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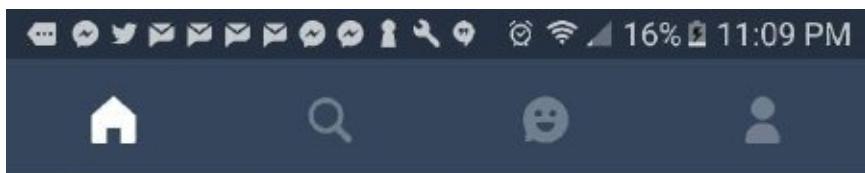
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I do not understand this "male privilege" bullshit.

What. Fucking. Privileges. Do. Men. Have.???????

Name them. I swear, I challenge you to name these "male privileges" and be able to prove them.

Come on, I fucking dare you.

Name them!

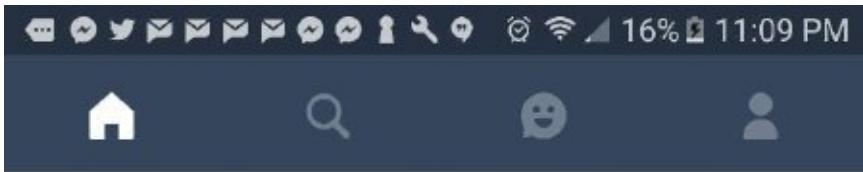


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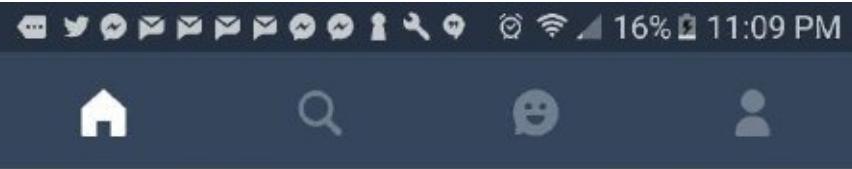
Oh boy. Well, as a man, I'll tell you my male privilege.

1. My odds of being hired for a job, when competing against female applicants, are probably skewed in my favor. The more prestigious the job, the larger the odds are skewed.
2. I can be confident in the fact that my co-workers won't think that I was hired/promoted because of my sex - despite the fact that it's probably true.
3. If I ever am promoted when a woman of my peers is better suited for the job, it is because of my sex.
4. If I ever fail at my job or career, it won't be seen as a blacklist against my sex's capabilities.
5. I am far less likely to face sexual harassment than my female peers.



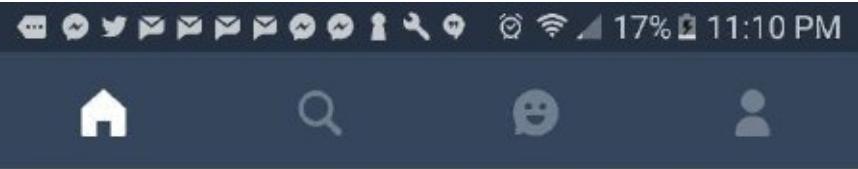


6. If I do the same task as a woman, and if the measurement is at all subjective, chances are people will think I did a better job.
7. If I am a teen or an adult, and I stay out of prison, my odds of getting raped are relatively low.
8. On average, I'm taught that walking alone after dark by myself is less than dangerous than it is for my female peers.
9. If I choose not to have children, my masculinity will not be questioned.
10. If I do have children but I do not provide primary care for them, my masculinity will not be questioned.
11. If I have children and I do care for them, I'll be praised even if my care is only marginally competent.
12. If I have children and a career, no one will think I'm selfish for not staying at home.
13. If I seek political office, my relationship with my children or who I deem to take care of them will more often not be scrutinized by the press.
14. My elected representatives are mostly people of my own sex. The more prestigious the position, the more this is true.
15. When I seek out "the person in charge", it is likely that they will be someone of my own sex. The higher the position, the more often this is true.



