abandon transitive verb [OED 1417–] Do away with (an institution, law, or practice) (recently prominent in calls to abandon the police, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the electoral college; see also DEFUND)

2007 Oct. 24, Rupert Howe (@twitt3rvlog), Twitter: dear political parties, please let go of your wealth and power: abandon the electoral college and institute proportional representation.

2010 May 9, Amber Walker (@ACWalker620), Twitter: This is why we need to abandon the police http://tinyurl.com/33truh3 [link to Hugh Collins, “Seattle Detective Apologizes for Racial Epithet,” AOLNews, May 8, 2010]

2010 July 13, @PunkJohnnyCash, Twitter: I vote 4 the abolish ICE & free migration approach RT @mkolken: ICE urges uniform federal approach on immigration

2016 July 11, The Kelly File, Fox News (see video): [Jessica Disu:] My organizing and activism has been on intral-community–intercommunity bias, we understand, like she was talking about. How bi– bias is– We got the point. We’re not trying to say is we need solutions. [Megyn Kelly:] Let her finish. Let her finish [Disu:] We need to abandon the police. Period. [Kelly:] Abolish the police? [Disu:] Demilitarize the police, disarm the police, and we need to come up with community solutions for transformative justice.

2016 Nov. 9, Aaron Black, “Abolish the electoral college? Dream on, Democrats,” The Fix, Washington Post: Back in 1934, a vote to abolish the electoral college failed in the Senate by just two votes. At the time, then-Sen. Alben Barkley (D-Ky.), who would later become vice president, labeled the system “useless.”
2019 Nov. 20, Charlotte Clymer (@cmclymer), Twitter: Haven’t said this in a while, so just a friendly reminder: / Abolish ICE. They don’t protect our country, and they inflict harm on innocents.

2019 Dec. 13, @brexitforexitt, Twitter: Dear @BorisJohnson as you can see, the people have spoken. / So please listen closely. / Abolish the TV licence. / Scrap HS2 / Scrap the Foreign Aid Budget / Ban Halal slaughter / And that’s just the start.

2019 Dec. 23, David Hogg (@davidhogg111), Twitter: Abolish private prisons

2020 Jan. 4, Kevin Gannon (@TheTattooedProf), Twitter: Out in front of the conference hotel was a table with a sign reading “immigrant rights” and “abolish ICE” but instead, it was two WSW bros passing out flyers proclaiming that “historians” have shown the 1619 Project is “fraudulent.” Nice fucking praxis.

2020 Feb. 17, @pjbrammer, Twitter: “abolish ICE!!!” was fully just a Twitter meme for some of you lol

2020 Feb. 20, Karl Sharro (@KarlrMarks), Twitter: We should abolish all international organisations and replace them with WhatsApp groups.

2020 Apr. 13, @kkstefany, Twitter: Save the post office / Abolish ICE

2020 May 5, @_SkyAndTheCity, Twitter: abolish unpaid internships

2020 May 22, @SamBodenius, Twitter: We should abolish flat head screws.

2020 May 28, Bree Newsome Bass (@BreeNewsome), Twitter: Abolish the police. The police forces murder someone and then are allowed to unleash violence at will against civilians to let off their steam. They are the source of the violence and not the source of the peace. Abolishing police *is* the reform.

2020 May 29, @junaudaalma, Twitter: My city fired the police from the schools today and this brings joy! This moment is yielding actual change. Let’s keep the momentum and abolish the police and hire healers and therapists and first responders that aren’t trigger and lynching happy. #MinneapolisUprising

2020 June 5, @jaboukie, Twitter: liberals: listen to black women ❤ / black women: abolish the police / liberals: listen ❤

2020 June 6, @apihtawikosisan, Twitter: Abolish. Not shrink, nor shift, nor privatize. / #AbolishPolice / #AbolishTheState

2020 June 6, see quotation s.v. DEFUND

2020 June 7, @magi_jay, Twitter: I think it’s a mistake to ask Democratic politicians to adopt language like “Abolish the Police.” But that’s a different argument than saying activists shouldn’t use this language. I’ve been guilty of blurring the line here and, when I’ve done so, it’s come off as prescriptivist.

2020 June 8, @cursivebones, Twitter: abolish the police is not a cute, catchy slogan like “cashmeoutside”. abolish the police means police should not exist. as long as there have been blk people, there have been abolitionists. do not insult them by using abolish & reform interchangeably.

2020 June 8, Emily VanDerWerff, “The narrative power of ‘abolish the police’: It’s not just a policy proposal. It’s also an idea of what the country could be,” Vox (see accompanying image)

2020 June 9, @existentialcoms, Twitter: People are saying it is naive to think we can abolish the police. But the greatest naivety is to think no progress can be made, and that we will be forever trapped with the present system. Every generation believed so and every generation was wrong. / A better world will come.

2020 June 9, Am Very Smart, “Abolish the Police,” Urban Dictionary: The stupidest fucking idea that has ever come out of someone’s mouth

2020 June 10, @CaseyExplosion, Twitter: But if we abolish police, what’s next? Abolishing prisons? Military? Landlords? For profit healthcare? Oh no! Won’t somebody think of the profits!

2020 June 12, Marimae Kaba, “Yes, We Mean Literally Abolish the Police: Because reform won’t happen,” New York Times: People like me who want to abolish prisons and police, however, have a vision of a different society, built on cooperation instead of individualism, on mutual aid instead of self-preservation.

2020 June 13, Sarah Tuttle (@niais), Twitter: As people I never thought would are chanting "Black Lives Matter", let me introduce you to a next step. "Defund the police!" and “Abolish the police!” / I also present for your consideration the idea of the prison industrial complex.

2020 June 19, see quotation s.v. DEFUND

2020 July 16, see quotation s.v. DEFUND

2020 Oct. 26, see quotation s.v. DEFUND

2020 Dec. 2, see quotation s.v. DEFUND

2020 Dec. 16, Lissa Skitolsky, Hip-Hop as Philosophical Text and Testimony: Can I Get a Witness? (Lanham, Md.: Lexington), 147: The ongoing nationwide protests have popularized the hip-hop call to defund and abolish the police force that has always functioned as a state agency to terrorize and kill black people for the sake of our American white supremacy.

antiracism noun, also attributive Practice of opposing discrimination, intolerance, and violence against an individual or group based on race or ethnicity —antiracist adjective —antiracist noun

1937 Sept. 8, “Anti-Semitism World Problem, Says Cherniack,” Winnipeg Evening Tribune, 24 (Newspapers.com): Attendance of officials of several governments and of representatives of a United States Nego organization at the
second Congress Against Racism and Anti-Semitism in Paris last month, indicated that “anti-Semitism is no longer a national, but a world problem,” according to J. A. Cherniak. [...] Some 327 delegates from 227 countries attended the Anti-Racism congress, Mr. Cherniak reported.

1939 Feb. 27, John Elliott, “Azana Leaves, Recognition of Franco Due,” The Sun (Baltimore, Md.), 1 (Newspapers.com): [Former French Premier Pierre-Etienne Flandin] predicted that 1939 would see “the consolidation of peace” if the statesmen of the world devoted themselves to a policy of negotiating commercial treaties and extending international credits instead of preaching rival ideological doctrines of racism and anit-racism, Fascism and anti-Fascism.


1947, Henry Pratt Fairchild, Race and Nationality as Factors in American Life (New York: Ronald), 96 (chapter title & text): Anti-Racism / The arrogant, brutal, and indefensible doctrine of “racism” has called into existence an opposing body of belief and activity for where there seems to be no better designation than “anti-racism.” [...] They are champions of tolerance, broad-mindedness, humanitarianism, and equality.

1957 Apr., Mercer Cook, “Haiti’s ‘Youngest’ Ambassador,” The Crisis 64, no. 4: 215: On the other hand, he [Dantès Bellegarde] has never hesitated to speak out for what he considers just, whether it be women’s rights or peasants’ rights, anti-racism, morality in education and in government, Pan-Americanism, or international cooperation.

1961, “An Analysis of Three Developments in World Affairs,” The Great Ideas Today, 1961 (Chicago: W. Benton), 98: Meanwhile, the Communist governments—China as well as those of Europe—portray themselves as “Africa’s most loyal and unselshf ally” (in Premier Khrushchev’s words) and emphasize their historic anti-colonialism and anti-racism and their more recent “peaceful coexistence” platform.

1971 Jan., Black Scholar 52, no. 1: 6 (OED): Blackness, the black author says, despite his antiracism and despite his belief in the potentialities of man, blackness must not disappear.

1990, Nicole Carroll, “Controversies Ignite Turmoil,” Sun Devil Spark (Arizona State Univ. yearbook), vol. 63: 25 (Internet Archive): The sit-in ended when the presidents of ASU and the Arizona Board of Regents agreed to support a 12-point anti-racism plan proposed by Students Against Racism.

1998, Susan E. Davies and Sister Paul Teresa Hennessee, Ending Racism in the Church (Cleveland, Ohio: United Church Press), 11: The aim of team members is to begin the work of institutionalizing anti-racism as an overt, visible aspect of the church’s identity.

2004, Louise Derman-Sparks and Patricia G. Ramsey, What If All the Kids Are White? (New York: Teachers College, Columbia Univ), 97: One disturbing pattern is the persistent difficulty many whites have in accepting leadership from colleagues of color and yielding their power and privilege even within the civil rights and anti-racism movements.

2007 Sept. 24, Pam Kapoor (@pamusement), Twitter: oh god, maybe i should just leave anti-racism training to people with higher pain thresholds.

2015 Dec. 22, Krithika Varagur, “An Anti-Racism Campaign Is Reminding Americans That #WeAreBetterThanThis,” HuffPost (head)

2016 Jan. 13, Marlon James, "Are you racist? ‘No’ isn’t a good enough answer,” The Guardian, YouTube (head): Several months ago, in response to Ferguson, Baltimore, the killings of Freddie Gray and Tamir Rice, my friend Cathryn put up a Facebook post breaking down the difference between non-racism and anti-racism. Most of us are non-racist. Because racism is looked upon as some moral lapse, we feel quite self-assured by simply not being racist. "I’m not a bigot." “I don’t sing that N-word when my favorite rap jam comes on.” “I didn’t vote for that guy.” “I’m not burning any crosses.” “I’m not a skinhead.” “I don’t, I won’t,” “I’m not,” “I’ve never,” “I can’t.” What you end up with is an entire moral stance, an entire code for living your life and dealing with all the injustice in the world by not doing a damn thing. That’s the great thing about “non-”; you can put it off by simply rolling over in your bed and going to sleep. So why are you sitting at home and watching things unfold on TV instead of doing something about it? Because you’re a non-racist, not an anti-racist.


2020 June 7, Liz Kleinrock (@teachntransform), Twitter: Anti racism is about your actions. Consuming information about anti racism does not make you anti racist. #BlackLivesMatter

2020 July 9, ABC7 News, KGO-TV San Francisco (head): [Liz Kreutz:] As we start to explore these issues, can you talk a little about terminology, because that’s critical here, especially the term anti-racism. What does it mean to be anti-racist as opposed to just saying, “Oh, I’m not racist”? [Jesika Murphy:] Sure, yeah, to be anti-racist means that you’re actively working against the system of racism, which is embedded in our everyday culture. It’s not enough to simply say, “Oh, I’m not racist,” because you’re not really doing anything to help end racism. And if you’re not a BIPOC individual, you are inherently benefiting from being white-skinned, light-skinned, whatever it might be.

2020 July 10, hellyeahanarchistposters, Tumblr: “Racism is also a Virus. Treat it with active & continued anti-racism” (see accompanying image)
2020 Aug., Anti-Racism Toolkit, IDEAL Engage Manager Toolkit, Cardinal at Work, Stanford Univ. (see accompanying image)

2020 Nov. 12, kweenwerk, TikTok (see video): Let’s talk about what it means to be anti-racist. Anti-racist is an action. It means that you are actively against racism, that you call it out when you see it, that you reject it when it is around you, right? Um, it is not enough to just see racism happening and know that it is bad. You have to actively work to stop it. So using that framework, we could see that calls for us to come together in the name of moving forward as a country that does not also call for a reckoning with the racism of the past is not, not anti-racism.

Before Time; Before Times noun Period of time preceding an apocalyptic event

1966 Oct. 27, Adrian Spies (writer) and Vincent McEveety (dir.), “Miri,” Star Trek, CBS, season 1, ep. 8 (see video): [Capt. Kirk (William Shatner):] You said something about the Grups doing bad things? Yelling? Hurting? Burning? [Miri (Kim Darby):] That’s when they started to get sick, in the Before Time. We hid, then they were gone. Am I doing all right? [Kirk:] You’re doing fine. [Dr. McCoy (DeForest Kelley):] You said the Grups got it. Is that why there aren’t any around? [Miri:] Yes, they died, but that was after the awful things. [McCoy:] A plague, captain. That could explain a lot of it. […] [Jahn (Michael Pollard):] And you know Grups. You know what they do. The hurting. Killing. [Jahn’s friend (John Megna):] I remember, Jahn, the way it was. [Jahn:] That’s right, the way it was in the Before Time.

