

WHITE PRIVILEGE LIST

(Adapted from *White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack* by Peggy McIntosh)

1. I can/cannot if I wish arrange to be in the company of people of my race most of the time.
2. I can/cannot avoid spending time with people whom I was trained to mistrust and who have learned to mistrust my kind or me.
3. I can/cannot go shopping alone most of the time, pretty well assured that I will not be followed or harassed.
4. I can/cannot turn on the television or open to the front page of the newspaper and see people of my race widely represented.
5. Whether I use checks, credit cards, or cash, I can/cannot count on my skin color not to work against the appearance of financial reliability.
6. When I am told about our national heritage or about "civilization," I am/am not shown that people of my color made it what it was and I can/cannot be sure that my children will be given curricular materials that testify to the existence of their race.
7. I can/cannot arrange to protect my children most of the time from people who might not like them and I do not have to educate my children to be aware of systemic racism for their own daily physical protection.
8. I can/cannot do well in a challenging situation without being called a credit to my race and I am never asked to speak for all the people of my racial group.
9. If a traffic cop pulls me over or if the IRS audits my taxes, I can/cannot be sure that I have not been singled out because of my race.
10. I can/cannot think over many options, social, political, imaginative, or professional, without asking whether a person of my race would be accepted or allowed to do what I want to do.
11. If I declare that there is a racial issue at hand, or there isn't a racial issue at hand, my race will/will not lend me more credibility for either position than a person of color will have.
12. I can/cannot be late to a meeting without having the lateness reflect on my race.

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