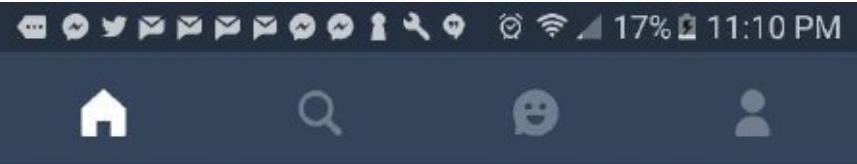
16. As a child, chances are I am encouraged to be more active and outgoing than my sisters.
17. As a child, I could choose from an almost infinite variety of children's media featuring positive, active, non-stereotyped heroes of my own sex. I never had to look for it; male protagonists were (and are) the default.
18. As a child, chances are I got more teacher attention than girls who raised their hands just as often.
19. If my day, week or year is going badly, I need not ask of each negative episode or situation whether or not it has sexist overtones.
(Nobody's going to ask if I'm upset because I'm menstruating.)
20. I can turn on the television or glance at the front page of the newspaper and see people of my own sex widely represented.
21. If I'm careless with my financial affairs it won't be attributed to my sex.
22. If I'm careless with my driving it won't be attributed to my sex.
23. I can speak in public to a large group without putting my sex on trial.
24. Even if I sleep with a lot of women, there is little to no chance that I will be seriously labeled "slut," nor is there any male counterpart to "bashing."





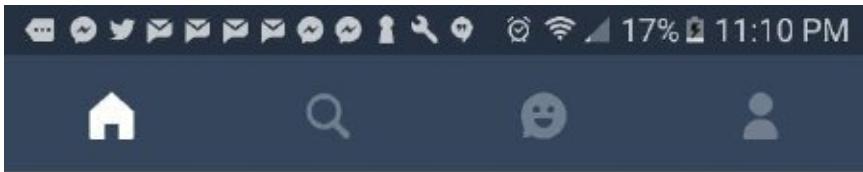
25. I do not have to worry about the message my wardrobe sends about my sexual availability.
26. My clothing is typically less expensive and better-constructed than women's clothing for the same social status. While I have fewer options, my clothes will probably fit better than a woman's without tailoring.
27. The grooming regimen expected of me is relatively cheap and consumes little time.
28. If I buy a new car, chances are I'll be offered a better price than a woman buying the same car. The same goes for other expensive merchandise.
29. If I'm not conventionally attractive, the disadvantages are relatively small and easy to ignore.
30. I can be loud with no fear of being called a shrew. I can be aggressive with no fear of being called a bitch.
31. I can ask for legal protection from violence that happens mostly to men without being seen as a selfish special interest, since that kind of violence is called "crime" and is a general social concern. (Violence that happens mostly to women is usually called "domestic violence" or "acquaintance rape," and is seen as a special interest issue.)
32. I can be confident that the ordinary language





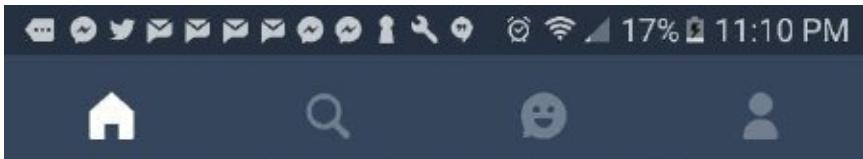
32. I can be confident that the ordinary language of day-to-day existence will always include my sex. "All men are created equal," mailman, chairman, freshman, he.
33. My ability to make important decisions and my capability in general will never be questioned depending on what time of the month it is.
34. I will never be expected to change my name upon marriage or questioned if I don't change my name.
35. The decision to hire me will not be based on assumptions about whether or not I might choose to have a family sometime soon.
36. Every major religion in the world is led primarily by people of my own sex. Even God, in most major religions, is pictured as male.
37. Most major religions argue that I should be the head of my household, while my wife and children should be subservient to me.
38. If I have a wife or live-in girlfriend, chances are we'll divide up household chores so that she does most of the labor, and in particular the most repetitive and unrewarding tasks.
39. If I have children with my girlfriend or wife, I can expect her to do most of the basic childcare such as changing diapers and feeding.
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40. If I have children with my wife or girlfriend, and it turns out that one of us needs to make career sacrifices to raise the kids, chances are we'll both assume the career sacrificed should be hers.
41. Assuming I am heterosexual, magazines, billboards, television, movies, pornography, and virtually all of media is filled with images of scantily-clad women intended to appeal to me sexually. Such images of men exist, but are rarer.
42. In general, I am under much less pressure to be thin than my female counterparts are. If I am over-weight, I probably suffer fewer social and economic consequences for being fat than over-weight women do.
43. If I am heterosexual, it's incredibly unlikely that I'll ever be beaten up by a spouse or lover.
44. Complete strangers generally do not walk up to me on the street and tell me to "smile."
45. Sexual harassment on the street virtually never happens to me. I do not need to plot my movements through public space in order to avoid being sexually harassed, or to mitigate sexual harassment.
46. On average, I am not interrupted by women as often as women are interrupted by men.
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47. On average, I will have the privilege of not knowing about my male privilege.

And lastly, I am taken as a more credible feminist than my female peers, despite the fact that the feminist movement is not liberating to my sex.

