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## The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by saava - 2007/07/11 03:54

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## Re:Re; the word kyeeyo is degrading

Posted by Meli - 2007/07/11 07:53

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Kkwo okuba kiri degrading and unappreciative. These people sacrifice themselves for their families, and they call them the "big broomers"! We could have a more loving term, something that shows we understand and appreciate. something like; the Western Union Rangers, the Mpagi Luwaga, Mmundu Mmenye, Mukwano Talemwa. Nga oli bwabuuza, bannange Sarah yalagawa? Yafuuka Mukwano Talemwa. Nga kitegeeza yagenda bweeru kkola asomese abaana.

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## Re:Re; the word kyeeyo is degrading

Posted by saava - 2007/07/11 09:48

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Owange Western Union Ranger or Mpagi luwagga mukwaano teyelabila babe kale olwo western union range bikwataganaki ngobulila omuntu wo gyeyalaga? men you've got one wondering mind but it's all good wabula welabidde Moneygram

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## Re:Re; the word kyeeyo is degrading

Posted by Meli - 2007/07/11 10:24

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Abantu be Uganda olufuna essimu eva ebweeru nga bannaabwe bababuuza, 'bakuwadde ka number?' Kyetuva abebweeru tuayita ba Western Union Rangers, abaweereza bu numbers. Yes, oyinza nokubayita ba Money Gram Rambos. Kitegeeza yagenda bweeru ku lutalo lwa bya nfuna.

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## Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by mike - 2007/07/11 10:39

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Saava thanks for this. My reply to your post is in English to enable even those who may not speak Luganda to follow.

We at Connect Uganda have been fighting this. It is a very degrading term. It is not a term I would use to describe even the lowest of class that I know. It is a filthy term. So why use it on us?

I'm made to understand that this term was coined in the early eighties, where most people who left sweet motherland for opportunities elsewhere had first failed at home. And the only opportunities they ever found, though money generating, were literally akin to sweeping. Hence the term 'Nkuba Kyeeyo!'

From how this term sounds, it must have been coined by people in the Diaspora referring to themselves while in conversation with people back home. As I think more of the origins of this term, I tend to imagine a conversation like; 'Munnange ndyeno nkuba kyeeyo.'

Such a conversation could only have been from a person drawing sympathy on themselves mainly because of the nature of the jobs they did at the time and the conditions they worked under. The people home seem to simply have adopted it, and of late used it wrongly and sometimes spitefully.

This term is also wrongly popularised by my favourite singer of all time - the legend - Philly Bongoley Lutaaya. Philly, in his song 'Naalikwagadde' describes the sort of life he was going through at the time while living in Sweden; "Ekyeeyo kinfuukidde olukokobe, nkolentya maama ....." goes part of the lyrics.

I like to believe it was a loose term. Coined to reflect what these people were going through at the time while in the Diaspora.

Times have changed. They may not have changed very much, but they have. We now have qualified Ugandans leaving voluntarily to come and work in developed countries as Doctors, Nurses, IT gurus etc. Others have gained success in various fields since coming to these lands. We have supervisors in chain stores, hospitals etc.

I'm clear of the fact that we still have people doing the sort of work and under the sort of conditions that could have been the origins of the term.

In my opinion which I stand strongly by, the jobs we may be doing in these new lands are satisfying. They may not be motivating as such, but they pay the bills, educate the relatives, build us decent houses, and allow us a somewhat comfortable lifestyle with some level of savings.

It is from these grounds that we at Connect Uganda took the step early enough to see that the term 'Nkuba Kyeeyo' gets changed.

A few cynics always wanted to know what the new phrase could be, and how we would point people's vocabularies to the new phrase. My answer was always simple. Charity starts at Hoima. Sorry Home. If anyone is going to change this, it is us. And the timing couldn't be more right.

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'Nkolera Bweru wa Uganda' was and is the candidate in my opinion. Queenie and I have fronted this term during the 'Family Sunday Shows' here on Connect Uganda in the hope that it will be adopted and eventually used to replace the filthy term 'Nkuba Kyeeyo.'

We can only work in unison. If we start to refer to ourselves as 'ba Nkolera Bweru wa Uganda' and correct every single soul that refers to us as 'Nkuba Kyeeyo' then the revolution can start.... and roll. I doubt anyone can stand in the way of a positive social change.

Your opinions are much appreciated.

