Inclusive Language

Using inclusive language is the practice of consciously thinking about the origins and the impact of the language that one uses in order to create more socially just communities. Striving for understanding and mutual agreement is seen as a sustainable way of being in community with others.

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist."
- Golda Meir

Political Correctness

Political correctness is the value or practice of using language with the intention or goal of minimizing perceived offences and avoiding controversial social dynamics. Achieving understanding and mutual agreement is seen as being too difficult and emotionally taxing, so community is built upon superficial tolerance and silence.

"When truth is replaced by silence, the silence is a lie."
- Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Censorship

Censorship is the practice of suppressing language or ideas, through legal, institutional, or organizational means, that one finds offensive. Compliance and control is seen as important and community is created through intimidation and fear.

The worst thing about censorship is

"We change people through conversation, not through censorship."
- Jay-Z, Decoded

your voice. your choice.