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# **1984: THE DESTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE**

“We’re getting the language into its final shape—the shape it’s going to have when nobody speaks anything else. When we’ve finished with it, people like you will have to learn it all over again. You think, I dare say, that our chief job is inventing new words. But not a bit of it! We’re destroying words—scores of them, hundreds of them, every day. We’re cutting the language down to the bone.”

# Language control

- ◎ Emphasis on language and freedom
  - Newspeak
    - “It’s a beautiful thing, the destruction of words. Of course the great wastage is in the verbs and adjectives, but there are hundreds of nouns that can be got rid of as well.”
    - Good, Ungood, Plusgood, doubleplusgood

**Newspeak for our generation?**



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