Impact of this Phrase
This phrase is used to describe something as inappropriate or deficient and supports stereotypical beliefs that the culture and environments of racial and ethnic minorities and individuals who are from a lower socioeconomic status are inferior, delinquent, and unequal.

Alternatives to this Phrase
If we are not conscious of the impact that our words carry, we may inadvertently use the power of our voice to oppress and degrade others. Here are some alternative phrases/words that can be used to transform how we understand and relate with each other through our daily interactions:

- Inappropriate
- Improper
- Out of order/place/line
- Broken
- Shady
- Messed up

Whether or not we understand the power of our words, we still use them…

so what kind of impact do you want to make?

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