

Style Resources

News agencies, journals, and professional organizations like MLA, APA, and Chicago, all have style guides, expectations for how you write and submit work for them.

For example

AP Style Guide: Race	https://www.apstylebook.com/race-related-coverage
Capitalize Black, White (there are different stances and rationales here)	https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/05/insider/capitalized-black.html https://apnews.com/article/7e36c00c5af0436abc09e051261fff1f https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/time-to-capitalize-blackand-white/613159/
AP Style Guide: Disability	https://twitter.com/APStylebook/status/1385690332701020162?s=03
Ableist Language	https://hbr.org/2020/12/why-you-need-to-stop-using-these-words-and-phrases
BAME term: Race, slavery, colonialism	https://twitter.com/MJMachina/status/1327963497221804034?s=20
Term “Anglo-Saxon”	https://mrambaranolm.medium.com/history-bites-resources-on-the-problematic-term-anglo-saxon-part-1-9320b6a09eb7
AP Style Guide: mental illness terms	https://twitter.com/APStylebook/status/1326172047194677251?s=20
Disability style guide	https://ncdj.org/style-guide/
Not italicizing, “othering” words not in English	https://twitter.com/djolder/status/1341176182981705728?s=20
Trans reporting	https://transjournalists.org/style-guide/

Suggested Language List: <https://www.brandeis.edu/parc/accountability/languagelist.html>

ABLEISM

a·ble·ism \ ăbə-ˌli-zəm \
noun

A system that places value on people's bodies and minds based on societally constructed ideas of normalcy, intelligence and excellence. These constructed ideas of normalcy, intelligence and excellence are deeply rooted in anti-Blackness, eugenics and capitalism.

This form of systemic oppression leads to people and society determining who is valuable and worthy based on people's appearance and/or their ability to satisfactorily produce, excel and "behave."

You do not have to be disabled
to experience ableism.

a working definition by Talila "TL" Lewis