

## **“Gay”:**

**The term “gay” is commonly used in this context to mean that something is “stupid” or in some way bad. In this form, it is a derogatory reference to homosexuals.**

### **gay** (gā)

1. Of, relating to, or having a sexual orientation to persons of the same sex.
2. Showing or characterized by cheerfulness and lighthearted excitement; merry.
3. Bright or lively, especially in color: *a gay, sunny room.*

## **“Gypped”:**

**Derived from the word “Gypsy,” this term is a stereotype and racist reference to a single group of people.**

### **gyp** also **gip** (jɪp) *Slang*

1. A fraud or swindle.
2. One who defrauds; a swindler.

## **“Retarded”:**

**In this context, “retarded” is commonly used to mean “stupid” or mentally deficient. It is often used as a derogatory reference to the mentally disabled.**

**re·tard·ed** (rī-tär'dīd)

1. *Often Offensive.* Affected with mental retardation.
2. Occurring or developing later than desired or expected; delayed.

## **“Fag” short for “Faggot”:**

**Historically, gay men were gathered, tied together, and used for “kindling” when burning someone at the stake. This word is a derogatory term referring to homosexuals.**

**fag·ot** also **fag·got** (fäg'ot)

1. A bundle of twigs, sticks, or branches bound together.

## **“Bitch”:**

**In this context, it is often used to refer to a woman who is forthright, disloyal, or “difficult”; equating an outspoken woman to a female dog. It is a derogatory reference to a woman who is socially aggressive and independent.**

**bitch** (bĭch)

1. A female canine animal, especially a dog.
2. Offensive.
  - a. A woman considered to be spiteful or overbearing.
  - b. A lewd woman.
3. Slang. A complaint.