This is male privilege.



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Men are afraid that feminists want to oppress them when in reality we just want to take a walk at night with our headphones in.

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Sister Helen Prejean ✅

@helenprejean

The death penalty is fundamentally a poor person's issue. Over nearly 40 years of visiting death row facilities across the United States, I have never met a single person with money or resources. Capital punishment means "those without the capital get the punishment."

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In my early 20's, I worked in a bar. Sometimes drunk guys would try to start fights. The very nice bouncer would then basically pick them up and carry them out, so everyone else at the bar could have a good time.

Precisely zero people present thought this was "cancel culture."

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Jessica Grace 🌹
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I find that a lot of anti-socialist sentiment boils down to a basic belief that people are lazy and won't do good in the world or work hard unless they are suffering.

I believe the opposite. I think most people would do amazing things if they weren't in dire straits constantly.

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The few women who began to populate the medical landscape of the United States and Europe in the 1850s and 1860s disagreed on roles and approaches. The Blackwells' acquaintance Florence Nightingale, famed for her epidemiology and sanitation reform during the Crimean War, believed that women should be nurses, and physicians should all be male. Also contentious was the best way to educate female physicians.



Female medical students dissect cadavers at the Medicine College for Women, which was founded by Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell in 1868. Credit: Everett Collection/Alamy

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Trans in Trumpland examines the struggles and resilience of the transgender community under the Trump administration and features intersectional issues such as race, immigration, and poverty.

The series, created by trans-owned production company TransWave...

I can't stop admiring Belarusians. It's -25c degrees. It doesn't stop people from protesting. Every day — they gather in different parts of Belarus and rally against the dictator. They protest despite mass arrests and threats. With such brave citizens, we will prevail. [source](#)

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Allies Are Not Entitled to an Explanation

Excerpt from upcoming video for allies. Allies are not entitled to an explanation nor are POCS required to give you one. Do your own research before coming to us.

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This video was partially inspired by the "How to deal with getting called...

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Many International Adoptees Are At Risk of Deportation and No One Is Talking About It

With Trump's immigration ban happening, many people are worried for immigrant friends and family and rightfully so. However, one group that...

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Everyone seems to have different ideas of what exactly privilege in the context of social groups, is. The privilege we are talking about here is that of the privileges of those in dominant groups. Well, today we are going to break it

down and get everyone on the same page. Privilege is important to understand and recognize if we want any hope of moving forward and fixing our flaws, but if everyone isn't on the same page, that will never happen.

So step one...What exactly is privilege?

It's pretty simple, privilege in the context that we are using it, is exactly the same as what the definition of privilege actually is, "a special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group of people". That is it. It's that easy. It simply means in some way or another, some people have an advantage or special right over others.

So what exactly does this mean in terms of social groups?

This is where, I think people get confused and upset and as a result refuse to recognize that they have it.

Let's talk first about what privilege is NOT.

Privilege does NOT mean:

That you have lived a, carefree ,struggle free, perfect life.

That even though you may be in a dominant social group, that you will NEVER face an injustice in that area.

A bad thing.(I will discuss these a little more in depth in a minute)

This comic written by white blogger, Jamie Kapp explain white privilege quite well what privilege DOES mean, is that generally, on a day to day basis those in dominant social groups, have those advantages and special treatments over those who are in the non dominant groups.

EVERYONE has privilege in some way shape or form, and we all fall into a non dominant group as well. We all fall into many social categories and you would be hard pressed to find someone who is not in some way part of the dominate group. When we look at the social groups, we can easily pick out who are the dominant ones. To make this a little more visual, let's look at a diversity wheel:

All of these are social classes, correct? Every single one of us can sit here and fill this out uniquely to ourselves. For example, I am a black, african-american, 23 year old (young adult), able bodied, cisgender female, whose first language is English, transracially adopted, raised in a two parent home, christian, U.S. Citizen...so on and so forth. This is what we talk about when we are talking about social classes/groups. We can also go

