriminate against certain groups of people, often reinforcing social inequalities and power imbalances. Such language can perpetuate stereotypes and hinder inclusive communication.





False or misleading information presented as news, often created to damage reputations, influence political views, or generate advertising revenue.



Freedom of speech is the right to express one's opinions and ideas without fear of government retaliation or censorship. It encompasses the ability to share thoughts publicly, engage in discussions, and access diverse viewpoints. This fundamental right is essential for a democratic society, as it allows for open dialogue and the exchange of ideas.

#### Inclusivity /Inˈkluː.sɪvɪti/

Inclusivity is the practice of creating an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to participate fully.



## Intersectionality /ˌIntəɹˌsεk∫əˈnælīti/

A framework for understanding how various aspects of a person's social and political identities combine to create different modes of discrimination and privilege.



The ability to critically analyze, evaluate, and create media in various forms, understanding its influence and impact on society.

# Media Roles /ˈmiːdiə rəʊlz/

Encompass shaping public opinion, providing information, acting as a watchdog over institutions, influencing popular culture and societal perceptions, and serving as a communication channel for politicians and the public.

# Microaggressions /ˌmaɪkrəʊ əˈɡrɛ∫ənz/

Subtle demeaning comments or actions against members of marginalized groups usually with prejudice and negative connotation.



Movement from one place to another, usually between regions in search of a better life.



A group within a larger population that is different in some way from the majority, often based on characteristics like ethnicity, religion, or culture.



Power is the ability to influence or control people or events. Power can also refer to the capacity to shape narratives, sway public opinion, and determine the distribution of information across various media platforms.



A pride parade is an event celebrating LGBTQ+ social and self-acceptance achievements, legal rights, and pride. It serves as a public demonstration of the LGBTQ+ community's visibility, unity, and diversity, fostering awareness and advocacy for equal rights.

#### Propaganda / prɒpəˈɡændə/



Propaganda is biased or misleading information used to promote a particular political cause or viewpoint. It often employs emotional appeals, selective facts, and persuasive techniques to influence public opinion and behavior.



The level of understanding and knowledge among the general population about a specific issue.



Social justice is the fair treatment and equitable status of all individuals and social groups, ensuring that everyone has access to the same rights and opportunities. It seeks to address and rectify inequalities and injustices within society, promoting a system where all voices are heard and valued.



Unity and mutual support within a group, particularly among individuals with shared interests, goals, or struggles.

#### Stereotyping /ˈstɛrɪəˌtaɪpɪŋ/



Stereotypes are generalized beliefs or assumptions about a particular group of people, often based on characteristics such as race, gender, or age. These oversimplified ideas can lead to misconceptions and reinforce societal norms, impacting how individuals perceive and interact with each other.

#### Stone Wall /stəʊn wɔːl/



Refers to the Stonewall Riots, a pivotal event in LGBTQ+ history.



Systemic issues are problems that are deeply embedded in the policies, practices, and culture of institutions and societies. These issues often perpetuate inequality and injustice, making them difficult to identify and address.

The classification of gender into two distinct and opposite forms of masculine and feminine.

**Binary Gender** 

/'baɪnəri 'dʒɛndər/



## Gender Expression // /ˈdʒɛndər ɪkˈsprɛ∫ən/

The external manifestation of one's gender identity, typically expressed through behavior, clothing, haircut, voice, and other forms of presentation.

#### Gender Identity /ˈdʒɛndər aɪˈdɛntɪti/

A personal conception of oneself as male, female, a blend of both, or neither, which can be the same or different from one's sex assigned at birth.



# **Gender Nonconformity**

A state in which a person does not adhere to society's expectations of gender roles or appearance.



#### **Gender Roles** /ˈdʒɛndər roʊlz/

The social and behavioral norms considered appropriate for individuals of a specific gender in the context of a specific culture.





An invisible barrier that prevents women and minorities from advancing to the highest levels in a hierarchy.



A branch of feminism that identifies how different aspects of social and political discrimination overlap with gender.

#### LGBTQ+ ∕ˌɛlˌdʒiːˌbiːˌtiːˈkjuː pl∧s∕

An acronym representing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and others (including intersex, asexual, etc.).



#### Multiple Discrimination /ˈmʌltɪpl dɪˌskrɪmɪˈneɪʃən/

Experiencing discrimination on more than one ground at the same time: multiple aspects such as identity, race, sex, gender, age, disability.



Patriarchy /ˈpeɪtriˌɑːrki/

A social system in which men hold primary power and dominate roles of political leadership, moral authority, and control of property, often resulting in the systematic oppression of marginalized groups. This structure not only perpetuates gender inequality but also fosters an environment where hate and discrimination can thrive, impacting social dynamics and individual identities across generations.





