

Tagging Horrible Titles to Persons with Special Needs

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Abstract: *The current article highlights and draws the attention of the community, officials and the concerned bodies to the danger of tagging horrible names and titles to persons with special needs. Furthermore, the article describes some of the ailments and diseases that cause impairments whose names are tagged to the affected persons. In the Arab world, as well as in many parts of the world, many titles are given to persons with special needs particularly the disabled ones. These names are of syndromes or titles created to be attached to the names of persons suffer certain disease phenomena. These titles are sometimes used to insult, contempt, belittle or humiliate these persons. The use of these titles is usually associated with many social problems. The habit of tagging awful and horrible titles to persons is a practice in many parts of the world particularly the Arab world. The persons with special needs are the main category of the society suffers from this problem. These titles hurt and embarrass the persons with special needs as well as their families. Therefore special regulations and new laws should be formulated, endorsed and strictly implemented and the existing laws should be enforced to limit and prohibit this unacceptable habit.*

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I. Introduction

The number of people with special needs is increasing steadily in all parts of the world, including the Arab world especially the oil - producing countries where the rate of accidents is high due to the steady increment in the number of vehicles [1; 2]. Many people in the Arab world suffer from various injuries in the central nervous system or the musculoskeletal system [3-12]. This is in addition to hearing impairments, ear injuries [13; 14] and eye disorders [15; 16], speech and language disabilities [17-24] as well as some neurological and psychiatric diseases [5]. The presence of these disabilities is associated with a bad habit of tagging the names and titles of these disabilities to persons living with these impairments. Rubbish terminologies and titles, that through away all the important and beautiful things the disabled can do, are also used to describe the people with special needs [1]. These titles are used for contempt, belittling, sarcasm or cynicism. It is well known that Islam prohibits the use of outrageous names and titles as well as sarcasm and humiliation of human being. This is clearly stated in the Holy Quran, Surratt Alhojrat, verse no. 11, which means: O ye who believe, asset of people should not make fun of other asset of people probably they are better than them, nor women should make fun of other women probably they are better than them, nor disgrace each other or tag titles and harm each other with evil immoral names after faith, and who does not repent, they are the oppressors. Many people with special needs in the Arab world have horrible awful titles, unacceptable to them or their families and rejected by the majority of members of the community. These titles cause great embarrassment for people with special needs and their families. The humiliating use of these titles leads to many problems that may amount to crime as a result of anger when the concerned persons are called with these titles. This paper discusses and shed light on the habit of tagging horrible titles to persons with special needs to find solutions and avoid the problems that arise from them.

II. Nervous System Disorders

Many injuries affect the central nervous system in humans and their effects appear in the form of psychological or motor disability, or both[3; 4; 5]The causes of these disabilities may be hereditary transmitted from parents to children as passed down through generations. These disabilities occur as a result of external factors affecting humans inside their mother's womb, during birth or in the course of their life activities in the surrounding environment [5-8].Too many of these diseases are wide spread for example, but not limited to: epilepsy, Alzheimer, autism, depression, multiple sclerosis, schizophrenia, insanity, melancholia and a lot of countless mental illness. In many countries, including the Arab world, these diseases are given horrible unacceptable names or titles other than their scientific names. Usually these names and titles are tagged to the names of persons with these diseases. These titles cause severe embarrassment for patients and their families. The use of these titles casts serious social damage on the patients and their families. These titles are used sometimes to belittle, contempt and humiliate these persons as well as their families. The shades of these titles

may extend to children and the subsequent generations and may be accompanied by many societal problems that cannot be solved. Therefore, the concerned bodies, officials and all sectors of the society must cooperate to fight the use of these titles and names and find appropriate solutions for the existing ones.

III. Musculoskeletal System Disorders

Many of the physical disabilities occur as a result of center nervous system injuries or direct injuries to the musculoskeletal system (bones, vertebral column, limbs, joints, ligaments, muscles) as well as several congenital and/or inherited syndromes [7-12]. These injuries and anomalies lead to varying degrees of disability. The causes of these disabilities are either inherited or acquired. Examples of such disabilities are partial or complete paralysis, amputations, hunched back, neck and limbs stiffness, dwarfism, and many other injuries that are not identified here. The names of these disabilities vary in the Arab world. Many of these names are socially unacceptable if tagged to a human being. Of these names Alaaraj (the lame), Alaakta (the one-handed), and several other awful names. All of these names are incompatible with human values and cause countless psychological and social problems. These examples are given to mention a few but not all the names used to describe physical disabilities.