1975, Andre Norton, No Night without Stars (New York: Atheneum), 246: “Just this: we have tried long to live upon the remnants of the Before Time, ever looking backward. But why should we? There is no night without a star, so the blackness of our night can be lighted by our own efforts. We are ourselves, not the Before Ones.”


1988. Robert Reed, “Oort Cloud,” Synergy: New Science Fiction, no. 4: 44: How did the war begin? What was life like in those before-times? Why were you the only ones to escape? Was it true? Did everyone else actually die?

1994. T. Jackson King, “Sumiko’s Hope,” Absolute Magnitude: The Magazine of Science Fiction Adventures, no. 2 (Spring 1995): 57: Floating weightless, we hung spoony-fashion, he looking past my head out at the same white-dotted blackness of space that I watched. Jamie shifted and hugged me closer, reminding me of the way Momma and Poppa had made love together, in free-fall, ages ago. Dreamily, I remembered the before-times. The times when there had been enough to eat…

2000 Dec. 13, Trey Parker (writer, dir.), “The Wacky Molestation Adventure,” South Park, Comedy Central, season 4, ep. 16 (see video): [Stan:] All right. Everybody gather round. We’re gonna tell the story of the Before Time again. [Kids:] The Before Time. [Stan:] Way back, in the long long ago, we all lived by the birth-givers’ laws. But the birth-givers were unfair. They made us go to bed early and eat broccoli. [Kids:] Yuck, yuck, yuck. [Stan:] And so the Fatass came up with a way to have all the birth-givers disappear, by using the magic M word. [Kids:] Mmm. [Stan:] Soon we were without power, water, or fresh food. But we tried to survive. […] We all know that one day, the Provider will set us free. Make everything like it was in the Before Time, in the long, long ago.

2011 Dec. 5, @danslimmon, Twitter: Tonight I heard “Don’t Want To Live Without Your Love” by Chicago. I will fondly refer to all days before today as “in the before time.”
Anna Kendrick: You’d think like watching new movies and new TV shows drop on platforms like Netflix now, after those movies and TV shows were filmed in the before times—before coronavirus, before protests, before the fire season out West—so much of the new stuff that we’re watching these days, it seems like a time capsule from the before.

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, NBC: [Anna Kendrick:] You’d think like it’s easier from your house, but like I’m my own like camerawoman, and I, y’know, had to find my, my psychotic blank wall, and um— [Jimmy Fallon:] Well done. [Kendrick:] And I did like— I have to do my own hair and makeup, and, well, I actually, I still have a dress that like my stylist picked out for me to wear on your show, in, in the before times, she picked the dress. [Fallon:] Yeah. [Kendrick:] So I’m like wearing the dress, but I’ve been wearing it— I’m wearing it with sweatpants on underneath.

Suzanne Mayer would wake up at 5:30 a.m. and arrive at Seattle’s Aki Kurose Middle School by 6:45. At 8, students would begin stopping by her classroom for extra help.

Absolutely the inequalities are important, and that’s why policymakers need to make sure that we have an equitable recovery, but it’s also important to remember that in the before times, right, back in February 2020, things weren’t perfect. We still had a Black unemployment rate that was about twice as high as the White unemployment rate.

It’s easier from your house, but I’ve been wearing it— I’m wearing it with sweatpants on underneath.

I just want to give a shoutout to biPOC.

I know it can be hard to find support when a lot of lgbt+/bi spaces are very white and a lot of spaces for poc are very straight/cis.

BIPOC noun, also attributive or adjectival
1: [Bisexual Person (People) of Color] Non-White bisexual person or people


2009 Apr. 17 (archived), Workshops, 4th Annual Queer People of Color Conference (Internet Archive): BiPOC: Creating new images of our community / This workshop will look at the stereotypes already in place about bisexual (and other nonmonosexual identities like pan- or omnisexual) people of color and how these stereotypes affect individuals and the community. This workshop will end with a mural painting of what positive images and messages about the BiPOC community we would like to get out there!

2015 May 27, Vesper, “Looking for Bi POC,” Queer as Cat (blog), Tumblr: Faith Cheltenham, president of BiNet is looking for bisexual Multiracial, Black/African-American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, South Asian, Native/Two Spirit, Middle Eastern/North African and Latino/Latina advocates, activists, artists, thought leaders, writers, and researchers who correspond to those cultural backgrounds for opportunities down the road as well as a bi+POC mailing list in the future. […] #biPOC #bisexual POC #biWOC #biMOC

2016 Aug. 31, bisexualitiesislegit, Tumblr: bi poc are amazing and deserve all our love and support!!! #bi poc

2017 Jan. 1, yourfaveisgbtplus, Tumblr: I just want to give a shoutout to biopoc. I know it can be hard to find support when a lot of lgbt+/bi spaces are very white and a lot of spaces for poc are very straight/cis.
2: [Black, Indigenous, Person (People) of Color] Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; Black and Indigenous People of Color

2013 July 31, @GrindToronto, Twitter: Shout out to @EricPride @ToTNG @MishH @Aim_4_Greatness & @headonist Thanks for supporting/following us #GrindToronto #BIPOC #Toronto

2014 Sept. 17, “Sexperts Unite From Dr. Ava Cadell — Love and Relationship Expert,” News Release Wire (NexisUni): We also interviewed many other established and up and coming sexology stars, like Elle Chase, who has recently founded the L.A. Academy of Sex, board certified Dr. Claudia Six, and Akio Maroon, an educator and organizer who celebrates sex positivity in an LGBTQ2I space for BIPOC (black, indigenous and people of color).

2016 May 20, Riley Byrne and Adam White, “LAL!” Stonehall Sessions (Ottawa), ep. 18, 52:11 (()): [Rose Kazi]: And it’s, it’s really neat to see and neat to know that Edmonton has a Queer BIPOC community, um, that cares about accessibility, and y’know, allies are welcome. Like it’s, y’know, it’s really, it’s really been cool to connect with people across Canada. [Riley]: Just outside of the podcast for a second, would you mind explaining what BIPOC is for the~ [Rose:] Oh, um, so, BIPOC stands for Black Indigenous People of Color, and then allies. I’m, I’m not, y’know, people argue about these terms, but that’s the current term. [laughs] It’ll probably change next week. […] Which is a problem with, like, I mean, we’re, we do political music, and it’s my critique of the activist, um, social justice community is that we have access to all the terminology that’s given to us by academia but nobody ever explains to us what the hell this means; we just start throwing around these terms. It alienates people who have no idea what you’re talking about. So we’ve been trying to change that; like, language is actually super, super important.

2016 Aug. 5, “Black Lives Matter conversation coming to Peterborough’s Confederation Park,” Peterborough This Week, 1 (NexisUni) (description of the event on Facebook): “You can talk about the rally, your own experiences or ask questions about how better to help BIPOC (Black and Indigenous People of Colour) in your community, keep in mind that we are trying to make spaces for the voices that are seldom heard to speak.”

2016 Oct. 14, Karen Seidman, “McGill paper satire revives BDS [Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions] tensions,” Montreal Gazette, A7 (Newspapers.com): Written by “Phlar Dabdoub,” the article said that white students at “McGall” were unhappy with the recent divisive politics on campus. It refers to a motion adopted at the student society’s general assembly to set up an ‘an actual safe space for BIPOC students on campus’ “ and adds that the motion “failed online ratification shortly after.”

2017 Feb. 25, Shaya Ishaq and Rebecca Stuckey, “Making Space: Moving Toward Safer Music and Arts Scenes,” Femme FM (Halifax), ep. 5, 1:49 (()): [Rebecca:] Those improving their venues, festivals, and organizations through community collaboration, critical analysis, and systemic shifts in support, with QT BIPOC musicians and artists leading the way, and evolving from the get-go, are the ones that we should be looking to.
Addressing racism is a mental health issue.

#BlackInTheIvory phrase [Black scholars in the Ivory Tower]
Hashtag used on testimonials by Black scholars describing instances of race-based discrimination or celebrating their accomplishments despite such obstacles

2020 July 8, Erin Erickson, “July is BIPOC Mental Health Month,” Mental Health Minnesota (see accompanying image)

2020 July 9, see quotation s.v. ANTIRACISM

2020 July 12, Ally, citizen comment, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Budget and Appropriations Committee, SFMTA (Internet Archive)(●●): Unlike police, we [city employees] do not receive overtime, health care, or retirement benefits. This includes hospital workers, who have been classified as essential, such as those who were exposed to a COVID outbreak at Laguna Honda Hospital earlier this year. Many of these worker are BIPOC, and, because the city limits them to part-time status, they are also poor.

2020 Sept. 30, Shareen Marisol Meraji and Gene Demby, “Is It Time To Say R.I.P. To ‘POC’?” Code Switch, NPR (show notes): And on the whole, people are very confused by “BIPOC” / “Surprisingly, I actually do hate BIPOC. Originally, I thought it referred to Black and Indigenous people of color, which I loved. But apparently it means Black, Indigenous and people of color, which is just a longer version of POC, but it makes white people feel like they did something different, even though I’m sure it has origins with nonwhite folks. Yeah. Oh, well.” –Kaylee Arnold, 29 years old

2020 Oct. 9, Erin Gretzinger, “Chancellor Blank agrees to two meetings per semester with BIPOC student groups in tense confrontation,” Badger Herald (Univ. of Wisconsin–Madison) (see accompanying image): “Tokenizing BIPOC students, creating this false image of diversity on campus, yet the university is removing safe spaces for BIPOC students and overall claiming to value diversity,” [Juliana] Bennet said.

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2020 Dec. 10, PBS NewsHour (Internet Archive)(●●): [Marcus Samuelsson:] The impact to service industry, much harder than any other industry, and in that service industry, majority of the people are working that are Black, BIPOC, or People of Color, that are already disenfranchised and already COVID-hit in inproportional way in terms of infection and death rates.

2020 June 6, Joy Melody Woods (@smileitsjoy), Twitter: Hey folks, so I want my Black scholars if they’re comfortable to share their experience with higher ed institutions #BlackInTheIvory / I’ve started sharing. On Instagram. Shout out to @DrShardeDavis for the idea.

2020 June 7, Shardé M. Davis (@DrShardeDavis), Twitter: If you’re white & are incredibly uncomfortable w/ reading, seeing, and hearing our stories of racism and anti-Blackness via #BlackintheIvory Imagine feeling like that every day of your life. Y’all don’t even know the half of it. Don’t turn away & forget. Sit with it & do better.

2020 June 11, Nidhi Subbaraman, “How #BlackInTheIvory put a spotlight on racism in academia,” Nature: Shardé Davis and Joy Melody Woods started the hashtag #BlackInTheIvory because they were friends, because they were two Black women in communications research, because a week of protests had left them grieving and because they were ready to expose some of the ways that they had experienced racism in their own fields.

2020 June 18, Next (podcast), New England News Collaborative, ep. 203, 41:13 (●●): [Morgan Springer:] Our final guest today is Shardé M. Davis. She’s a communications professor at the University of Connecticut. She’s also the cofounder of the Twitter hashtag #BlackInTheIvory. The hashtag was created a little over a week ago and has taken off, amplifying the voices of Black scholars at universities across the country who’ve been dealing with racism on the job. Professor Davis, thank you for talking, [Davis:] Happy to be here. Thanks for having me. [Springer:] I’ve given kind of brief description of the hashtag #BlackInTheIvory, but can you tell us more about it and what motivated you and cofounder Joy Melody Words to start this hashtag? [Davis:] Absolutely. The hashtag was not created, um, with this movement in mind. The origin really is, I was sitting on my couch and was on Twitter and was really just thinking about my own experiences of racism in the academy. So I thought of, y’know, I wanted to set-- to share my own stories on Twitter. And went to sleep and the next morning, um, it, it had grown legs. [Springer:] Yeah, why do you think it just like took off so quickly? [Davis:] I think because for so long, y’know, Black academics, we’ve never been able to share our stories.

2020 Aug. 29, Lahia Yemane (@LahiaYemaneMD), Twitter: So much cumulative trauma in 2020 for the Black community. We are emotionally drained.
blue shift  noun  [blue ‘Democratic’ + shift] Disproportionate increase in vote tallies for Democratic candidates late in the counting process caused by a higher percentage of Democrats casting absentee and provisional ballots (see also RED MIRAGE [“ATNW,” A5 96.3])

2013 Nov. 2, Edward B. Foley, “A Big Blue Shift: Measuring an Asymmetrically Increasing Margin of Litigation,” Journal of Law and Politics, vol. 27, no. 4: 520: On this view, this blue shift (the trend of the canvass becoming more to the Democrats’ advantage) was already underway before starting to accelerate in 2008.

2015 Sept. 12, Edward B. Foley and Charles Stewart III, “Explaining the Blue Shift in Election Canvassing,” MIT Political Science Dept. Research Paper, no. 2015-21 (abstract): We conduct statistical analysis of a phenomenon recently identified by Foley (2013), the rise in the number of votes counted after Election Day (“overvote votes”) and the growing tendency of these votes to disproportionately favor Democrats in presidential elections (the “blue shift.”)

