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MASSACHUSETTS IS CONFUSING

As a gal that grew up in Connecticut before living the last decade in Chicago, I am no stranger to the confusing nature of New England names. From streets to towns, there are so many words and names on the East coast that are way too difficult to pronounce. That being said, I have lived in the Chicago area for about a decade and then Ohio for most of the previous four years, therefore my Midwest brain is no longer in tune with the unpronounceability of New England. But my family has recently relocated to Worcester, Massachusetts. So it is only fair that I take the time to re-familiarize myself with the historic, yet insanely unpronounceable names of Massachusetts towns. I have compiled a list of Mass town names and their pronunciations so that next time someone tells you guys, the Midwesterners, that they are from Worcester, you don't go look on a Massachusetts map for a town spelled "wooster." But seriously, Massachusetts, check yourself and spell things how they sound. Thanks. Folks, please pay attention and take *wicked* notes.

Town Name	Pronunciation
Worcester	"Wooster" or "Wuh-staaa"
Leicester	"Lester"
Leominster	"Lemon-ster"
Tyngsborough	"Tings-bur-oh"
Tweksbury	"Tooks-berry"
Gloucester	"Gloss-stir"
Chicopee	"Chick-uh-pee"
Scituate	"Sitch-ooo-it"
Carlisle	"Carl-lie-all"
Hingham	"Hing-UM"
Tyringham	"Tier-ing-um"
Billerica	"Bill-rick-uh"

Katie Kerrigan, new MA resident

CALLING FOR BABY-PUNTING BIPARTISANSHIP

This semester, Denison's Baby-Punting Club has been placing an emphasis on promoting dialogue and building understanding across the aisle. "Our campus suffers from a real lack of understanding," the club's public relations chair said. "What we want people on this campus, both pro and anti punting babies, is that everyone's opinion should be heard and respected. The free speech of baby punting advocates has been under attack on college campuses across America, and we just want to encourage open dialogue between everyone," he said.

After one of their club meetings, the vice-punter explained what has motivated the club's new direction this semester: "you know, it really isn't as easy as it seems being a baby punter these days. Like, sure, the media criticizes us for kicking defenseless children several feet into the air, but did you know that studies have shown that students actually score lower grades when they write essays in favor of baby punting? It's wrong, and we want to see every point of view given the respect they deserve."

A big part of the Baby-Punting Club's outreach has been to their counterpart across the spectrum, the Only-Some-Babies Club. "We appreciate the work the Baby-Punting Club has been doing, but it's still challenging for us to fully understand their point of view," a spokesperson for the OSB club said.

"Like, we get that they want to punt every baby, but we only think that some babies should be punted. Another really important issue for us is making sure that the designated baby punters receive diversity training, you know? And like sure, in a perfect world, no babies would be sent flying across Deeds Field by the football team, but we need to be pragmatic. Extremist ideas like that just can't win elections in this country," she said.

Not all students fit into the binary posed by the Baby-Punting Club and the Only-Some-Babies Club, however. One student expressed how he can see good and bad on both sides: "I get what both sides are saying, but they're both too extremist for me. One side wants all infants propelled through the air at high speeds, but the other side only wants some. I think it's much more logical to say that most babies should be punted, but a few should be spared. A little bit of critical thinking will show you that the right answer always lies somewhere in the middle."

A subset of the campus population believes that no babies should be punted, an ideology that finds much more traction among college students compared to the rest of the nation. The PR chair for the Baby-Punting Club had some words for those individuals: "Sure, maybe a few hippies over at the Homestead think that no babies should be completely and utterly fucking drop-kicked, but this is the real world we're talking about. And on that note, we're tired of pro-punting speakers getting banned from college campuses. So much for the tolerant left, am I right?"

Keep an eye out for the Baby-Punting Club and Only-Some-Babies Club's upcoming discussion. The theme is: "Should babies be punted with the front of the shoe, or with the side?"

-Aaron Skubby, Submission

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