

Temple University Press Policy on the Treatment of Biased, Derogatory, or Offensive Language in Press Publications

Temple University Press acknowledges our responsibility as both a custodian of our readers' experience and a custodian of the written word to avoid the perpetuation of language historically used to do harm. We also recognize the essential role of scholarship in documenting the negative impact the use of dehumanizing language has and continues to have. As such, our policy on the treatment of biased, derogatory, or offensive language in Press publications is as follows.

Our preferred treatment, in both original text and quotations, is to include only the portion of the offensive word or words needed for it to be recognizable. This may be the first letter with the balance redacted, or the first and last letter in the case of plural use. However, we understand that a blanket policy is not possible. Context matters and we require that authors acknowledge and explain their considered treatment of the term in the book's introduction and a footnote upon the first use of an offensive term within each chapter.

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