2020 Mar. 5, Jack R. Williams (@MasterOfNull), Twitter: Just wait until the blue shift in United States absentee and provisional votes flips a state

2020 May 19, Lawrence Douglas, Will He Go? Trump and the Looming Election Meltdown in 2020 (New York: Twelve), 97: This phenomenon—in which absentee and provisional ballots typically break Democratic—has been dubbed “blue shift” by election law expert Ned Foley.

2020 June 5, Chris Noessel (@chrisnoessel), Twitter: Lots of folks have been thinking the same thing. If he wins the electoral college before the blue shift mail in votes, he’s going to try.

2020 Aug. 3, Democracy Now! Independent Global News (48): [Nils Gilman:] One of the things Trump has also been claiming, which there was no pushback on from Republicans, is that the election should be called on election night, but why would he want that? Well, it’s because there is a well-known phenomenon among people who study these things closely known as the blue shift, which is that the votes that come in late tend disproportionately to be Democratic voters for a whole bunch of different reasons.

2020 Aug. 10, David A. Graham, “The ‘Blue Shift’ Will Decide the Election,” The Atlantic: Americans have become accustomed to knowing who won our elections promptly, but there are many legitimate votes that are not counted immediately every election year. For reasons that are not totally understood by election observers, these votes tend to be heavily Democratic, leading results to tilt toward Democrats as more of them are counted, in what has become known as the “blue shift.”

2020 Sept. 21, @ThosChamberlain, Twitter: Bingo. It’s going to look like trump is headed toward a landslide at first. We’re all just going to have to be calm for a few days until all the MIB votes are counted. And voilà - the Blue Shift. Hopefully enough of one in the states that ‘matter’.
At the end of the day, For example, the Texas
Dec. 12, Michael Smerconish, Smerconish, CNN: For example, the Texas
2020 Oct. 4, John Oliver, Last Week Tonight, HBO (see video): Many votes are counted after election night, and this year the discrepancy in how people vote could lead to a so-called blue shift, which I know sounds like a euphemism for a smurf’s bowel movement, but it actually refers to the idea that, since more Biden supporters are voting by mail, Democrats could initially be behind then pull ahead once all the mail ballots are counted. And the concern is that in that early stage, the Trump campaign could declare victory and claim any additional ballots are fraudulent. He himself has tweeted that “Must know Election results on the night of the Election, not days, months, or even years later!” But here’s the thing: we don’t need to know the night at all.


2020 Nov. 1, Matt Rubel, “Red Mirage—How Blue Shift in Election 2020 Could Test American Democracy,” QT Politics, YouTube, 15:58 (🔗): At the end of the day, the clearest problem with the blue shift effect boils down to the psychology of the American people as a whole. If citizens recognize the historical precedent of the effect and understand why the effect is likely to intensify in 2020, the dangers presented by a potential red mirage are significantly reduced. Like the election itself, the acceptance of its results relies on the people.

2020 Nov. 4, Philip Bump, “The blue shift to Biden is underway. Will it be enough?” Washington Post: Over and over, it was pointed out that the slower counting of those absentee votes would mean that the results in states would move to the left as the hours passed, the so-called “blue shift.” The warning was simple: Don’t assume that because Trump leads on Election Day that lead will hold.

2020 Dec. 12, Michael Smerconish, Smerconish, CNN (🔗): For example, the Texas attorney general relied on the work of a statistician who argued, as of 3 a.m. on November 4, that’s the morning after the election, Joe Biden had a less than one in quadrillion chance of winning the popular vote. But as my next guest argued when writing for Reason, that assumed the proportions among votes cast by mail and still being counted would be identical to those cast in person and were already tabulated. Anybody paying attention to the election knew that was not going to be the case. It was the red mirage versus the blue shift.

Blursday noun Any day of the week (used to communicate that the speaker has lost track of what day it is)

[1979. Ken Nordine, “Seven Ways of the Meek,” Stare with Your Ears, Snail Records (🔗): Blursday follows, focus shot, bottle-bottom glass / Fuzzy snaps of one and all’s graduating class / Hard to see just where we’ve been, tick-tock takes a fade / If you meet sweet sunny shine, save a little shade]


2007 Apr. 5, @owenj23, Twitter: It’s Bossless Blursday today, and I am a tumbl’in machine.

2007 Apr. 24, J4432, “blursday,” Urban Dictionary: A day you spend hungover, high, or drunk / I got so drunk on Friday. I slept in all blursday but Sunday I went to brunch.

2010 Mar. 27, Kat McEwan (@ACMcEwan), Twitter: For those who have lost track, today is Blursday the forteenth of Maprilay.

2020 Mar. 30, JDS12, “Blursday,” Urban Dictionary: The day you are presently living but have no idea what day it actually is. / Today must be blursday because I have no idea what day it is.

2020 Apr. 7, Rob Sassos (rsassos), Instagram: Happy Blursday! Every day above ground is a good day!

2020 Apr. 19, Grace Farris (coupdegracefarris), Instagram (see image)

2020 Apr. 29, Dave Ryan, “Blursday,” The Dave Ryan Show, KWB (iHeartRadio)(🔗): Ok so yesterday, we went to see the neighbors / We stayed six feet away; we’re out of toilet paper / Netflix can be ok, but now I’m edgy and I don’t feel motivated / That’s why it feels like it’s a Blursday / I did a puzzle, another puzzle, another walk / And then it’s Blursday / Watched Joe Exotic; he’s idiotic; I want narcotics. / Feels like Blursday / Get lots of dog walkin’, but there’s no shoppin’; my weight ain’t droppin’ / It feels like Blursday / ‘Cause it’s not Monday; or is it Monday? It could be Sunday. / Everyday stay home.
2020 May 9, Alexia Monardo (alexiamonardo), TikTok (see video): Good after-morn-eve, screenagers. Todestaday I realized it’s Blursday, the forty-teenth of Maprilay. And, just a reminder, yestermorrow it will be Juny, the official start of Spummer.

2020 May 18, Luna Recovery Blog, Luna Recovery Services: Blursday posts might be funny on Facebook, but Blursday is a dangerous space for many people and not just because it might resemble the fuzzy day after and day after that in addiction. [...] Blursday, even without the threat of a highly contagious virus and financial ruin, can cause humans to feel anxious and depressed.

2020 Sept. 23, Darlene Olivia Pope, “blursday,” Urban Dictionary: When you’ve been sheltering in place for so long because of a global pandemic you have no idea what day it is as they all blur together. Blursday! / Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, blursday, blursday, blursday... 2020 Oct. 1, Ian Bearden (@ianbearden), Twitter: This is using the calendar from the before times. In present reckoning, it is blursday the 93rd of majober.


bubble  [cf. OED3 sense 1h: “A transparent plastic covering or enclosure that protects a patient from infection by keeping him or her in a sterile environment,” 1966–]

1: noun  Group of people isolated together to prevent exposure to a contagion, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic  (see also pod [“ATNW,” AS 96.5])

2020 Mar. 13, David Vergun, “U.S. Created ‘Protective Bubbles’ Around Bases in South Korea, General Say,” DOD News: The reason the numbers aren’t higher relative to the local population in some areas of the country is because of a number of strict control measures. “We like to refer to [them] as protective bubbles around our installations,” [Robert “Abe”] Abrams said.

2020 Mar. 16, Michael Conte, “Pentagon keeping ‘a bubble’ around leadership amid coronavirus outbreak,” CNN Politics: The Pentagon is attempting to create a “bubble” around its top two officials, Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist, by keeping them “physically separated” as a precaution against the coronavirus pandemic, a Defense Department spokesperson said Monday.

2020 Mar. 25, “COVID-19: Build Your Bubble,” New Zealand Ministry of Health, YouTube (see video): An important part of your plan is to build your bubble. Your bubble is like a protective shield to keep you safe from contact with COVID-19. It’s important to talk to everyone in your household, including children and family and anyone else who provides you with essential supports so that they can also be part of your bubble. Everyone inside your bubble needs to know what to do at home and when going out in public so they keep your bubble safe. This means you’re all practicing physical distancing from others outside your bubble. For example, if one member of your bubble hugs someone outside of your bubble, your bubble is then open, and there is more chance of catching the virus.

2020 Apr. 10, Toby Manhire, “Covid-19 live updates, April 10: Second NZ death, mystery surrounds cluster in Auckland,” The Spinoff: [Prime Minister Jacinda] Ardern spoke about her life inside the prime ministerial bubble. That bubble consists of Clarke, Neve and her parents, who are all staying at Premier House in Wellington. She works with a “small group staff [whose] bubbles don’t interact with anyone else”.

2020 Apr. 10, Diana Cameron (@DianaCameron70), Twitter: The Kiwi population seem to have got it right [...]. So far just one death 😞🤔 so, worth considering pushing the ‘bubble’ angle methinks...

2020 May 9, Gideon Lichfield, “A guide to negotiating a covid ‘bubble’ with other people,” MIT Technology Review: But now I’ve agreed with some friends nearby to become part of their “pod,” “quaranteam,” or “bubble.” [¶] Effectively we’ll become an extended family, free to visit each other’s homes, share meals, and—yes!—hug.

2020 May 14, “As Alaska reopens, precautions still apply but families can slightly expand their social bubbles to feel

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contactless  [OED 1861--; newer senses added in Mar. 2021 update]

1: adjective  Not involving physical contact (recently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic) also non-contact

2021 Jan. 11, Scott Stiffler, “On pandemic pause, Cox & Piers pivot to a ‘Better’ place,” Los Angeles Blade: Sitting shoulder-to-shoulder, the frequently-tested-for-COVID-19 bubblemates [Jackie Cox and Chelsea Piers] participated in last month’s It Gets Better 2020 Global Summit, by helming a session in which makeup’s ability to alter and empower provided the metaphorical foundation for a frank, shame-free discussion of mental health issues within context of LGBTQ+ identity and COVID-19-caused isolation.

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2020 May 17, Adrienne Machina (@AdrienneMachina), Twitter: I like the idea of the “double bubble” Covid containment strategy. After 2 months of total isolation, it seems like a reasonable strategy.

2020 June 7, Dan Gray, “A ‘Double Bubble’ Strategy Can Help During COVID-19: Here’s How to Do It Properly,” Healthline: Canada has been following what’s been dubbed the “double bubble” strategy, one originally enacted with success in New Zealand. […] Rather than restricting social interactions to members of the same household, the new strategy takes the same philosophy but doubles it—allowing two households to link up and socialize.

2020 June 20, Erin Schumaker, “How to form a COVID-19 social bubble,” ABC News: [Melissa] Hawkins: A double bubble can be a great approach to support child care needs for parents, especially now that school is out and camps aren’t happening in most areas. We choose to bubble with another family who have kids the same age as ours and the kids go between the houses.

2020 Mar. 12, Barbara Smyth (@BarbaraMSmyth), Twitter: Contactless card payments should now have a higher limit and the new fee should be abolished. We need to avoid cash just for a while.

2020 Mar. 13, Kristin Salaky, “Many Food Delivery Services And Chains Are Offering ‘Non-Contact Delivery’ Amid The Coronavirus Outbreak,” Delish: Contactless delivery generally means that those ordering food or other supplies can get them delivered without coming face-to-face with their delivery driver.

2020 Mar. 14, “Your Store Is Also Ensuring Safety of You and Its Employees by Offering Contactless Delivery,” Domino’s: At Domino’s, your store’s team members are committed to delivering hot and delicious pizza. All Domino’s deliveries are now contactless to help better protect both you and your delivery expert by minimizing contact.

2020 Mar. 16, @TheRealHoarse, Twitter: If you don’t use a contactless payment app like ApplePay, now is a good time to consider it. / Walk into a store. Point your phone at the checkout thingy. Beep-beep-boop. Done. No money touched.

2020 Mar. 29, Linda Holmes (@lindaholmes), Twitter: An observation about my own anxiety in this time: I had a wine delivery this evening from a local wine shop (a thing I want, plus a local business). But because for alcohol here, they have to see your ID *and* you sign a form, it can’t be as contactless as other deliveries.

2020 Mar. 30, @Falconwingsnj, Twitter: Just got the call from @Tesla, picking up the Model X tomorrow! They were approved for contactless delivery.

2020 Apr. 16, Nathan Conder (@NathanConder), Twitter: Introducing a new contactless delivery method where the driver speeds past your house and just hurls a burrito through your window: / Uber Yeets

2020 June 4, Liz Cho, “MTA expands OMNY readers to half of subway stations, accelerates bus timeline by 6 months,” Eyewitness News, ABC7NY (⊗): Well, a milestone for the MTA’s OMNY payment system, the contactless fare readers are up and running at half of all subway stations. This comes as more people are expected to use public transportation with Phase 1 reopening of New York City on Monday.

2020 June 6, @nursekatecRN, Twitter: All food delivery orders should be contactless from now on. / Please put my food on my doorstep and leave because I’m not dressed and don’t want to socialize with you anyways

2020 Aug. 7, “COVID-19 driving contactless card use, mobile payments despite security, cost worries,” Retail Customer Experience: Safety and health concerns related to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic is “significantly,” increasing use of mobile payments and contactless credit and debit cards, according to
data from the National Retail Federation and Forrester, an industry research firm. […] Since January, no-touch payments have increased for 69% of retailers surveyed.

