

## Have You “WOKE” in 2020?

“**WOKE**” according to Urban Dictionary

1...being aware, and "knowing what's going on in the community."

It also mentions its specific ties to racism and social injustice.

2...“being aware of the truth behind things 'the man' doesn't want you to know”.

3. Meanwhile, a concurrent definition signals a shift in meaning to  
“the act of being very pretentious about how much you care about a social issue”.

*The blue lettering shows my comments on urban dictionary definitions of today's use of the word 'woke' along with excerpts from a small article on the word 'woke' written by Kaitlyn Wylde.*

By Kaitlyn Wylde:

Unless you've been living under a rock (or just very much removed from social media, in which case, I applaud you for going to a place I never will), then the concept of "woke" being used as an adjective is not a particularly new thing for you. As in, "stay woke." You've seen that phraseology floating around, I'm sure. But what does "woke" mean, specifically, when used in that form? I can already hear the Baby Boomers grumbling about the future of the English language, but honestly, they are the reason we pepper our sentences with extra "likes." They can, like, go grumble elsewhere.

**What do you 'like' mean about the 'future' of the 'like' English language? Who is 'like' worried about the 'like' future of something that has 'like' already gone to the 'like' dogs – know what I 'like' mean, man?**

According to Dictionary.com, "woke" is the past tense of "wake" - as in someone who is past the process of waking up. They are done with it. They have moved on. They have evolved from, you know, being asleep and hitting the snooze button 15 times. And frankly, that is a pretty accurate description of how "woke" is currently being used as an adjective.

Urban Dictionary defines "woke" as being aware, and "knowing what's going on in the community." It also mentions its specific ties to racism and social injustice. To use "woke" accurately in a sentence, one that captures its connotations and nuances, you'd need to reference someone who is thinking for themselves, who sees the ways in which racism, sexism and classism affect how we live our lives on a daily basis.

Or, alternatively, someone who doesn't. In which case: The rise in popularity of "woke" has been tied to the #BlackLivesMatter movement, (**which in reality, is a Marxist anti-American group which is out to destroy black and white America**) which initially surfaced in 2013 following the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin. #StayWoke often accompanied social media posts about police brutality, (**you mean those cases of supposed police 'brutality' towards criminals that ignore the police at the moment – vs those rare cases of police who do overstep their responsibility as police**) systematic racism (**and systematic racism is a myth!**) and the industrial prison complex (**what in the world to you mean by that? All the 'black' criminals who went to jail should not be there?**). #StayWoke reminds readers to look past the provided narrative, (**right –**

ignore and tear down all white history) to examine their own privilege (proof that this is all about envy – there is privilege everywhere and always will be. Even black has privilege when it comes to fulfilling job quotas, etc. along with many more examples) (or lack thereof). #StayWoke reminds readers that there is more than one reality to life in the United States. (If one does not like the reality of America, then move to a country where you can find a reality that you enjoy!)

The actual phrasing of "woke," it should be mentioned, has been a part of black culture for decades. It's not the first AAVE word to be taken up by the greater public ("bae" and "twerk" and "trap queen" are just a few), and it certainly won't be the last. (And you wonder why us baby boomers are concerned about the destruction of the English language? Black slang has taken over the English language – kids and even adults now 'talk' with their slang.)

In fact, the worldly black culture (beginning with Ham in **Genesis 9**) has changed music in homes, schools, churches – it even will rear its fleshly beat when the anti-Christ shows up! Clothing styles and trends exhibit more immodesty like back in the jungle days of nudity. Crime percentage rates, rebellion, and riots of destruction instead of positive constructive constructionism, etc. (P.S. Please take note of my article on how the Risen Christ could eliminate all racism – as a group, a nation, a race or even individuals.)

Erykah Badu used "stay woke" in her 2008 song Master Teacher, and by 2011 the phrase had begun to gain popularity as a way of describing an informed, questioning, self-educating individual, which is essentially how we use it today.

Four years after the shooting of Trayvon Martin, "woke" is on MTV's Top 10 Teen Slang Words for 2016.

You can take quizzes to test how woke you are, and Twitter now urges you to #StayWoke about everything from fast food conspiracy theories to ridesharing price surges.

But just remember the roots of "woke" when you use it, because it embodies a lot more than just a "grammatically incorrect" hashtag. **But it certainly does not embody as much as you want it to.**

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Now, it is 'like man' my turn - and I will 'like' keep it 'like' short and simple 'like' for those lefty morons and 'like' moronettes who think they are 'like' woke today.

### Have a Real Awakening!

*And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep:  
for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. **Romans 13:11***

*Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God:  
I speak this to your shame. **I Corinthians 15:34***

*Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give thee light. **Ephesians 5:14***