Privilege Reflection Assignment

* I feel like I have some privilege in my life which puts me at an advantage. In a Peggy’s article, she mentioned it as an unearned asset which I totally agree because it is something that we experience in our everyday lives without even realizing it. According to my experience, I feel like I am unfairly advantaged as socio-economic position because of my privilege. For example, I always have access to superior education for better educational performance, more opportunities and chances for my personal development and better job prospects which I do not have to think about on a daily basis because of my privilege. Whereas it should be same to all of the individuals on an equal basis not only for the people with strong socio-economic position. In that way, I think I am unfairly advantaged due to my privilege.

I think most of the people have one more general privilege which is the ability privilege especially physical accessibility. For example, people without disabilities commonly benefit from easier access to transportation and outdoor spaces and activities. They might not need to consider obstacles like stairs, transportation, tiny entrances, or lifts. Moreover, people without disabilities could experience less obstacles when looking for job. They might have more work possibilities available to them and experience less ability-based bias or discrimination.

* I feel that I do not experience privilege in my life which I feel I am unfairly disadvantaged because of my gender. It is based on the differences on the social interactions in the society because of my gender. As a girl, I feel like don’t have the same rights as boys when it comes to social interactions in my life. Discrimination based on the gender can show up in everyday interactions with other people, which affects girls' self-esteem, confidence, and general well-being. It may take shape as a result of more clear harassment or acts of violence, or it may take the form of subtle discrimination based on gender and microaggressions. Girls could feel under pressure to live up to social norms and have their autonomy, personal preferences, and freedom of expression restricted. I believe this is unfairly disadvantaged for most of the girls, not only me. Girls' ability to engage fully in society and reach their potential may be restricted by such discrimination.
* In my view, McIntosh's observation that people of privileged groups, such as white people and men, are frequently unwilling to recognise their own privilege is an interesting and controversial issue in her article. Similarly, to how white people can find out about racism as a disadvantage for others, they are unaware about the benefits of white privilege that are provided to them.

I found it interesting because it says that privilege might be invisible to people who have it, which makes it difficult for them to realise and understand the benefits they receive. The refusal to acknowledge privilege can contribute to inequality and hinder efforts to build a better community.

I think this aspect is also a bit controversial because it goes against the idea of a fairness, which maintains that success is determined only by individual effort and denies the presence of social advantages that some groups possess. Some people might find it challenging to acknowledge that their successes and advantages are influenced by the community rules that grant benefits based on traits like race and gender, rather than being entirely the result of their own efforts.

The statement is interesting because it clarifies the complexity of privilege and its challenges in tackling it. It draws attention to the necessity for people to critically assess their own privilege and actively work to a society that is fair and equal.

* In my opinion, being in a position of privilege (or power) does not make it easier to talk about certain forms of oppression such as identifying as middle class does not make it easier to talk about being poor or identifying as heterosexual does not make it easier to talk about homophobia because it can contribute to personal prejudices or inequalities which make things harder to fully grasp the ideas of individuals who are marginalised. Anyways, privileged people have the chance to pay closer attention to the voice of the unprivileged and should try to approach to develop a more equitable and accepting society by keeping an open minded or greater awareness and approaching genuine efforts to understand them and support them by educating themselves.
* Mclntosh’s claim on “describing one’s privilege makes one newly accountable” is an interesting point of view. But I think it’s not effective enough to just acknowledge the privilege. Instead, we need to implement our awareness into genuine modifications and efforts which foster justice and equality for humanity. I see this as a concept which align with the privilege, but this issue also requires an effective action towards inequalities in the society. Of course, everyone is responsible for this issue and to take the effective actions are essential to create an equitable society.