



## So Who Gets to Belong in Today's American South? It's a Question We Need to Answer

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*"I'm not even going to try this name. It's spelled A-D-I-T-I?"*

I was on a Zoom meeting with 30 of my peers, waiting to be introduced, and I could feel my face get hot.

I felt both minimized and embarrassed, as if the facilitator's lack of willingness to try to pronounce my name was somehow a problem I had caused.

With that feeling of discomfort in my mind, I had to quickly react.

After I unmuted, I ended up asking the facilitator to practice saying my name with me before the meeting continued.