

Check yourself: the White Privilege Test

Please answer **YES** or **NO** to the following questions:

1. If I wish to, I can arrange to be in the company of people of my race most of the time.
2. I can be sure that no matter where I move to, my neighbours in that location will be pleasant or neutral to me.
3. I can go shopping alone and be sure that I won't be followed or harassed.
4. I can turn on the television, open a newspaper and see people of my race widely represented.
5. I can go to a museum or art gallery and will see people of my race widely represented in the objects and artworks.
6. I can be sure that when told about our national heritage or about 'civilisation', I am shown that people of my colour made it what it is.
7. I can be sure that my children will be taught a curriculum which testifies to the existence of their race.
8. I can go into a shop and easily find the food, music or clothes which represent my race or fit with my cultural traditions.
9. I can go to a hairdresser and be sure that they can cut my hair.
10. I can count on my skin colour not to work against the appearance of my financial reliability.
11. I can swear, dress scruffily or not answer letters without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, poverty or illiteracy of my race.
12. I can speak in public to a powerful male group without putting my race on trial.
13. I can do well professionally without being called a credit to my race.
14. I am never asked to speak for my entire racial group.
15. I can remain oblivious of the language and customs of persons of colour without feeling in my own culture any penalty for such oblivion.
16. I can criticize our government and talk about how much I fear its policies and behaviour without being seen as a cultural outsider.
17. If a police officer stops me I can be sure I haven't been singled out because of my race.
18. I can be pretty sure that if I ask to talk to "the person in charge," I will be facing a person of my race.
19. I can easily buy books, children's toys, posters, greetings cards or magazines featuring people of my race.
20. As a child I had access to books where the heroes and protagonists were the same race or colour as me.
21. I can go home from most meetings of organizations I belong to feeling somewhat tied in, rather than isolated, out-of-place, outnumbered, unheard, held at a distance, or feared.
22. I can take a job with an affirmative action employer without having co-workers suspect that I got it because of race.
23. I can be sure that the gatekeepers in my life such as my boss, my local MP or my landlord are the same colour or race as me.
24. I can be sure that if I need legal or medical help, the colour of my skin will not work against me.
25. I can choose make up or bandages in flesh colour and have them more or less match my skin.
26. At school and university I could be sure that most of my teachers were the same colour or race as me.

YOUR RESULTS ___ / 26

**If you answered more than 13 YES out of 26,
have you considered that White Privilege may
play a role in your life?**