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- * But among the biggest challenges Ms Williams continued to face was that mental illness was still shrouded with stigma .

Remember when we felt obligated to direct that same term at survivors of rape? Remember how willingly we complied? Some eagerly?

We are doing it again, ignoring the visceral realities in order to substitute that term for them.

Reporters indeed face a challenge, Do I repeat that prejudice, or do I dig behind it for the realities it hides. Do I surrender to that term, or look to the realities it avoids.

Dig. It is what reporters do.

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