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Mingle Mingle: Practicing Pronouns

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MINGLE, MINGLE: PRACTICING PRONOUNS

IF I DON'T KNOW SOMEONE'S PRONOUNS, HOW DO I ASK?

INTRODUCE YOURSELF WITH YOUR OWN PRONOUNS! IF YOU HAVE ALREADY MET, JUST SAY, "I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I GET IT RIGHT, WHAT PRONOUNS DO YOU USE?" AND MOVE FORWARD FROM THERE.

WHAT IF I USE THE WRONG PRONOUN ON ACCIDENT?

QUICKLY APOLOGIZE, CORRECT YOURSELF, AND MOVE ON. DON'T MAKE A BIG DEAL OF IT, OR IT WILL DRAW MORE ATTENTION TO YOUR MISTAKE AND COULD MAKE THAT PERSON UNCOMFORTABLE.

GENDER-NEUTRAL LANGUAGE TO USE INSTEAD

WHEN ADDRESSING LARGE GROUPS, USE SOME OF THESE:

- Y'ALL
- FOLKS OR FOLX
- EVERYONE
- PEOPLE
- FRIENDS
- SETTERS

HERE IS A LIST OF COMMONLY GENDERED TERMS AND WHAT YOU CAN USE INSTEAD:

- INSTEAD OF "MANKIND" TRY "HUMANKIND"
- INSTEAD OF "FRESHMAN" TRY "FIRST-YEAR STUDENT"
- INSTEAD OF "FIREMAN," "CONGRESSMAN," OR "WAITRESS" TRY "FIREFIGHTER," "LEGISLATOR," OR "SERVER" (THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER GENDERED PROFESSIONS, BUT YOU CAN TYPICALLY NEUTRALIZE THEM ALL!)

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