

No, these words are not the same

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America has always struggled with a divide in the country at some time or another: politically, socially and racially to name a few. Recently, on many social media platforms, a new divide has taken hold of the youth, the phrase “OK boomer.” While it is used now and again by young people to critique and poke fun at the older generation, many of those “boomers” take great offense to it.

As the baby boomer generation increases in age, they get more estranged from the younger, which is normal. The problem that they have is now the younger generation has something over them, something to make fun of them for after they have been the ones with the ability to do so.

According to CNN, a University of Oklahoma

professor apologized for a recent statement comparing the phrase “OK boomer” to the racial slur, n***er. The OU Daily reported, in a quote he made to a student asking about journalists and the younger generation, he stated “Calling someone a boomer is like calling someone a n***er.”

CNN also reports that many people and staffers were in the classroom when the statement and exchange had occurred. The professor has since apologized for his statements in an email to his students that were in the class.

Even though he apologized for his statements, it does not mean that he is forgiven. Many “boomers” are offended by this word and the meaning it has behind it. CNN states it as “out-of-touch baby boomers and their patronizing opinions.”

This is totally right; there is no deep-rooted

hate and history behind baby boomer or the phrase. There is, however, a long and violent history of African-American and black hatred in America, which should not and will not be compared to a harmless joke such as “OK boomer.”

There is no way to even attempt to make “OK boomer” as disgusting and harmful as the n-word.

This is a prime example of the ignorance of the “boomer” generation and refusal to acknowledge the past. No, these words are not the same; they are not even in the same galaxy when it comes to meaning and how they affect people.

Sorry boomers, you’re going to have to try a little harder to make yourselves look like the good guys, because this is just idiotic.

Trump destroys cultural sites on the homefront

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Last week was a sad and heartbreaking time for the Tohono O’odham Nation. President Trump made the decision to blow up their sacred Native American burial sites in order to push ahead with his border wall. Authorities have confirmed that controlled blasting had begun at Arizona’s Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument which is very close to the Mexican border.

The Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is a Unesco recognized natural reserve and has over 200 year old cacti that have sacred significance to native americans. These cacti subsequently have been chopped down. The government failed to contact the Tohono O’odham Nation before wreaking havoc and destruction. They are a federally recognized tribe with people on both sides of the American and Mexican border.

Environmental groups also have serious concerns about the effects on the underground aquifer and migrating wildlife as a result of the chaos. Officials have stated that the plan is to

build a 30 foot steel wall that will surround 43 miles of park land.

Organ Pipe is home to burial sites of the O’odham Nation where warriors lay resting after battles with their rivals, the Apache. One area on site contains artifacts dating to 10,000 years ago. Bulldozing is also occurring at Quitobaquito Springs, a natural source of water for the tribe near where artifacts and human bone fragments have been found.

Tribal chairman Ned Norris Jr. told the Arizona Republic that even though the land is now controlled by the US government, “we have inhabited this area since time immemorial. They’re our ancestors. They’re our remnants of who we are as a people, throughout this whole area. And it’s our obligation, it’s our duty to do what is necessary to protect that.”

A report obtained from the National Park Service showed that with President Trump’s plans for his wall, 22 archaeological sites would end up being destroyed. He has begun the process. So how is this legal?

Trump has been allowed to build his wall

based on the 2005 REAL ID Act, which allows the federal government to waive conflict with US national security policy. As a result, the White House has waived dozens of laws, including ones that protect native american graves, endangered species and the environment.

“This is a new low even for the Trump administration,” said Laiken Jordahl, a borderlands campaigner for the nonprofit Center for Biological Diversity in Arizona who has been documenting the altered landscape.

“They’re moving forward with complete disregard of sacred sites and indigenous sovereignty.”



Courtesy of Laiken Jordahl

200 year old cacti that have been chopped down.