2020 Nov. 10, pwill2trill, TikTok (see video): Here’s what you wanna do if you want to stay contactless at AMC when filling up your drink. All you got to do is scan this barcode, then it’ll open a window for you. Then select a drink you want, and then see it right there, and then hold the Pour and enjoy.

2020 Dec. 3, “Panasonic’s Contactless Delivery Solution Supports Safe Delivery and Pickup,” Panasonic (see accompanying video): Panasonic has been providing leading industry solutions for decades and continues today by offering a Contactless Delivery Solution—the all-in-one refrigerated and heated smart lockers. […] Now, more than ever, consumers are seeking for a safe and convenient way to shop for medicine, meals and groceries (including perishable products and freshly made meals) in the practice of social distancing.

2: noun Transaction that does not involve physical contact (recently, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic)

2020 Mar. 20, Lisa Manus (@lisamanus), Twitter: I got myself #organised. Armed with wipes, sanitiser, and gloves, I headed to the underground club. We queued a meter apart, paid for our drinks with contactless, and donned our masks. I then snogged the gorgeous thang I met on the dance floor for the rest of the evening

2020 May 27, Mark Bunney, “The Future of Contactless Is Now,” Ingenico Blog: As the popularity of contactless grows, businesses should also take a closer look at this payment method to help build loyalty with customers and grow their business.

2020 June 18, poster on the Victoria Dock Road, Stop M, bus stop shelter, Transport for London, Wikipedia (see photo, by Pear-on-willow)

2020 Dec. 18, Kyle Pexton, “Contactless Is No Passing Fad. It’s The Future Of Payments,” Forbes: While the recent popularity of contactless payments was born out of necessity partly due to consumers’ safety concerns, the convenience and speed they offer has ensured that contactless will become a ubiquitous payment option across industries and payment experiences going forward.

**corona-** combining form [coronavirus, so named because of its characteristic fringe, resembling a solar corona (see 1968 Nov. 16 quot.)] Related to the COVID-19 pandemic

[1968 Nov. 16, “Coronaviruses,” Nature 220: 650: A new group of viruses with the name of coronaviruses has been recognized by an informal group of virologists who have sent their conclusions to Nature. (They are J. D. Almeida; D. M. Berry; C. H. Cunningham; D. Hamre; M. S. Hofstad; L. Mallucci; K. McIntosh; D. A. J. Tyrrell.) […] Particles are more or less rounded in profile; although there is a certain amount of polymorphism, there is also a characteristic “fringe” of projections 200 Å long, which are rounded or petal shaped, rather than sharp or pointed, as in the myxoviruses. This appearance, recalling the solar corona, is shared by mouse hepatitis virus and several viruses recently recovered from man, namely strain B814, 229E and several others.]

—coronababy noun [coronavirus + baby] Child conceived or born during the COVID-19 pandemic; coronial

2020 Feb. 8, Andy Curtain (@andycurtain), Twitter: HKers have emptied shelves of condoms. Time to start calling babies born qnths from now ‘corona babies’


2020 Sept. 4, Stav Dimitropoulos, “Will pandemic ‘coronababies’ live with long-term trauma?” National Geographic: But not everyone thinks “coronababies” are necessarily destined for difficulty. Noel Hunter, a clinical psychologist and author of Trauma and Madness in Mental Health Services, says that the concept of collateral damage is overgeneralized and based on scant statistics.

—coronacation noun [coronavirus + vacation] Extended break from one’s normal routine due to the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 Feb. 20, @szart_, Twitter: They’re calling the quarantine Coronacation 😂😂😂

2020 Mar. 16, hungate, TikTok (see still from video): took me all of yesterday to make this anklet yall... worth it #coronavirus #coronacation
2020 Apr. 18, Jessie Bennett, "Ten Fun Ways to Cure Your Coronacation Boredom," *GreenwichFreePress.com*: I have kids who are fantastic at finding adventure, making messes, and taking risks...so they have been happily helping us to make some Coronacation memories while quarantined to the small parcel of the world in which we live, but finding new and exciting adventures to have without leaving home or the block we live on has certainly been a challenge.

—coronaclickbate *noun* [coronavirus + clickbait ‘sensational headlines intended to entice readers to click on a hyperlink’] Sensational or fake COVID-19 news coverage

2020 Feb. 4, Adrian Goj (@adiangoj), *Twitter*: Coronavirus? Flu killed 10k-25k people in one year. Take care and watch television. Media tells you the important stuff, for sure! […] #coronaclickbate

2020 May 5, Robert O’Connor (@DrRobertOConnor), *Twitter*: Important contextualisation of today’s #coronaclickbate story. Mutations occur constantly in all viruses (esp RNA ones) so finding mutational patterns is expected.

2020 Dec. 1, Clay Thistleton, "(Another) Triptych of Poems in the Manner of Tom Jenks’ ‘Spruce’ During the Time of the Coronavirus Pandemic,” *Poetry and Covid: couple-spreading by the cleanliness theatre / in a wished for snap back of the shamdemic maskless / #coronaclickbate with a full viral load

—coronacoaster *noun* [coronavirus + rollercoaster] Tumultuous times caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences

2020 Feb. 25, Ken Ray (@macosken), *Twitter*: Apple (and the planet) are riding the coronacoaster. Mac OS Ken [podcast]: 02.25.2020

2020 Mar. 15, “Riding the coronacoaster of uncertainty” (editorial), *Lancet Infectious Diseases* 20, no. 6 (June): 629 (head)

2020 Sept. 7, Julianne Kanzaki, “Coronacoaster Diary,” *personal blog* (see accompanying image)

—coronacodswallop *noun* [coronavirus + codswallop ‘nonsense’] Nonsensical response to the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 Mar. 18, “Ronsday – Kung Flu,” *Grouchy Old Cripple in Atlanta* (blog): And those lead me to another term which kinda sums it all up: Corona Codswallop. That’s somethin you don’t hear often these days, unless you’re for some reason British. It (codswallop) basically means a load of bull, claptrap, a crock, a flapdoodle, or just plain balderdash.

2020 Mar. 28, Felix & Bolt, the Huddersfield Station Cats, *Facebook*: There’s so much rubbish on the internet. You possibly have been sent coronacodswallop by well meaning friends and contacts. Fact check every single one before you forward.

2020 Oct. 15, “Portugal Trip 4–7.10.2020,” *The Casa Halcon Diary* (blog): It was a great choice for a quick escape, as Portugal is so much more relaxed about the virus threat or should I say corona codswallop. Businesses have to make sure you wear a mask but on the street it’s up to everyone to make their own decision, a lot more freedom and common sense.

—coronacoinage *noun* [coronavirus + coinage] New word referencing the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences also coroneologism

2020 Mar. 14, Ben Zimmer (@bgzimmer), *Twitter*: Another one for my list of #coronacoinages: “coronials.” (Hard to figure out who made the joke first, but here’s an early example.)

2020 June 15, “New words flower in pandemic. ‘Covidiot’ is just one,” *bdnews24.com*: Ingenuity with vocabulary can also communicate that the current hardships, like many of the coronacoinages, won’t last forever.

2020 Nov. 30, “The Dictionary.com Word Of The Year For 2020 Is…” *Dictionary.com*: Throughout 2020, our team has been tracking a growing body of so-called coronacoinages that have given expression—and have offered some relief from tragedy, some connection in isolation—to the lived experience of a surreal year.

—coronacoma *noun* [coronavirus + coma] Inactivity caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences

2020 Mar. 17, @MyBlanketsAreSo, *Twitter*: My work shut down and they’re still paying me so now I *can** sleep until Animal Crossing; thank you god for the coronacoma

2020 Apr. 1, Paul Krugman, “Notes on the Coronacoma (Wonkish),” *New York Times*: For those (like me) still receiving their regular paychecks, this period of shutdown—call it the coronacoma—will be annoying but not serious. […] Things will, however, be very different and dire for those who are deprived of their regular income while the coronacoma lasts.

2020 Dec. 6, error.is.human (DJ Static and Negash Ali), “corona.coma,” *SoundCloud* (4): ¶I just came out of coronacoma / Feeling larger than North Dakota to Nova Scotia / Right / I plugged out like a Motorola / And headed back in then I motorboated / No more Caulay Culkin but I *Home Alone it* ¶
---corona-compromised  participial adjective  [coronavirus + compromised]

1: (Of an event) altered adversely or canceled to limit exposure to COVID-19

2020 Mar. 13, Will Jones (@WJ23A), Twitter: The Republicans will use corona to delay / cancel every election they can. You think the Presidential election will definitely go ahead in November? You think Trump will accept a loss in a corona compromised election?

2020 Apr. 24, “A Cautionary Tale? A Love Story? You Decide,” Tricia On Life II (blog), Tumblr: It’s been one of those rollercoaster weeks, one that began with a great deal of pain, which I tried to ignore at first, so as not to ruin my 17-year old’s already Corona-compromised birthday party.

---coronacrunch  noun  [coronavirus + crunch ‘economic crisis’]  Economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 Mar. 5, @conflictfreeRPC, Twitter: Corona-crunch bond market insights: bearing up so far under pressure.

2020 Mar. 11, Ryan Week, “Fintech’s business lenders face a corona-crunch,” Financial News (head)


---coronacut  noun  [coronavirus + haircut]  Amateur haircut given to oneself or a family member during the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 Mar. 16, @archieetc, Twitter: Officially coining the phrase CoronaCut for when you shave your head in preparation for self isolation

2020 Apr. 18, New 4 New York, WNBC-TV (4): [Erica Byfield:] Reaching for scissors or clippers has probably not felt more tempting—hairs out of place; our tiddy styles, anything but. So many doing their own coronacuts; it’s trending. Now some stylists are warning, don’t. [Erica Fleischman:] A longer version of what you have is always going to be better than something you’re going to attempt at home.

2020 Sept. 10, Denis Robinson, “Sticking with Your Quarantine Buzz Cut? Learn How to Master It,” Men’s Health: If the corona cut has grown on you in lockdown, preserve the trim with our hassle-free how-to.

---coronadodge  noun  [coronavirus + dodge]  Movement to avoid other people in public to reduce risk of exposure to COVID-19 also Covid waltz

2020 Mar. 25, Robert Webb (@arobertwebb), Twitter: I know most people understand but the coronadodge where I walk out into the middle of the road when someone is coming the other way still feels a bit rude.

2020 Apr. 19, 69ballercoldmf, TikTok (see video)

2020 May 14, Adam Harrison, “Covid mobilisation for safer, greener transport must continue,” On London: Navigating our pavements has become an art to master as we perfect the corona-dodge, and peer around corners before we dare make the turn.

---coronahobby  noun  [coronavirus + hobby]  Leisure activity taken up during the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 Mar. 15, @NtheogenDC, Twitter: Do You Have A Story About Psychedelics Helping You, Or Someone You Know, That You Would Be Willing To Share? Compiling Stories For My #CoronaHobby

2020 May 30, Matt Jeffer (@mattjenner), Twitter: It’s not as trendy as making bread or crossstitch but my #coronahobby is translating my website into other languages. Today it’s going to Hindi. Because, you know, 600m people!

---coronali  noun  [coronavirus + literature]  Written works created about the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences also corona-fi

2020 Mar. 27, Dan Bloom, “We have cli-fi fiction; is corona-fi the next genre?” San Diego Jewish World: Surely a new literary genre perhaps dubbed “corona-lit” will surface soon with novelists and short story writers creating a 21st genre that might not end well.

2020 Apr. 23, Jessica Kiang (@jessicakiang), Twitter: I can’t bear most corona-lit, but this is wonderful: beautifully uncertain about the future, unashamedly nostalgic about the past, and shot through with defiant love and yearning for the idea that hovers behind the word “restaurant”.

---coronanoia  noun  [coronavirus + paranoia]  Anxiety about and fear of COVID-19

2020 Feb. 19, @AreWeMarried, Twitter: I have jury duty tomorrow and I feel under the weather. In addition to my #Coronanoia.

2020 Feb. 14, Peter Corless, “Chasing the Data: Coronavirus,” Towards Data Science: It didn’t take long, Coronanoia has already set in. Disaster profiteers are already out in force trying to get you to buy into their product or service as a panacea or a disaster prevention.
May 7, Losing Lucky, “Coronanoia,” lyrics by Russ Laycock, performed by Jeff Thomas, Facebook (@): “Coronanoia strikes deep, / and into your mind it will creep. / Good reason to be afraid. / Gather in group more than ten, / the Man take you away. / Time to stop, hey, don’t go to town, social distance going down / Say stop, children, shut it down, / isolation’s going down / Stop, hey, what’s that sound? Don’t come around, don’t come around.”

—coronaphobia noun [coronavirus + -phobia] Unreasonable or debilitating fear of COVID-19

Feb. 21, @rskghl, Twitter: How much of “Coronaphobia” is really latent “Sinophobia”?


