'Political correctness'

Introductory note

This paper contains pairs or groups of words and phrases. It invites discussion, with regard to each pair or group, of differences in meaning, implication, nuance and 'correctness'.

After considering the pairs or groups, it is useful if discussion turns to more general questions about the nature of language, the relationship between language and the realities it describes, and so-called political correctness.

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women	ladies	girls	females
race	ethnicity	nationality	colour
BME people	coloured people	people of colour	ethnic minorities
Gypsy	traveller	Roma	tinker
	racism	xenophobia	
	prejudice	discrimination	
Britain	Great Britain	United Kingdom	England
fundamentalist	extremist	conservative	radical
alien	foreigner	immigrant	emigré
	Derry	Londonderry	
faith	religion	belief	spirituality
regugees	asylum-seekers	people seeking asylum	
	Islamic	Islamist	
gay	homosexual	LGBT	LGB
homophobia	heterosexism		
equality	diversity	cohesion	integration
handicap	disability	impairment	
	gender	sex	
terrorism	armed struggle	violent extremism	