

EXAMINING PRIVILEGE

1. I can turn on the television or open to the front page of the paper and see people of my race widely represented.
2. I can swear, or dress in second-hand clothes or not answer letters without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, the poverty, or the illiteracy of my race.
3. I am never asked to speak for all the people of my racial group.
4. I can easily buy posters, postcards, picture books, greeting cards, dolls, toys, and children's magazines featuring people of my race.
5. I can choose blemish cover or bandages in flesh color that more or less matches my skin.
6. If I am never promoted, it's not because of my sex.
7. If I have children and pursue a career, no one will think I'm selfish for not staying at home.
8. If I'm careless with my driving it won't be attributed to my sex.
9. If I have sex with a lot of people, it won't make me an object of contempt or derision.
10. Every major religion in the world is led primarily by people of my own sex. Even God, in most major religions, is usually pictured as being male.
11. I have the ability to walk through the world and generally blend-in, not being constantly stared or gawked at, whispered about, pointed at, or laughed at because of my gender expression.
12. If I end up in the emergency room, I do not have to worry that my gender will keep me from receiving appropriate treatment, or that all of my medical issues will be seen as a result of my gender.
13. My identity is not considered a mental pathology ("gender identity disorder" in the DSM) by the psychological and medical establishments.
14. My gender is listed as an option on a form.
15. I can date someone without fear that they are just looking to satisfy a curiosity or kink pertaining to my gender identity (e.g., the "novelty" of having sex with a trans- person).
16. If I find myself in a legally perilous situation, I can hire an attorney to ensure my case is heard justly.
17. I can walk around my neighborhood at night without legitimate concern for my safety.
18. As a kid, I was able to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities (field trips, clubs, etc.) with school friends.
19. Growing up, college was an expectation of me (whether I chose to go or not), not a lofty dream.
20. I've never looked into a paycheck advance business (e.g., "Check Into Cash"), and have definitely never used one.
21. I do not have to "come out" or explain my sexuality, since people will assume it .
22. I have role models of my sexual orientation.
23. I can raise, adopt, and teach children without people believing that I will molest them or force them into my sexuality.
24. I can belong to the religious denomination of my choice and know that my sexuality will not be denounced by its religious leaders.
25. I can travel abroad without wondering if it will be safe for me and my partner to show that we are in a relationship.
26. I do not frequently encounter communication barriers or need help communicating (e.g. with braille or sign language).
27. I do not have to worry when an elevator, entryway, or sidewalk is out of service.
28. People's first thought when they think of me is not how hard it must be for my parents, partners, or others around me.
29. I can turn on the television and see people of my ability level widely and accurately represented.
30. People don't make assumptions about what I can and can't do.

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The following describe the types of privilege listed on the front of this sheet:

1-5 race-based privilege

6-10 male privilege

11-15 cisgender privilege

16-20 class privilege

21-25 sexual orientation privilege

26-30 ability privilege