Lucy McBride, “I’m A Doctor Seeing Patients With Coronaphobia. Here’s What You Need To Know.” HuffPost: “Coronaphobia” can be defined as an exaggerated fear of COVID-19 that is rooted in rational anxiety about the very real threat of COVID-19—and that can promote physical, emotional, cognitive and/or behavioral symptoms that limit a person’s quality of life.


Jan. 21, @Moodbreaker, Twitter: #Coronapocalypse This isn’t a scene from some apocalyptic horror movie, this is a coronavirus outbreak in China. The SARS like virus has already spread to four countries and infected more than 1700 people.

May 30, @gordonasmundon, Twitter: “Coronaphobia: Fear and the 2019-nCoV outbreak,” Journal of Anxiety Disorders 70: 1: More research is needed to understand the relationship between coronaphobia and coronavirus-related xenophobia.

March 2, Victor Roudometof, “Theorising—’It’s (Not) the End of the World as We Know It and I (Don’t) Feel Fine’: Through the Looking Glass Mirror of the Coronapocalypse,” European Sociologist, no. 15: The Coronapocalypse is an occasion where the magical veil of normalcy is lifted as the virus becomes the ‘crack in everything’ (to use Leonard Cohen’s phrase) that allows truth to be rendered painfully visible: some people cannot survive without an ongoing paycheck even in affluent societies; some cannot afford to get sick; and of course underfunded and underprepared health systems experience collapse in the face of the pandemic.

—coronaspeak noun [coronavirus + -speak] New language created to talk about the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences also coronaargent
Coronasomnia, the inability to sleep due to pandemic stress. Speaking with Dr. Michelle Perfect, an associate psychology professor at the UofA, she says the trend seems to be an increase in anxiety during these times that interferes with falling asleep and staying asleep.

—coronasomnia noun [coronavirus + insomnia] Inability to sleep due to anxiety caused by the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 Mar. 13, Jenifer Daniels (@jentrification), Twitter: first night of coronasomnia

2020 Sept. 3, Karin Brulliard and William Wan, “The pandemic is ruining our sleep. Experts say ‘coronasomnia’ could imperil public health,” Washington Post: “Coronasomnia,” as some experts now call it, could prove to have profound public-health ramifications—creating a massive new population of chronic insomniacs grappling with declines in productivity, shorter fuses and increased risks of hypertension, depression and other health problems.

2021 Mar. 21, Taja Davis, “‘Coronasomnia’ and Children,” On Your Side, KGUN 9 (see image): Coronasomnia, the inability to sleep due to pandemic stress. Speaking with Dr. Michelle Perfect, an associate psychology professor at the UofA, she says the trend seems to be an increase in anxiety during these times that interferes with falling asleep and staying asleep.

—coronasomnia verbal noun [coronavirus + explaining; after mansplaining] Providing information about COVID-19 that the listener feels is obvious and thus feels patronized

2020 Mar. 5, Megan McArdle (@asymmetricinfo), Twitter: I have 2 extremely vulnerable people in my own family, and am trying to decide whether to self-quarantine before going to visit one of them, who has been in hospital, given that I have been traveling around campaign rallies for two months. But thanks for #Coronasplaining the risk

2020 July 27, Clay Thistleton, “A Triptych of Poems in the Manner of Tom Jenks’ ‘Spruce’ During the Time of the Coronavirus Pandemic,” Infection House: the coronasplaining of the armchair virologists / Donald J. Trump is the King of all Ventilators / by a hard lockdown under drone biosurveillance

2020 Sept. 21, Mike Hind (@MikeH_PR), Twitter: Thank you for Coronasplaining this to me. I had *no idea* it’s a dangerous highly infectious disease

—coronacorona noun [coronavirus + corona] COVID-19 pandemic as a plot with nefarious goals; coronascam

2020 Feb. 26, David Ross (@FinalDavidRoss), Twitter: The horror/thriller writer in me is strangely looking forward to all the Coronaspiration theories.

2020 June 29, Róisín Ingle, “Our personalities emerged in lockdown. Which one of these were you?” Irish Times: Their behaviour in the time of corona—good, bad and WHAT did he just do?—holds the key to their true personalities. […] Did your usually kind cousin indulge in a spot of light judginess on the extended family WhatsApp group? Did you indulge in coronaspiracy theories?

2020 Sept. 8, Julian Liby, Coronaspiration (documentary), Vimeo (see title card)

—coronaspiration noun [coronavirus + conspiracy] COVID-19 pandemic as a plot with nefarious goals; coronascam

2020 June 27, “The rules or coronaspeak,” The Economist, 75: If you want your contribution to coronaspeak to take off, you need to lobby not the dictionary-writers, but your friends and colleagues, and get them to use and publicise it.

—coronaspiracy; coronaspiracy theory noun [coronavirus + conspiracy] COVID-19 pandemic as a plot with nefarious goals; coronascam

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2020 Sept. 8, Julian Liby, Coronaspiration (documentary), Vimeo (see title card)

—coronaversary noun [coronavirus + anniversary] Date marking one year since the beginning COVID-19 pandemic-related restrictions

2020 Mar. 14, @MayeenFarooqui, Twitter: I can’t wait until next year when we are all hopefully alive and remembering the horrible #coronaversary.
2021 Mar. 11, “One Year Lockdown Coronaversary Show,” Jimmy Kimmel Live, ABC (see video): [Dicky Barrett:] And now, because every virus needs a host, here’s Jimmy Kimmel. [Kimmel:] Thank you. Thank you, everybody. Welcome to our first and hopefully last Coronaversary Show. There’s some presents for ya. There’s some present for ya. Y’know, the traditional gift for a—traditional gift for a one-year anniversary is paper, so I figured toilet paper make the most sense, right?

2021 Mar. 16, Steve Canum, “Adrenaline 508,” For the Ride Inside (blog): A year ago TODAY, here in West Michigan, the Coronavirus pandemic got real… and what was projected to change for just a few weeks, rocked our world for months. This CORONA-Versary marks my last maskless studio cycling class and the last time in the office of my “day job”!

—coronaverse noun [coronavirus + universe] New reality resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 Mar. 2, Mikey O’Connell (@mikeylikestv), Twitter: If it means no more group dinners, I am down to live in the coronaverse.

2020 Mar. 12, Neil deGrasse Tyson (@neiltyson), Twitter: As humans, we like to think we’re in charge of our own corner of the universe. But every now and then a microscopic entity reminds us that we are not. / Welcome to the #Coronaverse.

2020 Mar. 25, Tom Tomorrow, “Life in the Coronaverse,” This Modern World, Detroit Metro Times (see image)

2020 Nov. 22, Samuel Alexander and Brendan Gleeson, Urban Awakenings: Disturbance and Enchantment in the Industrial City (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan), 175 (chapter head & text): Shimmering Text: Re-Reading The Plague in the Coronaverse / [...] One of the principal themes of The Plague—both Camus’ story and its contemporary retelling in the Coronaverse—is the torment of separation.

—coronawashing verbal noun [coronavirus + whitewashing] Using the COVID-19 pandemic as cover for nefarious activities

2020 Mar. 26, @airavn, Twitter: We’re just seeing the beginning of surveillance tech/adtech companies using this crisis to normalize their practices. Don’t buy into it. #CoronaWashing

2020 Apr. 8, Vera Ferrón, “Are Companies Coronawashing? Ten pieces of evidence,” Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability: As a consequence of these initiatives, several companies have an active presence in mass media, something that has made some skeptics wonder if these companies are behaving symbolically or even opportunistically, that is, they are “coronawashing.”

2020 May 11, Oscar Rickett, “Coronawashing: for big, bad businesses, it’s the new greenwashing,” The Guardian: A key element of coronawashing is, of course, the performance—being seen to be supportive in the face of a national and global tragedy. Primark donated “care packs” to staff at London’s new Nightingale hospital, established to treat coronavirus, but in Bangladesh it was cancelling production of $273m-worth of goods, leaving already immiserated workers destitute.

2020 Dec., “Come out of the wash: Before promoting your pandemic good deeds, ensure you’re not repeating greenwashers’ mistakes,” Report on Business, Globe and Mail, 11: These same findings could be useful as firms increasingly face claims of corona-washing: Just as companies may mislead consumers about their environmental practices, such deception also exists in firms’ pandemic responses.

—coronopticon noun [coronavirus + panopticon] Global surveillance instituted to track the spread of COVID-19

2020 Mar. 28, “Creating the coronopticon,” The Economist, 19 (subhead): Countries are using apps and data networks to keep tabs on the pandemic

2020 May 2, Una McCormack (@unamccormack), Twitter: If the “coronopticon” does happen, it won’t be because it’s necessary for stopping the virus as much as authoritarians persuading people that it’s necessary.

2020 Nov. 24, Alberto Toscano, “Last Resorts: Jottings on the Pandemic State,” Crisis and Critique 7, no. 3: 388: It is difficult to gainsay an acceleration—in a context of often rational and indeed even altruistic, if not unambiguous, compliance—in the colonisation of our life-worlds by the joint manoeuvres of the security state and surveillance capitalism (the ‘coronopticon’).

—coronial noun [coronavirus + millennial] Child conceived or born during the COVID-19 pandemic; CORONABABY

2020 Mar. 8, @tcahill74, Twitter (responding to post by the New York Post [@nypost], Twitter: “coronavirus will ‘definitely’ lead to a baby boom”): They will be called Coronials. Ugh hate them already.

2020 May 14, see quotation s.v. coronacoinage

2020 May 26, Karen Meyer and Keith Chamberlain, “Here Come the Coronials—Embroidered Baby Bib $15.50,” Stick It COVID (retail site)(see image)
2020 Dec. 24. Ashley Fetters, “Conceived in a pandemic, born in a pandemic: The first quarantine babies are arriving,” Washington Post: The National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, doesn’t expect to release the nationwide birthrate data for late 2020 (and settle once and for all the whole “boom or bust” question) for another six months. But what’s clear now is that the first wave of pandemic babies—covid babies, coronials, pandemi-kids, whatever you want to call the micro-generation of children conceived, carried and born during the covid-19 crisis—is making its way into the world.

2020 Dec. 31. Wallis Snowdon, “Moms are welcoming the first wave of ‘coronial’ babies—but experts say to expect fewer births,” CBC News (see 2020 Feb. 11 quot.): Baby Dominic is part of a new generation of so-called coronials, babies conceived and born during the throes of a pandemic. They’re expected to be a small generation. Time will tell, but experts say the health crisis is more likely to result in a baby bust rather than a baby boom.

COVID- combining form [coronavirus disease; from COVID-19, the name given by the World Health Organization to the disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 (see 2020 Feb. 11 quot.)] Related to the coronavirus pandemic in 2020

2020 Feb. 11. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, “WHO Director-General’s remarks at the media briefing on 2019-nCoV,” World Health Organization (see also): First of all, we now have a name for the disease, and it is COVID-19. And I will spell it: CO-V-I-D-hyphen-1-9. CO, C-O, stands for ‘corona’, as you know; V-I stands for ‘virus’; D for ‘disease’. So COVID. Under agreed guidelines between WHO, the World Org—the World Health Organization, the World Organisation for Animal Health, and the Food and Agriculture Organization—means WHO, OIE, and FAO of the United Nations—we had to find a name that did not refer to a geographical location, an animal, an, an individual or group of people, and which is also pronounceable and related to the disease. Having a name matters to prevent the use of other names that can be inaccurate or stigmatizing. It also gives us a standard format to use for any future coronavirus outbreaks.

—Brunch Covidian noun [after Branch Davidians] Someone who holds discredited beliefs about the COVID-19 pandemic, as though brain-washed; COVIDIOT

[2020 Mar. 14. Adrian Wapcaplet (@AdrianWapcaplet), Twitter (responding to a post by @themeredith, Twitter: “what are we calling all these corona babies that are gonna be born in 9 months?”): Brunch Covidians]

2020 Apr. 23. “Checking in with Alex Jones During COVID-19,” Swallowing the Camel (blog): He knows that most of his people are Brunch Covidians who are more concerned about the economy than about human life, but he doesn’t want to miss out on any of that sweet sweet colloidal silver toothpaste money.

2021 Jan. 16. Andrew Mitchell, “The high road back,” Pique Newsmagazine: Now that Trump’s incredibly deluded followers (a.k.a. Y’all Qaeda, Vanilla ISIS, Meal Team Six, the Gravy Seals, Irrational Guard, the Brunch Covidians) have shown how dangerous they can be, it behooves Canadians to start taking our own growing ailments problem a little more seriously.


2020 Mar. 19. Jenna Price (@JennaPrice), Twitter: Oh this is glorious. Anyone you know been quazza’d? I know heaps in iso. #coronaverse #covidictionary

2020 Apr. 29. Erin McCarthy, “11 New Words and Phrases Inspired by the Coronavirus,” Mental Floss: If you’re struggling to describe the new coronavirus era we’re living in, well, you’re not alone. [...] The language experts at Babbel sent us a few of the new coronavirus-inspired words that humanity is adding to its covidictionary.

2020 Sept. 10, “Babylon COVIDictionary,” Babylon Health: Since coronavirus (COVID-19) is all over the news and social media, we thought we’d create the COVID-ictionary, a dictionary that uses analogies to demystify words and phrases associated with coronavirus.

