I've never really registered fully the idea of privilege in my head. It's such an odd concept - but when I look at myself I can truly see how lucky I am. Doctorow's opinion on privilege is super fascinating because there will always be people jealous about some aspect of another. This jealousy leads to anger (which is mostly internal) but at the same time is such a problem in the entire social structure of our society. The way Doctorow calmly addresses this concept is a whole new perspective for myself - how he sees a "passing down" of privilege and belonging.