



## Tips on Using Inclusive Language

### *Acknowledge Equity in Human Cultures*

*Why? Non-Western countries (countries outside of Europe and North America) are too often viewed as “inferior” to Western countries, which may have dominated, or colonized, them in the past.*

<b>Example of Language that May Not Be Inclusive</b>	<b>Why it May Feel Non-inclusive</b>	<b>Suggested Revision to be More Inclusive</b>
“Developing countries also need to do their part to limit carbon emissions and help stop global warming.”	Phrases such as “Third World” and “developing countries” are problematic because they assume a standard of “civilization” or “modernity” that some societies have yet to reach—standards that usually reflect Western biases.	“[Countries X, Y and Z] can play a part in the global effort to limit carbon emissions and reduce global warming.”  A step further: “Countries that have been colonized by Western countries and are struggling with the aftermath of that domination can play a

		part in the global effort to limit carbon emissions and reduce global warming, too.”
“Tribal communities around the world are losing their land and food sources, so we should work harder on helping them to modernize.”	Historically speaking, “modernize” has been used synonymously with “Westernize,” and while this statement displays a degree of empathy with tribal peoples, it still assumes that “they” should adopt “our” ways.	<p>“Tribal communities around the world are losing their land and food sources, so non-tribal people should work harder on helping these communities to maintain their resources and to adapt in their own ways for the future.”</p> <p>A step further: “Tribal communities around the world are losing their land and food sources, so non-tribal people should work harder on helping these communities to adapt in their own ways to the scarcity that non-tribal people are responsible for.”</p>

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