—covidiot noun [COVID-19 + idiot] Someone who holds discredited beliefs about the COVID-19 pandemic —covidiocy noun

—covidiotic adjective (see also COVIDIOT-45; COVIDIOT-IN-CHIEF)

2020 Feb. 29. @Rochelle94965, Twitter: trump’s new name should be #COVIDIOT and his followers that don’t believe in science should be #COVIDIOTS

2020 Mar. 21. Nisheeth Sharan (@nisheethsharan), Twitter: Covidiot: New addition to the lexicon (see image)

2020 Apr. 8. Jennifer Sinco Kelleher, “Hawaii mayor: Florida man floating quarantine was ‘covidiot,’” ABC News: A mayor in Hawaii is calling a Florida man accused of trying to flout Hawaii’s travel quarantine a “covidiot.” [¶] Kauai Mayor Derek Kawakami isn’t taking credit for coining the word borne from the COVID-19 pandemic, but said he “may be the first elected official to bust it out in public.”

2020 Apr. 22, see quotation s.v. CORONASPEAK

2020 June 15, see quotation s.v. CORONACOINAGE

2020 Nov. 17. Chris Cuomo, Cuomo Prime Time, CNN (see): You are a covidiot, Senator Cruz. I know you went to Harvard; I know you’re really smart. You just try really hard not to act that way too often, especially where Trump is involved.

2020 Feb. 26, Rebecca Newell (@RebeccaNewell7), Twitter (responding to post by @WajahatAli, Twitter: “In the Great Virus Off of 2020, which one are you more worried about?”): COVIDIOT-45

2020 Mar. 7, Andrew Lanier (@AndrewLeeLanier), Twitter: I am referring to Trump as “The Covidiot in Chief” for the day. I may be alone in this.

2020 May 5, “COVIDIOT-45,” Kindnugglets (retail site) (see image)

2020 June 16, Gary Greene, “Rejecting Trump as a ‘president’ who not to be afraid of coronavirus,” The Independent: Mr Trump’s short-lived communications director, Anthony Scaramucci, meanwhile labelled the Republican president a “Covidiot in chief”. [¶] Mr Scaramucci later compared the president’s balcony appearance on his return to the White House as akin to an “American Mussolini”, amid concerns that Mr Trump had continued to endanger those around him with the risk of infection.

—the Covid 19 (pounds/lbs) noun Weight gained during the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 Mar. 14, @SLBM2006, Twitter: We are all going to gain the Covid 19 (lbs)!!

2020 May 21, Early Today, NBC (@): [Geoff Cutmore:] Who knew it was International Burger Day? But today is the day, and Smashburger are offering a special deal. They’ve come up with—let me just read this—an all-new bacon brisket burger to celebrate. You buy one, you get one free, or you could always get the takeaway pack. So maybe it’s time to spark up the Barbie. Back up to you. [Frances Rivera:] Yeah, and just add to your Covid 19 pounds by having that too during quarantine.

2020 July 14, Gregggy Amisial, “The COVID 19 lbs,” The Dad Fit Podcast (@): Though we may not know the full impact of the coronavirus for years to come, one unforeseen side effect is ravaging many people in communities all over America. Its impact could have lingering effects that could last long after the vaccine or cure for coronavirus is found. It’s the Covid 19 pounds.

2021 Jan. 28, sandy, “Favorite pants ever” (product review of Sportif Legging), XCVI (retail site): My new favorite pair! Front and back pockets, either fit a large phone. Lots of compliments even with the “covid 19 lbs” I’ve put on the last year.

2021 Mar. 27, “Bluff the Listener,” Wait Wait… Don’t Tell Me, NPR (@): [Helen Hong:] It’s a year into working from home; you haven’t worn nonelastic pants in 11 and a half months. You have gained the Covid 19 and then some. Your gym is still closed, and the idea of adding a workout area to your already cramped living space is like GTFO. The solution: trampoline desks!

—covidpreneur noun [COVID-19 + entrepreneur] Person starting a new business to capitalize on unique needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, often nefarious

2020 Mar. 21, Jenifa Ochwo (@JenifaOchwo), Twitter: You saw how they were overpowered and totally bypassed by the KadagaGate covidpreneurs ‘cure’ later called a “vaccine” which now turns out to be a mere sanitizer.

2020 July 27, Lorena Rios, “Covidpreneurs’ Hawk Body Bags Amid Mexico Shortages,” Bloomberg: With millions of Mexicans out of work due to Covid-19, some are seizing on the pandemic to trade in medical and other equipment, solving shortages while also causing price spikes and supply chaos. [¶] Like in many countries, these entrepreneurs—some call themselves “covidpreneurs”—buy and sell everything from surgical masks to body bags.

2020 Nov. 5, Steve Kraske, Up to Date, KCUR (@): The coronavirus has caused many businesses across the country to close their doors, but there are those who have decided to start and run their own companies. The movement is called Covidpreneurs, and it’s an idea gaining in popularity. Today, what’s behind a recent spike in business registrations during the pandemic. We’ll talk with an entrepreneur about why she thought that as a coronavirus began was the right time to launch your new venture.

defund transitive verb [MW 1948–] Withdraw financial support from (an institution) (recently prominent in reference to police departments and Immigration and Customs Enforcement; previously used in calls to weaken Planned Parenthood and in criticism of underfunded schools; see also abolish)

2020 Feb. 18, Kate Nocera and David Nather, “House defunds Planned Parenthood,” Politico: The House just approved Rep. Mike Pence’s amendment to cut off funding to Planned Parenthood, checking off a hot-button social issue even as it set up a bigger showdown over defunding the health care law.

2020 Nov. 14, @MNight175, Twitter: When police states get out of control, it becomes time to defund the police. Ballot measures to decrease funding of police, reject bonds &OT

2014 Aug. 7, Logan Layden, “Oklahoma State Parks Director Says State Parks ‘Not on the List’ of Core Services,” StateImpact: Oklahoma, NPR: State tourism officials are considering closing or transferring four more state parks. The agency, like many, has had its budget cut over the past four years, but the decision to defund state parks is about more than money.
Defund the Bans, Equity Forward: We’re calling on these companies to divest from the overreaching legislators pushing laws that will rob women of their rights, and instead make comparable donations to organizations supporting women’s rights. People expect corporate CEOs to be leaders and take a stand—it’s time for them to put their money where their mouth is and defund the [state abortion] bans.

Defund Hate, American Friends Service Committee: AFSC and the Defund Hate Coalition join with communities across the country in demanding Congress to stop funding cruelty against immigrants. It’s time to defund ICE and CBP and invest our tax dollars in education, health care, and other programs that strengthen—instead of tear apart—our communities.

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2020 June 18, “‘Defund the police,’ explained,” Global News (see video):

[Krista Hessey:] If you’ve been to a protest or have been paying attention to the news lately, there’s a good chance you’ve heard this:

[Eva Pilgrim:] Defund the police...

[Christi Paul:] Defund police departments...

[Wolf Blitzer:] Defund the police...

[Hessey:] It’s a rallying cry that has been traction following the killing of George Floyd by police and the outbreak of global protest against anti-black racism and police brutality. In past high profile cases of black Americans being killed by police, activists have called for police reform, but now they’re pushing for a more radical change: defunding police departments and reimagining what public safety looks like.

2020 June 19, Rawshawn Ray, “What does ‘defund the police’ mean and does it have merit?” Brookings:

“Defund the police” means reallocating or redirecting funding away from the police department to other government agencies funded by the local municipality. That’s it. It’s that simple. Defund does not mean abolish policing. And, even some who say abolish, do not necessarily mean to do away with law enforcement altogether.

2020 June 19, “Defund the Police and Invest in Our Communities,” Ben & Jerry’s (see accompanying image)

2020 June 26, helloiamanegg, TikTok (see video):

✓You get it when they say “defund education,” / They don’t mean, “get rid of all education.” / You therefore understand what “defund the police” means. / Also, you know when I say “save the turtles,” / I don’t mean “fuck every other animal on the planet that’s not a turtle.” / You therefore understand what “black lives matter” means. / Just say it, Karen. You just hate black people.✓

2020 June 29, Caleb Hearon (@calebsaysthings), Twitter: twenty five and single. defund the it gets better project.

2020 July 16, Sam Levin, “It’s not about bad apples: how US police reforms have failed to stop brutality and violence,” The Guardian (subhead and text):

Body cameras, bias training and other popular initiatives have not addressed systemic problems. Abolitionists say defunding is the only way forward / […] Activists say those realizations have created unprecedented momentum for the more radical ideas they have long promoted, like defunding and abolishing police, and reinvesting in services.

2020 July 20, Nico Savidge, “Faced with calls to defund police, some Bay Area cities weigh radical changes to law enforcement,” Mercury News (see accompanying image)

2020 Oct. 26, Alexandra Erin (@AlexandraErin), Twitter: Abolish the filibuster? That sounds a little extreme. Maybe we could defund the filibuster, by which I mean increase the funding for filibusters but earmark it for additional training.

2020 Dec. 2, Osita Nwanevu (@OsitaNwanevu), Twitter: A million takes on “defund the police” and nobody noticed or thought it was worthy of comment that it was initially “abolish the police” before changing swiftly and imperceptibly in mainstream discourse at some point during the summer.

2020 Dec. 16, see quotation s.v. abolish

2021 Jan. 4, eliisa /, “1312,” Urban Dictionary: 1312 stands for All Cops Are Bastards (or bastardized). 1-A 3-C 1-A 2-B If we put the letters together, we get ACAB. ACAB also stands for All Cops Are Bastards.

/Eli: ACAB! 1312! Defund the police! / Mary: Blue Lives Matter!!!!!!! / Eli: No, they don’t. Blue is not a life.


dissent collar noun Decorative collar worn over her robe by the late U.S. Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg when she disagreed with the court’s majority decision; symbol honoring Ginsburg and the causes she championed

2014 July 31
2014 July 31, Ryan Juda (@ryanjuda), Twitter: RBG has this shiny collar that she calls her dissent collar because “it looks fitting for dissents” aka when she wants to be a bad bitch.

2016 Nov. 9, Safia Samee Ali, “Justice Ginsburg Wears ‘Dissent’ Collar Following Contentious Election,” NBC News (see accompanying courtroom sketch, by Art Lien): Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg appeared to be wearing her dissent “jabot” on Wednesday—one day after an incredibly divisive and contentious presidential campaign ended in the election of Donald Trump.

2016 Nov. 10, Emily Saunders (@esaundertz), Twitter: Where can I find a dissent collar? Think it might match my outfit for the next few years.

2017 Oct. 15, “Ruth Bader Ginsburg has a collar,” Dissent Pins (retail site) (see accompanying image): She has one for every occasion, but her most famous is the Dissent Collar. She wears it when she dissents from a decision being handed down by the Supreme Court. [...] We created Dissent Pins as a tribute to the Notorious RBG and her subtle form of dissent.

2018 July 18, @fiftyshadesofbye, Twitter (see accompanying image): Just got RBG’s dissent collar tattooed on my arm while wearing my The Supremes shirt, what did you do today?

2018 Nov. 30, @schwelo, Twitter: Whoa, is #NotoriousRBG wearing her dissent collar for the #SCOTUS class photo? That is some elite shade your Honor.

2019 Jan. 7, Chloe Foussianes, “Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s ‘Dissent Collar’ Is Being Reissued by Banana Republic,” Town & Country: For years, Ruth Bader Ginsburg has used one accessory to channel her disapproval: a Banana Republic bib necklace, affectionately known as her “dissent collar.” [...] The now-famous necklace reportedly came into Ginsburg’s possession through Glamour’s “Woman of the Year” event in 2012, when it was placed in swag bags.

2020 Sept. 19 (updated from June 5, 2018), Kavitha George, “The Powerful Meaning Behind Each One Of RBG’s Collars,” Bustle: Widely recognized for her dissenting opinions as well as her collection of collars (also known as jabots), Ginsburg was a liberal social icon, appearing everywhere from children’s “Superhero Day” costumes to Lego keychains on Etsy. Her famous “dissent” collar—worn for such occasions as her Hobby Lobby contraception case dissent—has even been made into necklaces and pins.

2020 Sept. 20, @PaulaCobia, Twitter: The Fearless Girl in NYC sporting a dissent collar in honor and memory of #RBG.

2020 Sept. 24, “Ruth Bader Ginsburg I DISSENT collar necklace,” Resist (retail site) (see image): This is one hell of a statement necklace—inspired by Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s famous Dissenting Collar. [...] It is made up of 13 separate pieces attached to the main ‘I dissent’ collar, with the words from her following quotation: “Dissents speak to a future age. It’s not simply to say, ‘My colleagues are wrong and I would do it this way.’ But the greatest dissents do become court opinions and gradually over time their views become the dominant view. So that’s the dissenter’s hope: that they are writing not for today, but for tomorrow.”

2020 Sept. 30, “RBG’s Dissent Collar Patch,” Silver in the City (retail site) (see image): Now, RBG’s Dissent Collar is available as an iron-on patch!