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### Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by Meli - 2007/07/13 00:45

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My first job out here was working as a house-help, for an illetrate shrew.It felt like falling down from the top floor of the crested towers. I mean as far as social status is concerned. And it hurt so bad! So one day when tha woman was scolding me for some triviality, I started laughing hysterically. If someone reminded me then nti, "Okuba kyeeyo" it would have given me some ideas.

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### Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by Meli - 2007/07/16 00:09

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Well, if our host societies were to know that we call coming to them "striking or hitting the broom" couldn't they take it for violent intentions? Isn't that terrorising? I'm I going too far?

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### Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by luutu26 - 2007/07/20 13:21

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EKIGAMBO "KYEYO" KIREME TWERARIKIRIZA NYO KUBANGA NE JAPAN BAKIYINA OMUJAPANI AKOLERA WABWERU WEGWANGA BA BAYITA BA "SAKYO"EKITEGEZA EKYEYO KALE EKYO SIKIPYA NYO.

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### Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by Meli - 2007/07/20 20:00

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The Japanese have a lot in common with us, they just don't know it yet. Naye omukisa gwe mbwa ssi gwe gwe mbuzi.

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### Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by angiebee - 2007/07/20 20:27

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What word can replace this "KYEEO" word without changing the meaning and is less degrading?

Mike tried it once when Mulaasi was on his live show...those were many words....any suggestions plz?

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## Re:The term \'kyeeyo\' is degrading

Posted by Meli - 2007/07/22 06:31

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We've got some suggestions up here. Naye waliwo nabakiyita "Ekipakasi", "Akabaasa", "Voluntary slavery"... need more?

But there is a good side to this name "Kyeeyo". It marks our history. Calling things by their name can be very helpful in understanding them. Because our hospitals need doctors and our doctors are out cleaning streets. Our nurses are tending to a single elderly in Europe or America, while big groups in hospitals are in need of him. Our Economists are cleaning buildings and the Lawyers picking fruits! Think about keeping the name until we solve the problem.

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## Re:The term \'kyeeyo\' is degrading

Posted by angiebee - 2007/07/22 07:03

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Meli (REAL CONNECTOR),

that is the kind of attitude i have. But, when a word raises concern to a vast community we then consider eliminating it...or coming up with some word that meets the satification of the "members" in the caterogy questionable.

The "N" word became a big deal in the black communities in the USA until some communities have practically held burial functions for it..example TEXAS did just a few weeks ago..

I hope we can get a better version for our "KYEEYO" vocabulary before we get over board.

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## Re:The term \'kyeeyo\' is degrading

Posted by ericmugisha07 - 2007/10/10 23:05

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Ohhh Kati nze nvuga bimotoka byeela nguddo. Kati awo mba sikuba kyeyo? nze ndowoza nti bwemba njela nguddo, then mba nkwata lweyo, era nga nkuba kyeyo. in Uganda, what do we call people who dig latrine pits? for those who don't know, we call the "Musiiima Toyi." Naye ate bambi tobanenya. Ba jjajja ffe abasoka nabbo bali beela ngudo zabagaga ekyo kyo njagala tukikanye! Ye ate olaba nabasoma bayibuli batugamba nti yesu/yezu yayogerwako nti yali aba embawo nebasalawo okumusa kumusalaba... naye atte ffe banni obutayitibwa Bakubi bakyeyo? Nze ndowoza nga bajajja bwe bagela nti "Omulya Mmamba abela omu, Navumaganya ekikka kyonnaaaaaaa" Kati ffe baanni obutavumaganyibwa? Nze ndowoza nti omulimu gwokwela enguddo gwawo gwaddaaaaa kati bwetuba nga tukimanyi nti abatusoka ebulayaa bali beela nguddo, Naffe tugume kyatutonderwa. Bwetulidayo nga twetise degree zaffe e'Uganda wano, then balikakasa nti eno tuba tetwela nguddo zokka. Newankubadde tuuzeela.

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## Re:The term \'kyeeyo\' is degrading

Posted by Biikolwa - 2007/10/10 23:20

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Lol @kyeeyo term! - sente mpozi za langi kyi oba simanya gwezikyalira azinyoma kulwakuba za kyeyo?

Paka nga ndabyeyo omuntu e Kyagwe agaana ssente mu baava Bulaya mbu kuba ziva mu kyeeyo, awo nzija kumatira nti ddala abe Kyagwe batuyiiseko era nteere nzingeko ebyange mbeegateeko.

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Tofaayo ericm - kasita oba nga onvira mangu oba nondekka kuyiteeko notansibya bitala - sifayo kyonna kyoba ovuga oba kyokola ku kkubo!

