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University of Minnesota organization bans straight, white people from joining safe space

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An organization, sponsored by the University of Minnesota, bans straight and white people from attending its meetings. (Chung Sung-Jun/Getty Images)

An LGBTQ organization at the University of Minnesota bans straight and white people from attending its meetings, according to the school's [website \(https://diversity.umn.edu/gsc/tonguesuntied\)](https://diversity.umn.edu/gsc/tonguesuntied).

The group, Tongues Untied, is designed as a networking tool for staff and students who want to participate in group discussions about how race, sexuality, and gender impact their life experiences.

“Named after the famous documentary, ‘Tongues Untied’ by Marlon Riggs & Essex Hemphill, the group serves to connect students, staff, faculty, and the Twin Cities community by holding discussion groups that focus on how race, sexuality, and gender impact our lived experiences,” the school’s website says.

Tongues Untied’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TonguesUntiedUMN/>) describes the group as a space created for people of color who identify as “queer and/or trans.”

“Tongues Untied (TU) is a space that was created by and for indigenous people and people of color who identify as queer and/or trans. TU is a program of the Gender and Sexuality Center for Queer and Trans Life at the University of Minnesota,” it [states \(https://www.facebook.com/pg/TonguesUntiedUMN](https://www.facebook.com/pg/TonguesUntiedUMN)

[/about/?ref=page_internal](#)).

“If you identify as a queer and/or trans indigenous person or person of color, we welcome you to take part in our discussions,” the description adds.

The University of Minnesota’s website further details the requirements for joining the organization or participating in the group discussions.

“For our allies: we do appreciate your voices and commitment to dismantling racism and homophobia; however, please note that this is a space created for LGBTQIA and/or same-gender-loving people of color,” the disclaimer says.

The University of Minnesota is a taxpayer-funded, four-year public university. According to their website, Tongues Untied is sponsored by the school’s Gender and Sexuality Center for Queer and Trans Life.

A request for comment from the Gender and Sexuality Center was not immediately returned. This story will be updated should a comment be provided to TheBlaze.

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