

1) As you watch this TED talk, consider her areas of privilege. Where might she be underprivileged? Name them here:

Using the axes of power as a reference,

Her possible areas of privilege could be:

- Age: 42

- Biological Sex: Female

Gender Identity: cis-gender female

- Ethnicity: Nigerian

- Level of Education: University education

- 2) How do these areas affect her biases, assumptions and blindspots?
- There are a few potential sources of privilege that might affect her biases:
  - Age
  - Gender Identity
  - Level of Education
- At 42, she has an established career, which may affect her ability to experience what
  others at different ages are experiencing. Moreover, it might prevent her from
  experiencing what others at the same age without the same amount of financial
  success are experiencing.
- As a cis-gender female and a biological female, she may not be able to experience what those whose gender identity doesn't align with their biological sex are experiencing. Moreover, those whose gender identity doesn't align with their biological sex may have a very different experience than her in Nigeria

- Ms. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie went to university in America at 19, which might
  affect their ability to experience what others without the same access to education or
  opportunity at that age may experience.
- 3) How are you connecting her message(s) to what you're reading/listening to/studying in class?
- Areas of privilege can be affected by the surrounding political, economic, and social climate, leading certain (often unchangeable) characteristics to be perceived as more or less desirable. The current pandemic has shown that stigma can (almost) be more dangerous than the virus itself as communities are left further isolated and broken from the inside. East Asian communities have experienced significant racism recently, only further perpetuated by media outlets and government leaders referring to the virus as the "Wuhan Virus" or the "Chinese Virus". Not only does this have social effects on our communities, but it also has genuine physical effects as many who desperately require crucial resources are prevented access.