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## Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by Kalibattanya - 2007/10/11 19:42

Mugisha wrote;

Ye ate olaba nabasoma bayibuli batugamba nti yesu/yezu yayogerwako nti yali aba embawo nebasalawo okumusa kumusalaba...

Because you've been showing contempt for our christian belief and because you have no reverence for God, I demand that you tell this parliament where you heard these evil things and why you had to bring them up here, if not for the sake of provoking believers and disturbing this meeting.

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## Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by ericmugisha07 - 2007/10/11 22:22

Kalibatanya ye gwe oli mu ddini ki ebwo jebatabyogelako? all in all, the expression was not meant to provoke anyone but rather to mean what it was intended to mean. As a matter fact, it is not that big of a deal, and I think we should go back to the main topic why we are here... that is "the term kyeeyo." thank you for your concern however, try again. But I think ndowoza mulimu abantu abamu nga bo bagala kutanula ntallo. Ekintu eokibulidwa nolaba ne nkozesa naye still osigala owalila kuba oyagala kutanula lutalo. hehe not this time.. try again. Wamma abatuze munsonyiwe mbadde nkyali mu lecture. Tudeyo kumulamwa gwaffe...

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## Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by nakanwagi\_57@hotmail.com - 2007/10/12 02:45

Banange okunyoma nyoma okwo kwekuleta obwavu obutamanya bubi nnyo kubanga ssenga obadde olina kyofunye kumulimu gwopakasizza noteeka ssente mungalo nogula amaata ,enyama amafuta emeere sabuni nowera nabaana nowasa nogula ne kibanja nozimbanu enyumba nebwoba opangisa ngawosula osasulawo ,ekyeyo kilina kabiki eri abo abakiyita ekyeeyo nga abasinga bakeera kumakya nebatalaga ekibuga bagenda bewola basobole okuyita mulunaku.Batugamba nti tunyikile okukola tetunyoma milimu nebwoyozza motoka nagwomulimu nnyo nnyo okusinga okubba.Buli agenda emitala wamayanja tekitegeeza nti olutuuka asanga byamulinze dda ngebyeka byebapanga .okuyimililawo muni ezo osooka kulaba kunnaku ngawesanga oli muwarehouse oba mufactory oba ovuga kimotoka kyeera ngudo naye ngawasoma nedegreezo ozambadde naye ngabuli wolaga okusaba omulimu bakuyisamu amaaso nobutekakasa nti omulimu gwasaba onogusobola eyo yenkola yabwe.Bwoba wagenda kufuna sente zamangu toyinza nakamu kweganya mulimugwonna oguba gukuweredwa osobole okufuna sente ezinakubeezawo.Batono nnyo nnyo abafuna emilimu jebayita eja office ngabakayingila muni ezo .Tulabye baDr.mazima ngabavuga taxi oba okuvuga pizza,Balawyer bakola mufactory ekilo nebagenda nebasoma basobole okutukana nestandard jebeetaga.Banurse ngabaala bitanda nakunaza balwadde.Okukulakulana kwetutuseko wonna muUganda olinaweereza abantube obuyambi nokwezimbila nokukola obusubuzi amadduka nebaggulawo ngabataddemu ebyamaguzi ebisikiliza omuguzi ezo zonna Pounds oba Dollars nendala zonna ziva mukyeeyo.Kale awo wekitanumila namu kubanga nze wemba wabawaguumu,kyebaagala kyebabakakiyita okujako nga kyabakazi kwetunda ekyo tekiba kyeyo.

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## Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by omumbejja - 2007/10/12 05:13

