

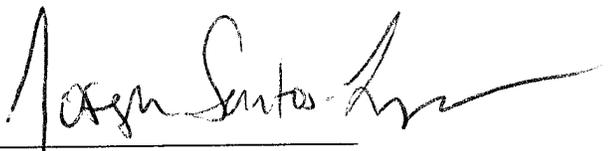
Community Organization, the Unitarian Universalist Association, and the Coalition for a Livable Future. I am ordained and affiliated with the First Unitarian Church of Portland.

2. The use of the name THE SLANTS by the musical group of that name does not disparage or offend the Asian and Pacific Islander community, both because of the explicit claiming of the term in a collective sense and because of the obscure nature of the term as a racial epithet. The reclaiming of an obscure term that has been used to discriminate has a constructive impact when used by a group that also self-identifies as Asian and/or Pacific Islander. The term is sufficiently obscure and generational that today's common sense is not offended.

3. There is a positive impact from collectivizing the name THE SLANTS and linking performance art. This includes but is not limited to an inoculation against negative uses of the term particularly by younger people, and meaningful associations of empowerment and anti-racism through the use by Asian and Pacific Islander performers.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

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