The disparity in income between different groups, often referring to the difference in earnings between men and women.

#### Patronising Speech /'pætrənaɪzɪŋ spiːtʃ/

Patronizing speech is when someone talks to others in a way that makes them feel less important or capable, often using a tone that suggests they are superior or more knowledgeable. This kind of speech can be misleading as it may come across as caring, but it actually undermines the confidence and abilities of the person being spoken to.



Harmony in the absence of violence, crime, fear. An active process to achieve equality and goodness in the world.



Material that depicts explicit sexual content intended to arouse sexual excitement.



Queer is an umbrella term for sexual and gender not heterosexual who are minorities or not cisgender, encompassing a diverse range of identities and experiences that challenge traditional norms around sexuality and gender. This term reflects a spectrum of identities that can include those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, and more, emphasizing the importance of self-identification and community acceptance.





The biological attributes that distinguish organisms as male or female.

#### Sexual Harassment /ˈsɛk∫uəl həˈræsmənt/

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that create a hostile work or learning environment.



Describing a person whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth.

#### Women's Rights /'wImInz raIts/

The rights claimed for women, such as equal pay, reproductive rights, and the right to vote and hold public office.

#### Websites that talk about hate speech:

https://www.un.org/en/hate-speech

https://www.britannica.com/topic/hate-speech

https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/hate-speech/

#### **Organizations to seek support from:**



*National Council for Combating Discrimination* https://equineteurope.org/eb/cp-slug-39/

*ActiveWatch* https://activewatch.ro

*Romani CRISS* https://www.romarchive.eu/en/collection/p/romanicriss/

*Centre for Legal Resources* https://www.crj.ro/en/about-crj/

*Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania* https://www.inshr-ew.ro/en/

*ACCEPT* https://acceptromania.ro

*Divers* https://divers.org.ro

Belgium:

*Rapporter La Haine (RAHA)* https://belgium.iom.int/rapporter-la-haine-raha

*HateAid:* https://hateaid.org/en/protest-dsa-brusselsprotestdsa-brussels/

*The federal Ombudsman* https://www.federaalombudsman.be/en/contact-us

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law https://www.lawyerscommittee.org/project/no-hateresource-hotline/



*Council of Europe - Combating Hate Speech* https://www.coe.int/en/web/combating-hatespeech/contact-us

Commission for equality and against racial discrimination (CICDR) Portugal +351 218 106 100



*Help for victims of abuse* +421 850 111 321

*Help for youth and children* 116111

*Nonstop hotline for domestic abuse for women* +421 800 212 212

Armenia:



*Coalition of Domestic Violence Support Centers* https://www.facebook.com/CoalitionDVSupportCenters? mibextid=LQQJ4d

*Women's Rights House NGO* https://www.facebook.com/womensrightshouseNGO? mibextid=LQQJ4d

Human rights house Yerevan https://www.facebook.com/HRHYerevan? mibextid=LQQJ4d

*Life without pain* https://www.facebook.com/StopThePainAm? mibextid=LQQJ4d

*Pink Armenia* https://www.facebook.com/pinkarmenia? mibextid=LQQJ4d

Italy:

*Trinaqueeria* trinaqueeria@gmail.com https://www.instagram.com/trinaqueeria/

*Ufficio Nazionale Antidiscriminazioni Razziali* https://www.unar.it/portale/

*Official number for action against Violence and Stalking* 1522

*Gay Helpline* https://gayhelpline.it/

*Disabili.com, 24/7 hotline to denounce ableism* 800572775



*Zagreb Pride* https://zagreb-pride.net/

*Kuća ljudskih prava* http://www.kucaljudskihprava.hr/

*Inicijativa mladih za ljudska prava (YIHR)* https://www.yihr.hr/

*lskorak* https://www.iskorak.hr/

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https://<u>www.oxfordreference.com/display/10.1093/oi/au</u> thority.20110803095924237

#### **Cambridge Dictionary**

https://<u>dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/min</u> <u>ority</u>

**Britannica** https://<u>www.britannica.com/topic/homophobia</u>

#### **United States Courts**

https://<u>www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-</u> <u>courts/educational-resources/about-educational-</u> <u>outreach/activity-resources/what-does</u>

#### Cornell Law School - Legal Information Institute

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/discrimination

#### Study.com

https://<u>study.com/academy/lesson/herd-behavior-in-</u> <u>humans-definition-models.html</u>

#### **Hate Speech International**

https://www.hate-speech.org