

## Nasty Word Score Card

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Just a quick check of several online catalogs for all books with the word "fuck" or the "n" word anywhere in the titles. FYI—the "n" word (which I personally consider obscene and will not intentionally use or print) refers to a derogatory term commonly used against people with lots of melanin in their skins. "Fuck" is of course a perfectly harmless word that everyone is familiar with.

	Harvard University	9 campus University of California System	4 campus University of Missouri System
"N" word	70	117	35
"Fuck"	3	24	0

I have devised a racism to sex index ("N" divided by "Fuck") for this data. The higher a score, the more prone a library is to have historically collected racist materials above sexually oriented materials. The above simple test gives the following scores:

Harvard:	23.33	(racism preferred to sex)
UC:	4.88	(relatively healthy balance)
UM:	Undefined	("N" ok, sex taboo!)

Of course this is all crap which means it fits perfectly into most of the traditional research canon.

Note regarding the University of Missouri's ZERO items with the word "fuck" in the title: I also searched and failed to find any books with versions of "fuck" in the title (e.g., "fucker," "motherfucker," "fucked," etc. . .).