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Contributors must use language that is inclusive:

- If quoting or referencing a person in the article, please ask the person their pronouns and use them if/where warranted.
- Use the labels that a person uses to self-identify.
- Use language inclusive of all genders: "they/their" instead of "she/her" or "he/him," "siblings" instead of "brothers and sisters," etc.
- Use person-centered language ("people with disabilities," "someone who uses a wheelchair," etc.) unless otherwise requested.
- Recognize diverse relationship formations: avoid assumptions that all relationships involve only two people and that those two people are a man and a woman.

Inclusive language resources:

- The Diversity Style Guide: <https://www.diversitystyleguide.com/>
- GLAAD Media Reference Guide: <https://www.glaad.org/reference>
- National Center on Disability and Journalism: <https://ncdj.org/style-guide/>

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