IV. Hearing Impairments

There are many disorders that cause hearing impairments [13; 14] A person who is suffering from an injury that lead to ear clog, hearing impairment or complete loss of hearing is called in the Arab world Asam or Atrash which means the deaf. This meaning is also used for persons without ear defects who are stupid or asshole. This wording was also contained in the holly Quran for stubbornness and insistence of the disbelievers to deny the existence of Allah the Almighty and Creator, whose existence is manifested everywhere in this vast universe as an indicative for the glorious absolute ability and greatness. The word in question was mentioned in Surratt Muhammad, verse 23 (those who has been cursed, deafen and blinded). Also Quran compared the disbelievers and believers in Surratt Hud, verse 24 (such as the two teams blind and deaf and seers and hearers). It may also describe infidels, Quran Surratt Albagara, verse 171 (the deafens, dumbs, and blinds who are not intelligent and can't understand). So the word Asam, Atrash, or other words having the same connotation, have other meanings than the hearing impairment or deafness. Accordingly, the use of these words is outrageous, awful and insulting to those who suffer from injuries limiting their hearing. Also there are many names given to persons with big ears, small ears, those who lack ear flints and those with other different congenital or acquired ear anomalies, etc. Thus, it is necessary to avoid the use of awful names that hurt the persons with ear anomalies that render them need special treatment.

V. Eye Defects

The eye may catch many injuries including inherited, congenital or even acquired injures [15; 16]. These injuries may cause different forms of eye abnormalities varying from weak eyesight, lack of night vision or lack of vision altogether. There are some injuries that may lead to the loss of one or both eyes. These disparate injuries lead to reduction of visual ability to varying degrees. These disparate injuries are given different names all over the world, especially in the Arab world. For example, who cannot see at night is known as Alaasha, the one with protruded eyes is called Aljahiz and the one who loses vision (the blind) is given the name Alaama or Alaamash. Alaama or Alaamash is often tagged to the blind person such as Zaid Alaamash or Alaama, which means Zaid the blind. The one who lost his eye is called Alaawar and so on. These names are sometimes hurtful, unacceptable and intended to belittle the persons with impairments, although many individuals with eye injuries edged over their peers in different fields of knowledge [1].

VI. Speech Impediments

These are types of communication disorders where normal speech is disrupted. This can mean stuttering, lisps, cluttering, dysprosody, muteness, dysarthria, apraxia, etc. Stuttering affects a significant number of people and may reach up to 1 % of the total world population [17]. Stuttering is usually tagged to the names of people who suffer from it. As well as lisps and dumb they all have strange and awful names if tagged to human names they may cause social and psychological problems and perhaps lead the concerned to the convergence. Consequently they escape from aggregations, fail to integrate in the community, become unsuccessful in their life and are a burden on the society. These disabilities may be linked to some central nervous system injuries, particularly injuries of the speech and hearing centers in the brain. Also there are many kinds of anomalies that affect the nasal cartilages, the lips and the tongue can cause speech disorder and are also have special awful names to be tagged to the affected individuals. Instead of tagging the names of disabilities to the affected individuals, the whole society should look after their causes, impacts on the society, avoid its occurrence and find treatment for the affected individuals, if there are any.

VII. Conclusions And Recommendations

In the light of the above information tagging awful names and titles to persons is practiced in many parts of the world including the Arab world. The disabled are the main category of the society suffers from this problem, because their names are commonly linked to the type of disability they suffered.

Accordingly, the following solutions are recommended:

1. Unacceptable awful names that describe disability syndromes should not be used to identify, deal with or call the disabled.
2. New acceptable names should be created to describe the different disability syndromes.
3. Scientific disability terminologies must be used only in educational institutes and hospitals if necessary.
4. Only polite and acceptable names of disability syndromes should be used when dealing with persons with special needs.
5. Individuals, officials, organizations and all the members of the community must strive to fight tagging of horrible, awful, outrageous and discriminative names to any human being.
6. Prohibiting giving children horrible names and using names and titles associated with different disabilities in all official and private documents.
7. Radio and television programs to spread the art and culture of dealing with people with special needs must be developed.
8. Daily news papers and monthly magazines must be issued to spread the art and culture of dealing with people with disability among the members of the community.
9. Societies that help and serve the disabled should be encouraged and supported morally and financially.
10. Schools that teach ethics and art of dealing with the different disability syndromes should be built and encouraged in both private and governmental sectors to graduate experts in this field.
11. Specialized schools that teach and train disabled individuals to integrate them into the society must be built and supported.
12. Laws that prohibit and/or punish those who intend to use these names to belittle, contempt, depersonalize, humiliate, or insult persons with special needs must be formulated, endorsed and implemented.

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