2020 Oct. 6, David Aaro, “Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s famed ‘Dissent Collar’ is back at Banana Republic, with a new name,” Fox Business: The clothing retail company announced on Friday it would be bringing back Justice Ginsburg’s black “Dissent Collar” for a limited time, but with a new name: “The Notorious Necklace.”

2020 Oct. 13, Elain Francis (@ejfranci2), Twitter: No, Facebook, I do not want to buy RBG dissent collar earrings. To each their own, I guess, but what a weird way to capitalize on her legacy.

2020 Nov. 3, @kimcollelo, Twitter: I’m wearing my #RBG dissent collar earrings today to honor her legacy and everything she did for us - women AND men! ❤️💙

dooscrolling verbal noun Obsessively browsing social media for bad news also doomsurfing

[2017 May 26, @sangster, Twitter: Graduated from using twitter for rage scrolling to “despondently waiting for the next sign of our doom” scrolling]

2018 Oct. 7, Calla Mounkes (@Callamitys), Twitter: Taking a break from doomsurfing and being inundated with things and stuff. I’ll be back tuesday or something.
2018 Oct. 8, Ashik Siddique (@ahSHEEK), Twitter: thank u for breaking the spell of my doom-scrolling down my feed

2020 Mar. 14, Ellen Muehlberger (@emuelbe), Twitter: I know language work isn’t the hot topic right now, but I’m recommending it strictly as a coping mechanism: do you want to keep nervously doomscrolling #onhere or do you want to brush up on that language you keep saying you want to work on?

2020 Mar. 16, William Sutcliffe (@Will_Sutcliffe8), Twitter: New word for 2020. Every time my wife sees me staring ashen-faced at my phone, she tells me to “stop doomsurfing”.

2020 Mar. 20, “The Week in Tech: How to Stop Coronavirus ‘Doomsurfing,’” New York Times: I’ve been doing a lot of this kind of doomsurfing recently—falling into deep, morbid rabbit holes filled with coronavirus content, agitating myself to the point of physical discomfort, erasing any hope of a good night’s sleep.

2020 May 7, Karen K. Ho (@karenho), Twitter: Coffee is pretty good but sleeping eight solid hours is better. You can still limit your doomsurfing. I hope you have a restful night.

2020 July 19, “Your ‘Doomscrolling’ Breeds Anxiety. Here’s How To Stop The Cycle,” Weekend Edition Sunday, NPR (@NPR): [Amelia Aldao:] Our minds are set up to look for threats; we are built to look for potential dangers. And what’s happening right now is that y’know the more we spend we spend scrolling, the more we find those dangers, uh, the more we get sucked into them, the more anxious we get, and then the more we look for information that confirms our anxiety. Um, and that’s how we go down the, the rabbit hole of, uh, doomscrolling.

2020 Nov., Anindita Banerjee, “Thinking through the Pandemic: A Symposium,” Science Fiction Studies 47, no. 3: 321: Color-coded models and mobile interactive projections, tracking unthinkable numbers of the sick, the dead, the unemployed, and the dispossessed, generated their own neologism of “doomscrolling.”

2020 Nov. 6, Heather Schwedel, “We’re No Longer Doomscrolling. Now We’re Gleefreshing,” Slate: The doomscrolling clouds have suddenly parted. I’m constantly refreshing my timeline, but it doesn’t feel anxiety-provoking and soul-crushing like usual. […] I think we may need a new word for this behavior. Youths, I am told, speak of “hopium” and “copium,” but we need a word that incorporates the never-ending mainlining of information as well as the positive or negative cast of that information. I humbly submit: gleefreshing.

2020 Dec. 26, Robert West, Stop Doomsrolling: How to Break the Cycle to Relieve Stress, Decrease Anxiety, and Regain Your Life (self-published), 7: [A] brief definition is that doomsrolling, or doomsurfing as it’s also called, refers to obsessively scrolling your social media feeds looking for the next sign of our doom.

Everything is cake; everything is a cake phrase Used to joke that all things are actually cakes made to realistically resemble everyday objects

2019 Apr. 15, @Bowenarrow24, Twitter: El pastel de cumpleaños que mi papá hizo para mi mom. Lmfao she loves Popeyes so this is what he did this year. I’m fucking weak. Everything is cake. 😂😂

2020 Feb. 9, @RufusHound, Twitter (responding to video of cakes imitating objects, posted by Demotivateur, Facebook): Everything is cake if you just believe hard enough. / And chew hard enough.

2020 Mar. 10, Ben Cullen (the_bakeking), Instagram (see accompanying video): CAKE????

2020 July 8, Tasty (@tasty), Twitter (see accompanying video of cakes by Tuba Geçkil): These Are All Cakes

2020 July 9, @npueu, Twitter (responding to video of Tuba Geçkil’s cakes, posted by Tasty on Twitter [cited above]): I know everyone hates these cakes but I love them and all I want is to live in a world where everything is cake

2020 July 9, J. Kenji López (@GKBesterfriend), Twitter (responding to video of Tuba Geçkil’s cakes, posted by Tasty on Twitter [cited above]): furiously ripping apart everything I own only to discover that everything is cake

2020 July 10, Adam, “Tasty’s ‘These Are All Cakes’ Video,” Know Your Meme: Others joked about the implication of an existential reality where all everyday objects could actually be cake.

2020 July 11, @Guillastroso, Twitter (responding to video of cakes by Ben Cullen aka The Bake King, posted by @alexE_617, Twitter): 2007: The cake is a lie / 2020: Cake is the only truth. Everything is cake. I am cake.

2020 July 12, @PuddiCure, Twitter (see accompanying image): cake memes have me feeling like

2020 July 13, Marina Watts, “The ‘Everything Is a Cake’ Meme, Explained Through Jokes,” Newsweek: Some have even tried slicing other objects to test out the “everything is a cake” theory.
2020 July 13, @JettBlackMagick, Twitter: If everything is cake, but the cake is a lie, does that mean everything is a lie? WHAT IS EXISTENCE!!?

2020 July 13, Emma Betuel, “Everything Is Cake: Scientists Explain Why the Viral Trend Tickles the Brain,” Inverse (subhead and text): The Science of “Everything Is Cake” / […] Rolf Nelson, a professor of psychology at Wheaton College who studies visual perception, says that’s in part because these cakes create a “strange dissonance” in our brains. [¶] “I think we’re fascinated by the quality of the illusion—and there’s the strange dissonance brought on by perceiving things in two ways,” Nelson tells Inverse.

2020 June 6, Palmer Haasch, “K-pop stans are using short videos called fancams to support protesters,” Mashable: Instead, Twitter users are flood- ing the official snitching app with unrelated videos, memes, K-pop fancams, and even footage of the police themselves.

2008 June 1, “DBSK Shanghai concert fancam: Shirtless Junsu,” Chaos Under Control (blog): Thankfully for those people who weren’t at the concert and are dying to see it NOW, one kind soul hastily uploaded his/her fancam of Junsu showing off his body.

2010 Mar. 31, leschoristes354, “Fancam,” Urban Dictionary: Footage of a celebrity taken by a fan. Most likely to be of low quality. / A: hahahaha I like to watch fancams on Youtube XD / B: but they’re always so shaky and low def!!!

2020 June 1, Talia Lavin (@chick_in_kiev), Twitter (responding to post by Grand Rapids Police, Twitter: @GrandRapidsPD has set up a portal so you may upload any picture or video evidence you have from last night’s unrest): hello fancam hive especially kpop stans you know what to do

2020 June 1, Amanda Yeo, “K-pop fans spam Dallas police ‘snitch’ app with videos and memes to support protesters,” Mashable: Instead, Twitter users are flooding the official snitching app with unrelated videos, memes, K-pop fancams, and even footage of the police themselves.

2020 June 4, Elliot Sang, “the revolution will look like a k-pop fandom,” Medium: When K-pop fans, many of whom are leftist or left-leaning and interested in social justice, saw that a global movement for change could use their help, they found a way to do so through grassroots organization. They flooded police snitch apps with fancams and boosted essential information.

2020 June 6, Palmer Haasch, “K-pop stans are using short videos called fancams to drown out racists online. This is how the movement started,” Insider: The hashtags [#whitelivesmatter, #whiteoutwednesday, and #BlueLivesMatter] weren’t trending due to a massive influx of sincere posts. Rather, they had been hijacked by K-pop stans who were spamming them with fancams and memes, drowning out any racist posts or rhetoric that may have been taking place

2020 Aug. 17, Sade Spence, “USPS Fancams & Appreciation TikToks,” StayHipp (see accompanying video, by @ScribbinTaylor, Twitter): In an effort to bring attention to these issues and show appreciation for the United States Postal Service, Gen-Zers and meme accounts are making USPS fancams and TikTok videos.
Flood an objectionable service, such as a police app for reporting protesters, or an offensive hashtag with *fancams* to dilute their effectiveness as a form of protest.

[2020] May 31, @lechsk93, *Twitter*: pigs are using this app to have people send in videos so they can identify those in protests. If we can swarm these pages, they won’t be able to find anything on anyone. How about we put our fancamming into good use and upload so many fancams it floods the app?

[2020] June 2, @whorlaith, *Twitter*: the fact that kpop stans are fancamming the police to help protesters is wild. they’re doing so much good.

[2020] Aug. 6, @MaxProgressive, *Twitter*: No idea why #kpopstansareoverparty is trending, but while I’m not personally a Kpop stan, they cool, yo. When #Anonymous asked them to fancam the shit out of racist hashtags and snitching apps, they fucking answered the call. Hell, they’re still answering the call.

[2020] Sept. 22, Farouk Kannout, “What’s With All The Fancams?” *Pug!:* Amidst protests against police brutality, even members of stan twitter have shown support in one of the main ways they know how, by fancamming.

[2020] Oct. 29, dougmeet, “Andy Warhol Never Told Han Donovan…,” *What Gets Me Hot* (blog): All #blinks and KPOP #stans must immediately put pressure by #fancamming and #untagging any mention of T. G. ENT. FOR THE SAKE OF BP, WHO ARE NOT FREE TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

**freedom seeds** *noun, plural Bullets*


[2018] Oct. 23, nicemathmom, “pew pew freedom seeds,” *imgur* (see image)


[2018] Nov. 26, FUCKYOURFEELINS_2016, *iFunny* (see image)

[2019] Apr. 7, Brazos Bullet Company, *Facebook*: Freedom Seeds / When I hear that phrase I immediately think of this 115gr 9mm profile. The no groove profile comes out flawless. We love cranking these through the machines.

[2020] Jan. 10, @VikingVarnyx, *Twitter*: Dorice, you do realize that Big Balls Bobby [Robert O’Neill] over there was the one who put 5.56x45 freedom seeds into Dirty Beard’s [Osama Bin Laden] chops right? Like the man and his fellow Wheelbarrow Balled Buddies stormed his compound and then ‘buried’ him at sea.

[2020] Sept. 20, RTT Guns & Gear, “Planting Freedom Seeds,” *YouTube* (see video; Matt Winklejohn doing both voices): [Matt 1:] Hey, buddy. Whatcha doin? [Matt 2:] Oh, nothin. I uh got to thinking about the ammo crunch and how things are– y’know, noth- ing’s available right now, so I thought, why not plant some freedom seeds? [Matt 1:] Oh really? [Matt 2:] I figure I’ll make a killing on this. These things’ll come up, no problem. [Matt 1:] Yeah, I don’t, uh, I don’t think it quite works like that. [Matt 2:] What do you mean that’s not how it works? Course that’s how it works.

[2020] Sept. 21, Shannon Watts (@shannonrwatts), *Twitter* (responding to post by NRA on *Twitter* [cited above]): Over 40,000 Americans will be killed this year by “freedom seeds.”

[2020] Sept. 22, Adam Weinstein (@AdamWeinstein), *Twitter* (responding to post by NRA on *Twitter* [cited above]): Lifelong shooter here. Never heard “freedom seeds,” not even out of the guy selling the Rothschilds and Trilaterals conspiracy bumper stickers at the gun shows when I was a kid

[2020] Sept. 23, Doktor Zoom, “NRA Happy So Many Americans Buying ‘Freedom Seeds.’ Bullets. They Mean Bullets,” *Wonkette*: FREEDOM SEEDS! We’ll definitely have to make use of that the next time a Responsible Gun Owner exercises their cherished Second Amendment rights by spraying a school,
concentric, traffic circle, or other location with high-velocity rounds designed to do maximal damage to whatever they hit, like so: “Police said the freedom gardener planted at least 60 freedom seeds in the seven freedom seedbeds, killing four and injuring three.” Or “Wow, that guy in Las Vegas sure had a green thumb!”

2020 Sept. 23, Patton Oswalt (@pattonoswalt), Twitter (responding to post by NRA on Twitter [cited above]): Kinda wish so many freedom seeds weren’t flying out of anger pipes into people’s thickly coconuts and organ barrels and making their loved ones leak so much boo-hoo water out of their peep orbs.

