

Dictionary redefines 'anchor baby' as slur

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What does a tenure "anchor baby" mean? If we were to demeanour it up in a American Heritage Dictionary, we would find a new definition given final week.

The tenure was among some 10,000 new difference and phrases in the fifth book of a dictionary, published in November. It was defined as: "A child innate to a noncitizen mom in a nation that grants involuntary citizenship to children innate on a soil, especially such a child innate to relatives seeking to secure eventual citizenship for themselves and mostly other members of their family."

But when Steve Kleinedler, a executive editor of the dictionary, review that clarification during a radio talk last month, it uneasy Mary Giovagnoli, a executive of a Immigration Policy Center, a pro-immigration investigate organisation in Washington.

The once-obscure tenure has been used frequently in a recent debate over either to change a Constitution to repudiate automatic U.S. citizenship to children innate in this nation to illegal immigrant parents.

Last Friday morning, Giovagnoli posted an indignant object on the center's blog, observant a compendium "masks a unwholesome and derogatory inlet of a term, a tenure that demeans both primogenitor and child."

On Monday, a compendium posted a new definition. It started with "offensive," in italics: "Used as a adverse tenure for a child innate to a noncitizen mom in a nation that grants automatic citizenship to children innate on a soil, generally when the child's hearth is suspicion to have been selected in sequence to improve a mother's or other relatives' chances of securing eventual citizenship."

Kleinedler said, "The tenure is now treated likewise to how the dictionary treats a far-reaching operation of slurs."

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