

Your words = Your identity

My words = Mine!

So don't tell me what to say

We express ourselves through words, so the words we choose to describe the world around us are an expression of ourselves. It is not for others to choose our words just as it is not for them to tell us what we see.

Although I am entitled not to be defamed, I am not otherwise entitled to tell people how to see me or how to describe what they see to others. That expresses their identity, not mine. I might see myself differently from them, and that's fine because it is their right to see me their way, not mine. They are entitled to disagree. They are even entitled to discuss their disagreement with me, but they are not entitled to force me to agree with them, nor can I force them to see things my way. That would deny them their freedom to be themselves.

Let's respect freedom and oppose coercion. Only bullies coerce.

Difference is OK