2020 Nov. 21, Laura Lux (@DarthLux) Twitter: as we come towards the end of november i’m thinking about contenders for the worst tweet of 2020, for me some front runners are “ruthkanda” and the time the NRA called bullets “freedom seeds”


2021 Feb. 1, Turning Point USA (@TPUSA), Twitter: Fact: socialism doesn’t cure poverty—it actually causes it. 🤣 / Tune into Freedom Seeds with @theisabelb and get your ammo to win America’s culture war every day at 10 AM Pacific, 1 PM Eastern on IGTV, Facebook, and YouTube! 🎥

freedumb noun [humorous respelling of freedom] Reckless or thoughtless invocation of “freedom”

1856 Aug. 26, J. H. W., “Letters from Cool Places,” New-York Daily Times, 2 (Newspapers.com): Those who are familiar with the reverberations of the report of artillery at West Point, can readily believe that a similar echo among the mountains in the vicinity, from like cause, might be deemed by the credulous a voice from the dwelling of the Old Man [of the Mountain], shouting in earnest tone the political battle-cry of the New-Hampshire electors, “[Republican presidential nominee John C.] FREMONT and freedumb.”


1921 Feb., J. Frederick Meagher, “Nad-Fratities,” The Silent Worker 33, no. 5: 172: The Chicago Herald and Examiner had the following four-line news item, in verse form: DEAF AND DUMB, TOO MUCH RUMB; WINS FREEDUMB / Howard Bliss, deaf and dumb, / Pinched for drinking too much rumb. / When in court he looked so glumb / Judge freed him ’cause he felt so bumb.

1935, Jan. 25, Ezra Pound, letter to E. E. Cummings, in The Letters of Ezra Pound, 1907–1941, ed. D. D. Paige (London: Faber and Faber, 1941), 352: And we alias were having such a nice quiet revolution (continual); all but the local hill-habitators who are all out and bigod they won’t have any more cow if they ain’t got freedumb to leave tubercules in the milk.

1967, Megan Terry, Viet Rock, in Viet Rock, Comings And Goings, Keep Tightly Closed in a Cool Dry Place, The Gloaming Oh My Darling; Four Plays (New York: Simon and Schuster), 23: Posted around the theatre, if the director wishes, or worked into the setting, should be the following phrases. [...] Offense / Action / Yell / Freedumb / Enter Killer Trainees [...].

1990, Man-Go Bang, “¿Freedumb?” Man-Go Bang, FLU-X Records (†): If they say in this land you are free, / How come everybody’s watching me? / This system I can’t allow, / Computer surveillance they got me down. [...] Freedumb, I can’t understand how to deal with the underhanded / Freedumb, to be a freer man they say I must live by a government plan / I won’t do it.

1999 May 18, Suicidal Tendencies (Mike Clark, Dean Pleasants, Josh Paul, and Mike Muir), “Freedumb,” Freedumb, Suicidal Records (†): Truth is hard sell, but I know what goes over well / Lies (lies) are cheap and free (are cheap and free), so the profit margin works exceptionally / Free, freedumb! We’ve got your free, freedumb. Come get your free, freedumb.

2005 Dec., Lalo Alcaraz, “Freedumb Fighter: The 2004 Freedumb Fighter Cartoonista Calendar” (ELA, Calif.: Cartoonista) (see image)

2007 Sept. 13, Kenneth L. Zimmerman, “A symbol of freedumb,” Voice of the People, Chicago Tribune: Southwest Airlines’ slogan is “A Symbol of Freedom.” [¶] Well, apparently one of its airline crews forgot that solgan when they made 23-year-old passenger Kyla Ebbert rearrange her clothing before she could fly. They considered what she had on (a miniskirt and a tank top) too skimpy.

2008 Sept. 12, Justin Johnson (@profexorgeek), Twitter: is proud of the great deMOCKracy of America. Hackable voting machines, flawed electoral college, death of amendment 4....long live freedumb

2010 Apr. 20, Laura Penny, More Money Than Brains: Why Schools Suck, College is Crap, and Idiots Think They’re Right (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart), 166: Rathan than insisting that we have intellectual rights and responsibilities, as Enlightened types like the Founding Fathers did, freedumb—the ideology of idiocracy—consists of two fundamentally contradictory propositions. First, we should do whatever Big Dad says, whether he comes in the form of God or Dick Cheney or Wall Street. But freedumb also tells us that we can do whatever we like, because we’re free to ignore those who think they know better.

2020 May 3, Joseph Gerth, “Liberty crowd opposed to coronavirus masks wants license to kill,” Courier Journal (Louisville, Ky.): So this is the hill the “freedumb” fighters have come to die on. [¶] Masks and bandannas? [¶] It’s hard
to believe that merely the suggestion that people wear some sort of a mask to prevent the spread of the coronavirus is what Kentucky’s pro-liberty warriors are hanging their tricorn hats on as Gov. Andy Beshear begins to reopen the economy.

2020 May 7, Umair Haque, “How Freedom Became Free-dumb in America,” CityWatch Los Angeles: Here’s how extreme America’s belief in freedumb—freedom as the absence of any kind of obligation or responsibility to anything greater than narrow, immediate, infantile self-satisfaction—has gotten.

2020 May 16, “Freedumb Mask,” by LoopusArts, Redbubble (retail site) (see image)

gigafire
noun [giga- + wildfire; after megafire 'wildfire that burned 100,000 acres] Wildfire that burned one million acres

2017 Aug. 1, keving, comment on Bill Gabbert, “Elephant Hill Fire in British Columbia grows to 194,000 acres,” Wildfire Today (responding to question posed by Gabbert: “If we call fires that exceed 100,000 acres megafires, what would we call 1,000,000-acre fires?”): Gigafires, of course. And 1,000,000,000 acre fires would be terafires. Says the computer science guy :).

2017 Oct. 4, Wildfire Today (@wildfiredtoday), Twitter: 1 million hectares = 2.47 million acres! / A Gigafire

2017 Oct. 4, @DCrkVineyard, Twitter (replying to post by Wildfire Today on Twitter [cited above]): That would be a Megafire (million), not Gigafire which would be billion acres.

2018 Oct. 26, Bill Gabbert, “Bushfire in Australia burns over 2 million acres, becoming a ‘gigafire,’” Wildfire Today: When we coined the term “megafire” for wildfires that exceed 100,000 acres, it was in the back of our mind that if a fire reached 1 million acres it would be called a “gigafire”.

2020 Oct. 5, Raj Mathai, NBC Bay Area New at 5, KNTV (44): The August Complex fire burning in Northern California has become the first gigafire in the state in decades. It started out as 37 separate fires in Mendocino National Forest and spans seven counties. So far it’s burned a million acres, which is bigger than the entire state of Rhode Island.

2020 Oct. 6, Umair Irfan, “California’s largest wildfire on record is now a million-acre ‘gigafire,’” Vox: Historically, there have been larger individual gigafires sporadically in the western United States. The Great Fire of 1910 burned more than 3 million acres across Idaho and Montana, for instance.

2020 Oct. 6, Harmeet Kaur, “California fire is now a ‘gigafire,’ a rare designation for a blaze that burns at least a million acres,” CNN: Wildfires have gotten so extreme in recent years that experts have had to coin new terms to describe their increasingly massive scale. [¶] Enter the “gigafire”—a term for a blaze that burns at least a million acres of land and a level above the “megafire,” which burns more than 100,000 acres. […] The most recent gigafire in the US was the Taylor Complex in Alaska, which scorched about 1.3 million acres in 2004, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

2020 Oct. 9, Rasha Aridi, “California’s First-Ever Gigafire Blazes Through the State. Scorching More Than One Million Acres,” Smithsonian Magazine: Earlier this week, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) announced that the August Complex Fire had been upgraded from a megafire—a fire burning hundreds of thousands of acres—to a gigafire after it blazed through more than a million acres of land. [¶] Australia’s bushfire earlier this year reached gigafire status, but California’s is the first gigafire in the United States for ten years.

2021 Feb. 1, “Wildfire in the Age of the Gigafire: Measuring and Mitigating a Growing Risk” (webinar), Verisk Insurance (description): In this webinar, we review the 2020 wildfire season, including the first “gigafire.” We also share our latest insights on wildfire mitigation and the role of legislation.

2021 Feb. 24, “California on the Road to Recovery After Most Active Wildfire Season in State History,” Disaster Recovery Roundtable (podcast), ep. 19, Tidal Basin (show notes): The August Complex Fire has been classified as the first “gigafire”—burning over 1 million acres across seven counties. It was one of several large-scale fires and ranked as the Top 5 of the 6 largest fires in California’s recorded wildfire history.

girls, gays, and theys
noun phrase [girls and gays (1982–) + theys ‘pronoun chosen by some trans and nonbinary people’] Group of people consisting of women, gay men, trans and nonbinary people, and other marginalized gender identities, usually used in reference to one’s audience or fan base (often in the form do it for the girls, the gays, and the theys, that’s it, after Ayesha Erotica’s “Yummy” [see 2017 Dec. 13 quot.])

[1982 Nov. 19, “Walker can thank Boots for his sax,” Times-Picayune (New Orleans, La.), 10 (NewsBank): And he [Gary Herman in Rock ’n’ Roll Babylon (1982)] offers this quotation from former Playboy bunny Deborah Harry […]]: “Women are going to be the new Elvises. That’s the only place for rock ’n’ roll to go. The only people who can express anything new in rock are girls, and gays.”

Welcome to Glitter Island, home of the girls, gays, and theys. This is the glittery island in the middle of the wasteland of TikTok's infinite scroll, where the girls, gays, and theys…lend me your power.

Ladies, let’s talk glitter nail polish. How the hell do I get it off? Ok, now that they’re gone. Let’s talk. Ladies, let’s talk about glitter nail polish. How the hell do I get it off? Ok, now that they’re gone. Let’s talk. Ladies, let’s talk about glitter nail polish. How the hell do I get it off? Ok, now that they’re gone. Let’s talk.

The Observer (London), B10 (ProQuest): The Observer’s sports pages have within the last few weeks featured several articles of specific interest to both girls and gays, so we do not feel we have to defend ourselves on charges of narrow-mindedness.

Nov. 23, EJ Dickson, “The Bimbo Is Back. Like, for Real!” Rolling Stone: Chrissy Chlapecka is one of the de facto leaders of BimboTok, a glittery island in the middle of the wasteland of TikTok’s infinite scroll, where the girls, gays, and theys…lend me your power.

Nov. 19, @idle-angel, Tumblr: #mullets only look good on the girls gays and theys

Oct. 26, Lauren Karmo, “The ideal LGBTQIA+ rom com,” Oakland Post (Oakland Univ.) (LexisNexis): The girls, gays and theys have been forced to consume the same boring rom coms for years, and we are sick of it. “The Notebook” is both overrated and heteronormative, and even if it is a cult classic, it’s 16 years old.

Nov. 12, marcsabastianf, “another #revenge tip for my #girls #gay and #they #prank #light,” TikTok (see video): This TikTok is for the girls, the gays, and the theys. If you ain’t one of them, keep it pushin’. I’ll wait. Ok, they’re gone. Ladies, let’s talk glitter nail polish. How the hell do I get it off? Ok, now that they’re definitely gone, let’s talk.

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Dec. 12, Chrissy Chlapecka, TikTok (see video): Welcome to Glitter Island, home of the girls, gays, and theys.

Jan. 18, CherryPie67, “girls, gays, and theys,” Urban Dictionary: Content addressed to everyone except straight, cis men; “hey guys” but better. / *Posts bi-panic content* / This one’s for the girls, gays, and theys.

Feb. 2, Rebecca Lawrence, “I’m thick and juicy!”, Jonathan Ross’ daughter Honey, 23, strips down to racy lingerie as she makes a dig at ‘fatphobic’ Instagram,” MailOnline (UK) (LexisNexis): Honey [Ross] concluded: ‘So don’t waste your time in my DMs big boy. I do it for my girls, gays and theys and the select handful of straight men who don’t trigger my fight or flight’.

Mar. 30, “Girls Gays And Theys Full Glitter Tote,” Kween Tees (retail site)(see image)

humaning

1: Consumer-centric marketing

Mar. 9, rolfforz, Twitter: @drollings good point…maybe we should sometimes focus on humaning instead of marketing

Nov. 11, “Announcing Humaning: A New Approach to Marketing,” Mondelez International: We are excited to announce an evolution of the company’s global marketing strategy: humaning. [¶] Humaning is a unique, consumer-centric approach to marketing that creates real, human connections with purpose, moving Mondelez International beyond cautious, data-driven tactics, and uncovering what unites us all. We are no longer marketing to consumers, but creating connections with humans.

Nov. 16, Diana Bradley, “Mondelez CMO defends calling marketing strategy ‘humaning,’” PR Week (see accompanying image)

Dec. 1, Mondelez International, “Humaning—Marketing Made Right for Snacking Made Right,” YouTube (see video): Today, every human on Earth will wake up hungry for connection. Our marketing needs to feed the human hunger for connection too. We need to start listening, empathizing, connecting. Today, we need to stop marketing and start humaning.
2020 Dec. 31, Steven Poole, “‘Humaning’: a nice idea or ridiculous corporate buzzword?” The Guardian (subheard): Food giant Mondelez International has announced its new marketing strategy is called ‘humaning’

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2: Behaving in the manner of a human

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