



## The Great A-Woke-ning: A Guide to the Language of the Left

*"Speak English!" said the Eaglet. "I don't know the meaning of half those long words, and, what's more, I don't believe you do either!" Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland*

**Virtue signal:** To take a conspicuous, but essentially useless or disingenuous action to show support for a good cause, when actually the intent is to boost one's image or reputation by showing off how much more moral you are than everyone else. **LEFT SPEAK:** What celebrities, politicians and companies do when they try to appear to be politically woke.

**White fragility:** An indestructible racism. A core belief of Critical Race Theory is that all white people are racist, whether they think they are or not. **LEFT SPEAK:** If a white person denies being racist, or becomes defensive, angry or upset when accused of "privilege" or racism, or rejects any aspect of Critical Race Theory, he or she will be accused of "fragility." It's not that they disagree — it's that they're too emotionally weak to accept the truth.

**White privilege:** Inherent unearned advantages possessed by a white person on the basis of their race in a society characterized by racial inequality and injustice towards minorities. **LEFT SPEAK:** White people are to blame for racial inequities.



**Woke:** Implies being aware or well informed in a political or cultural sense of "true reality" when it comes to racial discrimination, oppression and injustice in society. **LEFT SPEAK:** Woke people are heavily informed and actively involved with liberal social issues. Wokeness is rooted in a belief held by some on the left that people are only conservative because they are uneducated. If only people were smarter, more informed, more woke, then surely they would see the Democratic light and switch sides.

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Language and culture are inextricably linked. As social and economic factors affect culture, so too is language impacted. This is especially true now as we see global as well as national shifts in how we view and treat each other. We find ourselves at the center of a cultural shift which has been defined as "woke". A word which itself has been permuted over time from meaning awake, to aware to educated to a dividing line which the Left uses to separate out those who are smarter and properly informed. Changes in meaning and the addition of new words to a language are common over time.

**WOKE** = Individual sense of self that your reality is the absolute truth.

**WOKISM** = Having become "woke", groupthink that bestows one with the right to police the speech of others and prove one's superiority by denouncing those who are not as woke as you.

Dictionaries add new words all of the time. However, when language is filled with words that seem to be deliberately ambiguous and contradictory, when it is used to mislead and manipulate because they sound familiar and comfortable, but carry far different meanings, it is easy to wander unknowingly into that cultural abyss. Let's educate ourselves and see what the Left is really about. After all education is power.

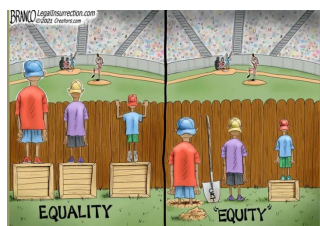
**Anti-racism:** A tit for tat form of racism replacing bias against one race for racism against another race.

**LEFT SPEAK:** As an “antiracist” you must agree that our society, in every aspect, is racist and that the remedy is to embrace sweeping new forms of racial discrimination.

**Critical Race Theory:** Belief that people of European descent (white people) make society racist for their own benefit. Racism is inescapable and often invisible but accounts for all disparities in non-white groups.

**LEFT SPEAK:** If you are white, you’re an oppressor, even if you don’t realize it.

Key words: diversity, equity, antiracism.



Equality = Equal Opportunities.

Equity = Equal Outcomes.

**Equity:** Commonly understood to mean fairness or justice, but now used to specifically mean the *equality of outcomes* between different racial groups. On the surface, equity sounds like a good idea, but in actual practice, it has been equated with leveling the playing field by lowering expectations. **LEFT SPEAK:** Talented and Gifted (TAG) Programs should be eliminated because they are unfair to those students not identified as TAG. College level classes shouldn’t be taught in high school because not all students are able to perform at that level. Instead of boosting student performance, the proficiency requirement for high school graduation is eliminated in the name of racial equity.

**Hate Speech:** Considered by the Left to be most of the “free speech” protected under the First Amendment which is not “woke”. **LEFT SPEAK:** If America were a properly woke society, then there would be no need for the First Amendment because we would all believe the same thing.

**Identity politics:** Political beliefs based on an aspect of one’s identity (sex, gender, religion, etc.) rather than personal belief. **LEFT SPEAK:** The demand is not for inclusion, but rather for recognition on the basis of the very ground which makes one WOKE = Individual sense of self that your reality is the absolute truth.

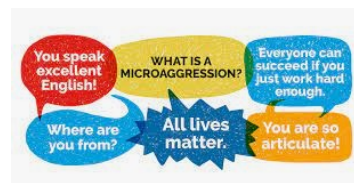
**Implicit bias:** Bias or prejudice that is present but not consciously held or recognized. **LEFT SPEAK:** Unconscious bigotry which results from cultural upbringing in a white society.

**Inclusive:** The opposite of exclusive. **LEFT SPEAK:** to take pains to ensure that no one is ever excluded. This includes advocating for free college tuition for those who can’t afford it and special considerations for every disability, perceived or real. Often translated to “all expenses paid”.

**Intersectional:** That place in one’s life where all disadvantages intersect. For instance, if you are a poor, minority female, you are thrice disadvantaged. **LEFT SPEAK:** The more disadvantages you have the more oppressed you are.



**#MeToo:** Originally a social movement originating among women advocating for survivors of sexual harassment or violence. **LEFT SPEAK:** The adoption or imitation of another person’s views or policies, often for political advantage.



**Micro-aggression:** A comment or action perceived as bigoted. **LEFT SPEAK:** Most normal everyday interactions are underlain with bigoted intent, and thereby offensive.

**Racist:** Someone who supports a racist policy through actions or inaction or expressing a racist idea. One detail to notice is that one can now be deemed a “racist” for inaction as well as action. **LEFT SPEAK:** Anyone not actively espousing the woke political agenda is termed a racist.

**Social Justice:** This phrase is cleverly designed to make radical political views sound non-political and virtuous. Often the result of reframing particular political demands as universal moral imperatives. The phrase itself has no concrete meaning, which is part of why it is so useful. **LEFT SPEAK:** The five principles of social justice are access to resources (access) , equity (outcome) , participation (access) , diversity (outcome) and human rights (outcome). Anyone who disagrees is considered an advocate for injustice.

**Systemic racism:** the *only* permissible explanation for differences in outcomes between racial groups (not age, income, family structure, education, etc.). The concept of “systemic racism” is intended to be hard to pin down: If you ask how a “system” — as opposed to individual people and their individual actions — can be racist, you will not get a coherent answer. **LEFT SPEAK:** Generational racism practiced (or not practiced) mostly by white against people of color .