
Subject: Re: Top or bottom posting; does it really matter?
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On Tue, 28 Sep 2021 16:55:19 -0700 (PDT), Quadibloc
<jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

> On Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:11:08 AM UTC-6, Questor wrote:

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>> Unfortunately, the term "woke" is being smeared by conservatives,

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> True enough.

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>> and there's
>> not clear clear consensus on what it means to liberals.

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> I don't think that's the problem.

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> At least wherever I have seen that term used, it had a meaning that was
> clear and consistent enough that you could put it in a dictionary.

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> Someone is "woke" when his understanding of the situation of a
> disadvantaged group is genuine. When he sees what they're really
> living with, rather than seeing it through the distorting lens of his
> own experiences and assumptions. When he sees how they
> percieve their situation.

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> But that doesn't eliminate all ambiguity about who is "woke".

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> To illustrate why, let's take another term: "feminist". This one does
> potentially have multiple meanings, as it can also refer to forms of
> female supremacism. But its basic meaning is simply: a feminist is
> one who believes that women are fully human beings, fully equal
> to men in rights and dignity.

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> Now, a man could be a feminist by that definition, and yet also believe
> that abortion is homicide. There's no contradiction between believing
> that adult women are people, and that babies are people too, even when
> they're not born yet.

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> But such a man would hardly be *acknowledged* as a feminist by
> most of those we think of as feminists, would he?

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> Similarly, a man could indeed be knowledgeable as well as empathetic to
> the plight of black Americans, to the extent that he would qualify as
> "woke", and yet have doubts about Black Lives Matter due to other

- > concerns: he could recognize the difficulties of the situations police officers
- > often find themselves in.
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- > Again, such a one might _be_ woke without being likely to be *acknowledged*
- > as woke.

It's one of those words like "hip" that denote that someone is accepted as a member of an "in-group". This person is "woke" because he or she speaks a certain cant, that person isn't because they don't buy the cant.