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MO7 Oteekwa okuba ngolowooza nti buli kikuva mukamwa kiri funny, kyoova okozesa wano olurimi oluwoola, nebuuza simanyi neku site yaba Hutu bwooli bwootyoo funny? kuba ogezaako okuzuula buli kirengezza kyonna . tukulinze tulabe ebyo gyebinakutwaala munnafe naye jjukila nti siggwe osoose nabakusooka nabo baali tebamanyi nti ekiseera kirituuka nebabanga tebagala babamanye kibali kumitima. Bakusasula mmeka ezo ezikufuula omuntu avaamu ebitabula abalala?.Abaganda wabasangawo era ojja balekawo, nga bwewasalawo obaberamu nogezaako nokuyiga olurimi lwaabwe kyandibadde kilungi oyige obaberamu nemirembe, nga bwotayagala kubeera mubabo ndowooza bakwetamwa kyebaavaba bakugoba gyebali nosalawo okwesiba kubantu botosobola kubeera nabo mirembe, nze manyi onoonya anakugamba nti babali wali batandise okulwaana olyooke oweere kuba ogezezaako nnyo okutunyigirizaako ensonga zo ngabwoyagala ziddemu zivuge. Abantu emmundu onozibakwasiza wano ku connect oba? lwaaki toweera okusinga oagenda ngositula entalo ? nokurengezza buli muntu neki kyebasinza ?okuwoola kwo kuyitiridde era linda empeerayo, kiyinza obutakutukako gwewenyini naye nekituuka kumuntu wo, newebuuza kyokoze ngampozzi nga Mukama yakulabula okkomya okumurengezza. M07embulirire tefa yonna mumirembe ffenna mwetwagala okutambulira silowooza nti olina kufiirwa muntuwo nomanya obulumu abalala bwebalimu. NZE NGAMBA KIMU NTI NAAWE TEWEYIBAALA KUNSI FFENNA TULI BAGENYI.

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## Re: The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by Sefrex - 2007/10/12 10:47

Kyeeyo money reduces poverty

Thursday, 11th October, 2007

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By Andrew Ssenyonga

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PRIVATE inflows from abroad, kyeeyo money, greatly reduce poverty across the nation, a Makerere University Business School (MUBS) official has said.

“Remittances raise per capita income and have reduced the poverty ratio in many developing countries,” acting principal James Akampumuza said at pre-CHOGM conference recently.

“The evidence is that kyeeyo money has reduced the share of poor people in their population by 11%.”

“For instance, people on kyeeyo send money for school fees, buy land, houses and other property, which improves earnings of the Government,” Akampumuza said.

“A 10% increase in the share of kyeeyo to the gross domestic product in Uganda would lead to a 1.6% decline in the number of people living in poverty.”

Official statistics show that Commonwealth countries' migrant remittances exceeded \$167b (sh292,250b) in 2005.

Akampumuza added that the remittances are a significant source of external funding for developing Commonwealth countries.

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Prof. Timothy Shaw of the University of India said on top of physical investments, kyeyo money could help finance education and health, which are key variables in promoting economic growth.

"The recipient households tend to spend more money on health care and sending children to good schools," he added.

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### Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by ericmugisha07 - 2007/10/12 20:59

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Nze sijja kuganna nti research jebakoze nffu, kuba manyi zenkola zonna zigwela wabuyayu eli munkollaa. Kalle mubutuffu tuli bakozzi ela bandibadde bakyamu if they had not recognised and appreciated our job.

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### Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by fikema - 2008/07/31 11:09

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Mbalamusiza nnyo abalungi banange mwena.Akasaana kabayiisa katya mwena gyemuli eyo?Nafe tuli eno kookya nga bwe tuweleeza egya baandi.Olwaleero nange nesowoddeyo mbeko nekyenjogera ku nsonga y'okutuyiita abakubi be "Kyeeyo".Ensonga eno etuute ebanga nga ensuza bubi nnyo.

Ate nga bw'otunuliira abatuyita ba kyeeyo people bayimiliddewo ku lwaffe.Kwegamba "fe tukuuba ekyeyo netubawereeza bu sente babeeko kebatuterawo eka, gamba nga ennyumba" Kiki kyebakoola?Kutandiika kwekyangira ku ntuyo zaffe.Eyali asibira empale mu kiwato nga olwo agisibila mu kifuba,anti brother we oba sister awe akanamba aweleeza.Natelabira ntuyo za mugandawe ali ku diaspora nga nokulangira kwatadde."Abo bali ku kyeeyo".

Kakanti nze nali ndowooza at least batuyite ABASENZE kuba abasinga twasenga ku diaspora naye eKyadondo ye waffe.Oba batuyite ba ZINUNULA, anti ffe tubanunula nga bali ku kisenge.:lol: :laugh: :laugh:

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### Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by faridah - 2008/08/01 04:45

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### Re:The term 'kyeeyo' is degrading

Posted by JeenaJulia - 2008/08/01 12:41

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faridah wrote:

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Faridah tukwaniliza ku forum munaffe.Naye owaaye kambuze,nawe okyalinayo abantu bo e Kyadondo?Nze bulijjo ndowoza bagwayo kuba ntela kuwulila nga otumila bali mu diaspora bokka.(jokes;) Tukuranyukidde nyoo ku forum Faridah.