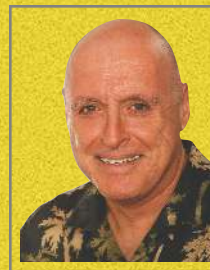


THE EXTRA POINT

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744 These Words Are No Longer Allowable – Part 1

As a public service, I will help you remove words from your vocabulary that could be an embarrassment to you, if you use them. These words have been banned. I'm Jerry Roberts and that's next, on The Extra Point.

Every year, Lake Superior State University, in Minnesota, releases a list of words and phrases they have banished from everyday use, often due to misuse, and sometimes because the word is lame. This practice began in 1975 as a joke, and it is now in its fifth decade.

The last list we discussed on this program featured words from 2017, so we're way behind. I'll give you some of the highlights from the years 2018 and 2019 today, then 2020 and 2021 on Monday. We start with a choice group from 2018...

1. Don't say you want to *wrap your head* around anything. Instead, "think about it"?
2. If you feel something is *in the books*, wouldn't it also be "finished"?
3. And nobody wants to hear anything, ever again, from the OTUS family. That's OTUS as in POTUS, FLOTUS, SCOTUS, and anything else you want to make up with it. No more!
4. Another word we want to jettison is *optics*. Why not just say the way things appear.
5. Here's one I'll be sorry to see go, *thought leader*. Thoughts aren't ranked or scored. How can someone hold a thought-lead?
6. It's important to get rid of *importantly*. You see, importantly apparently sounds more important than important.
7. Next, *accoutrements* needs to hit the dumpster. Won't plain old "accessories" work?
8. Now onto words from 2019. When people

have problems or situations, they don't just tell you about them or assess them, they *unpack* what's going on. Let's pack up "unpack."

9. Another word for the scrapheap is *pre-owned*. If something is owned, it means it's used. Using that as our basic for logic, if it's pre-owned, wouldn't that mean it's brand new?

10. Some people gag on a *nothingburger*. It's not sufficient to just have nothing, nada, zilch, or zip. We have to drag the poor, innocent hamburger into the mix.

11. Getting close to the end, so we'll have to hurry and *drill down*. It sounds like a power word, doesn't it? "I'm going to DRILL DOWN!"

12. Two more, and one of those is *Hot Water Heater*. Take just a moment and think this through. Hot water does not need to be heated.

13. The last word on words we must get rid of is *fake news*. Popularized by Donald Trump, any story we disagree with is obviously fake news. Fake news won't be leaving us, but Trump has, and the term has been discontinued.

If you disagree with people pulling the plug on any of these words, take your complaint to Lake Superior State University. In the meantime, use of all of these terms is strictly prohibited.

Don't let nobody catch you using them.

That's The Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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