

PRIVILEGE BASED IN SOCIAL IDENTITIES

Religious Privilege

- ◆ My place of work is closed for my major religious holidays.
- ◆ I can talk openly about my religious practices without concern for how that will be received by others.
- ◆ When swearing an oath, I am probably making this oath by placing my hand on the scripture of my religion.
- ◆ I am likely not to be penalized for not knowing the religious or spiritual customs of others.
- ◆ I can openly display religious symbols on my body without people staring or asking questions.
- ◆ I can easily find a place of worship in my town that subscribes to my beliefs.

Gender Privilege

- ◆ I do not worry about walking alone at night
- ◆ If I choose not to have children, my gender will not be called into question
- ◆ I can complain about something without being told I am too emotional or asked if it's that time of the month
- ◆ My elected representatives are mostly people of my own sex
- ◆ When I ask to see "the person in charge," odds are I will face a person of my sex

Sexuality Privilege

- ◆ I can be pretty sure my colleagues, students, and their families will be comfortable with my sexual orientation
- ◆ People do not ask why I made my choice of sexual orientation
- ◆ No one will ever question whether or not it is appropriate for me to have children or get married because of my sexuality
- ◆ I can walk in public with my significant other and not have people double-take or stare
- ◆ I will be able to sit at my partner's death bed

Race Privilege

- ◆ I can go shopping alone most of the time, pretty well assured that I will not be followed or harassed
- ◆ I do not have to worry that my children will be harassed by law enforcement
- ◆ I can take a job with an affirmative action policy without having my co-workers assume I got it because of my race
- ◆ I can easily and affordably buy posters, postcards, picture books, greeting cards, dolls, toys, and children's magazines featuring people of my race
- ◆ I can go into a supermarket and find the food I grew up with

Class Privilege

- ◆ Where I went to college was not dependent on my financial aid package
- ◆ Each student in the high school I attended had their own textbook
- ◆ My family owned a home that I grew up in
- ◆ I have travelled internationally
- ◆ I never have to worry about being able to afford medication for my family

Ability Privilege

- ◆ I do not have to worry where the curb cuts are located
- ◆ I do not have to worry about whether snow has been cleared from pathways
- ◆ I can perform daily tasks without people being surprised that I can perform those tasks (given my ability status)
- ◆ I can sit anywhere in a classroom or staff meeting and still be able to see/hear

Miscellaneous Privilege

- ◆ I can choose not to learn about other countries
- ◆ My dietary needs are met at most public locations
- ◆ My first language is spoken in most places I go
- ◆ I can find clothes that fit my body type in most department stores
- ◆ I do not have to worry if there will be enough room for me in a car, airplane, or theater seat