around this wheel and fairly easily name the groups that GENERALLY in America, are the dominant group. And when we say dominate, we simply mean that they are considered the “norm”, that our system is set up to cater to them. So, for example, heterosexuals are very obviously the dominant group in america. Any other sexual orientation is faced with limitations and injustices (i.e. banning gay marriage, banning non heterosexual couples from adopting, being able to fire queer people etc). Able-bodied people are the dominant group, they don't face nearly as many limitation compared to those with physical or mental disabilities. White people are the dominate group, native english speakers are dominate, christians are dominate, people with college degrees are dominate, cisgender people are dominate, and you get the point. Now let's put privilege into real life perspective, I will use myself as an example. As I listed, I fall into several dominant groups as well as several non dominant ones. What privilege means, is that in those groups that I am part of the dominant group, I have an advantage. People who have privilege, usually never even know because we don't ever, have to think about the hardships or injustices of those because it simply isn't a part of our lives. Well what on earth do you mean by all that Rebekah? Well as an abled bodied person, how often do you physically stop and think about how you are going to make it up those 5 flights of stairs to your apartment? And i'm not talking about “damn, im going to be tired how am i going to make it”. No I mean physically you never have to stop and think about being able to WALK up those stairs, because you have two function legs and feet. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE FUNCTIONING LEGS AND/OR FEET. Are you honestly going to try and argue that you don't have an advantage over people with no legs? That you don't have it easier than someone in a wheelchair? The thought never crosses your mind. Now that is a very obvious example because that was something we can physically see. Where people start to flip shit, is over things that cannot necessarily be seen, like race, gender or sexual orientation. Let's talk about race. As white people, when was the last time you walked into the store and had to consciously worry about whether you were being racially profiled, followed and watched like a criminal? Not very often and probably never. THAT is white privilege. White people when was the last time you even had to think about the color of your skin and how it will affect every single life decision you make? Pretty much never. In fact, chances are you never even thought about your whiteness until someone mentioned it to you. For the rest of non white people, we are well aware of the color of our skin as children. There

are BABIES consciously trying to figure out how to deal with racism. You have privilege. Straight people, when was the last time you actually had to think about how marriage would never be an option because it's illegal and in some places, punishable by death? Literally never, you NEVER have to think about that, because everything is catered to you. THAT is straight privilege. This same process can be used for every group. Age groups? Youth are hated because they're young and everyone else think they are stupid, the old get tossed aside because they can't help as much physically. Everyone in between is in a privileged position. Christians, well this country was founded on christianity. When was the last time christians got labeled as a terrorist group because of a few bad apples? And even though there have actually been more harm done in the name of christianity than just about any other religion, it's still considered the "purest" and the only acceptable way. That's a privilege. Men, how often do you have to worry about being sexually harassed every time you walk out the door? Men get praised for sleeping with multiple women, but a woman becomes a slut if she sleeps with more than one man in her life. The workforce is catered to you, there is no glass ceiling for you. No one accuses you of sleeping with someone to get into your position of power. That is male privilege. I'm going to jump back to what privilege is not, for a second.

I talked about how while, you are in the dominant group, that doesn't mean you have lived a perfect life. No, not at all. Yeah, as a white person, you have probably dealt with some shit in one way or another, but difference is there is a system set up to HELP you get past and overcome those challenges. Those options are not available for all of us. As a straight person, maybe you've faced some shit, but at the end of the day, you can still walk into work and not worry about getting fired for who you love, you can still get on a plane and get married anywhere you want and not only not be slaughtered on site, but have it be legal. Another part to add, is that sometimes you may move in and out of a dominant group. For example, when you move from a youth to a young adult your privilege shifts with it. If you move up or down the economic class, you may lose or gain your privilege status. In other words, privilege is not always constant. So what the hell does all this mean and what do you want us to do with it?

As I said before, having privilege is NOT at all a bad thing. It is actually good, it means that you in a position of power to help people who don't have that power and privilege. Where it becomes a problem is if you use that position of power to be an asshole rather than a decent human being and helping to make equality and equity happen so we don't even have a

privilege structure to begin with. Having privilege means that you are in a position of power and you may not be as aware of the actual state of things as much as you think. Privilege is the reason there are white people who still think that racism doesn't exist today. I got a murdered black person by police every 28 hours, racial profiling, wage gaps, misrepresentation and more that says otherwise. What it means is that you, while being a position of power, might have to shut up and listen to those who are actually suffering and use your power to help project THEIR message, not project the message you think needs to be heard on their behalf. You have your time to talk, let those who don't get the platform, have the platform and you can help get them to that platform by using your privilege. That can be as simple as sharing a post on facebook that was written by someone in a non dominant group, talking about the issues their people are facing. And lastly, it means that you might, and probably will mess up. You have been able to glide through life not thinking about these issues and now that you are aware you might say or do something that is out of line and you might get called out. So check your privilege first, are you really in a position to be inserting your opinion here? Are you really qualified to speak for people who are not in the dominant group? Then fall back, and be respectful.

Well that was a lot to get through, the important thing to remember is that everyone has privilege in some way or another and as people, we need to take the responsibility in recognizing where we have those privileges so that we know when to step forward and when to take a step back.

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