

White Privilege Activity

Instructions: Start in a line, holding hands. Step forward if the statement is true for you. Try to keep holding hands throughout the activity. Try to do this without talking. Pay attention to internal reactions throughout the activity.

1. Schools in my community teach about my race and heritage and present it in positive ways throughout the year.
2. Students in my high school looked mostly like me.
3. Most of my teachers looked like people of my race.
4. I can make mistakes and not have people attribute my behavior to flaws in my racial group.
5. I can achieve or excel without being called a credit to my race.
6. My parents and grandparents could purchase housing in any neighborhood they could afford.
7. I had access to PSAT/SAT prep courses.
8. I can look at the mainstream media and find people of my race represented fairly and in a wide range of roles.
9. I can go shopping and be assured most of the time that I will not be followed or harassed.
10. I never think twice about calling the police when trouble occurs.
11. I'm pretty sure that if I go to a business and ask to speak to the person in charge I will be speaking to someone of my race.
12. A range of stories by and about people from my racial group are widely available in the media.
13. Stories in the mainstream media about people from my racial group are mostly told by people from other groups.
14. I can go anywhere in the country and easily find the kinds of hair products I want and/or cosmetics that match my skin color.
15. My family has access to health care.
16. I can take a job with an employer who believes in Affirmative Action without people thinking I got my job because of my race.
17. I know someone who has been arrested or incarcerated.