



Older source material in research may use language that is offensive or harmful to the people it describes. While you should avoid perpetuating an author's biases or using derogatory language in your own writing, it is important that we not ignore, dismiss, or misrepresent the prejudices of others. This is especially true when we write about traditionally marginalized groups and violent language.

When analyzing sources that use outdated or derogatory language, you should:

- Paraphrase needed information and explain the author's use of language.
- If necessary, quote the source but use an ellipsis to omit the author's language and provide context within the source and your writing.
- If unsure how to incorporate outdated source material, consult your professor.

Inclusive language and unbiased language often depend on the context of the writing.