

HELLO I'M

White
(and privileged)

What is White



Privilege?

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White Privilege

(n.) / prɪv: [wʰaɪt prɪv-uh-leej]

1. Unearned advantage based on race, which can be observed both systemically and individually



Introduction:

"Standard of living is riding on it." This photo is a good resemblance of what white privilege is in America. A correlation of how the company name is "White," the American family shown above for the "standard of living" is white, and the truck driver is white.

I am a white man finishing my senior year at Salem State University for a bachelor's degree of Exercise Science. My career goal is to be a strength and conditioning coach. There is a video I saw that talked about the struggles achieving that career because of racial discrimination. That career is not a high paying salary, and even a small paying career like that can have people of different races struggle to get a job like that. How is this a "land of opportunity?" This is why I want to tell you what white privilege is. It doesn't mean that white people can't have a hard life. They can, but the color of white skin is not one of those things making it harder. In this zine, I will talk about the struggles of people with different races and gender.

Actual inventory of the personal estate of Eliza Luskman, late of Maryland, deceased, as by document of personal estate in the aforesaid books by us the said officers being thereunto lawfully authorized and sworn this 2nd day of Feb. 1829

One black man named Aug 110 00	One white child of the said books	
One white man named Dyers 350 00	One black girl	3 50
One white boy named Thomas 225 00	Two boxes of soap	1 50
One white girl named Rebecca 100 00	One tin of saleratus	1 00
One white woman named Betsy 75 00	One chimney	0 50

Slave Inventory

America was created for freedom, equal rights, and a land of opportunity.... for white men. Black men and women were slaves that did not have freedom, rights, or opportunities; in fact, they were just considered products. This photo shows that slaves were just products to buy. They were products compared to such items like soap, like they were not human. Slave values were ranged differently. For example: a 20-year-old black man would cost more than an older black man because he could put more work in, and a black woman that can reproduce can cost a high price, too, because when she reproduces, they own her child as a slave too. Also, slaves were being taken away from their own family. Slaves were the white man's property. If a white man that owned slaves passed away, the property of slaves would be passed down in his will, and the heir of the will can sell the slaves. Slaves were the inventory of white men's businesses. When importing the slaves to America, white men had the opportunity to succeed. Slaves built America's wealth and infrastructure, forced to work on fields, tobacco industries. All the work done came from black people, but the hard work didn't pay off for the black people. Instead, they were being tortured



Ragged Dick: Does Hard-Work = Success?

In 1868, a book called "Ragged Dick" was written to inspire young people to be cleaned up, work hard, and be honest to succeed. Even with a difficult life, the book illustrates success from the hard-work and honesty. It was also luck for Ragged Dick, with situations in the story, of how he succeeded. This story, about hard work equals success, is a story for white privilege. Here are some examples of how: *"He is handsome and might be mistaken for a gentleman's son, when he is well-dressed and washed."*

A rich white man saying how Dick looks, is letting us know he is white because he looks like his son. Looks with white skin is a benefit for success. This story only clarifies the success of a white person with the male gender.

Customer, "Don't you ever steal, then?" Dick, "No, and I wouldn't. Lots of boys does it, but I wouldn't." Customer, "Well, I'm glad to hear you say that. I believe there's some good in you, Dick, after all."

A ragged looking white-boy states he never stole and was believed to be honest that he never did. Compare that to the real life of Kalief Browder. A boy with black skin was stereotyped and accused of stealing but did not. He was set to prison for 3 years, and later in life committed suicide from depression and being oppressed.

"Yes," said Fosdick. "Father always kept me at school when he was alive, and I stood pretty well in my classes."

Dick had luck for Fosdick to be his tutor. Education is necessary for success. America has areas of segregation with poor education. Along with racial discrimination for career opportunities, some segregated areas don't have many successful jobs located there. Growing up in a typical white society with good education and businesses is another example of white privilege.





Du Bois: The Souls of Black Folk

Double Consciousness

In 1903, slavery had been outlawed but the civil rights movement hadn't yet begun.

The Emancipation was "the key to the promise land", but freedman did not find the freedom.

"He simply wishes to make it possible for a man to be both a Negro and an American, without being cursed and spit upon by his fellows, without having the doors of opportunity closed roughly in his face."

"For the words I longed for, and all their dazzling opportunities, were theirs, not mine."

"One ever feels his twoness, —an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder."

The line of color was the problem separating higher class of race to lower class of races. If you had a great grandparent that was labelled black, you would also be labeled black no matter what color your skin is. He remembers how his white classmates would treat him like an outsider because he was black. African Americans were taught that they need to choose between being African and being American. "Double consciousness" is where they see themselves through the viewpoint of white people.



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Women's Suffrage & Combahee River Collection



Women's Suffrage was for women's right to vote. At the beginning of women's suffrage, "Black women were shunted aside" from white women. Some white women thought they should have more of a right to vote than black men after the 15th amendment. Only fighting for the race of white women to vote, supports more white supremacy. White women were to reach parity with white men, while black women had a harder suffrage.

Black women fought for all women to vote. Their fight infused with gender and racism to vote. They trained and organized citizenship schools for things like literacy for the ability to vote. Women's suffrage passed in 1920, but the fight for black women voting was not passed until 1965. Some states today still have ways to exclude people from voting.

Combahee River Collection

Are a collective of black feminists who have been meeting together since 1974. The progressive organizations and movements are committed to fight against the struggling racial, sexual, heterosexual, and class oppression based upon the fact that the major systems of oppression are interlocking. "We have in many ways gone beyond white women's revelations because we are dealing with the implications of race and class as well as sex."



Fight for equal rights



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Dream of a white picket fence



Between
the World
& Me



"Stay calm, say your name, put your hands up"

"I have seen that dream all my life. It is perfect houses with nice lawns. It is Memorial Day cookouts, block associations, and driveways."

"The killers of Michael Brown go free. The men who had left his body in the street like some awesome declaration of their inviolable power would never be punished."

Men in uniform drive by and murder Tamir Rice, a twelve-year-old child whom they were oath-bound to protect.

"Destruction is merely the superlative form of a dominion whose prerogatives include frisking's, detaining's, beatings, and humiliations. All of this is common to black people."

"—race relations, racial chasm, racial justice, racial profiling, white privilege, even white supremacy—serves to obscure that racism is a visceral experience, that it dislodges brains, blocks airways, rips muscle, extracts organs, cracks bones, breaks teeth."

PG County police had killed Elmer Clay Newman

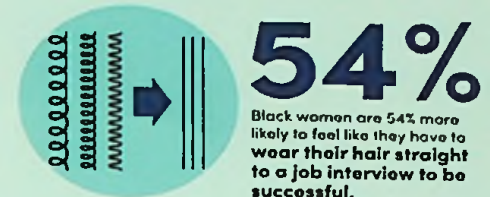
beaten Freddie McCollum half-blind and blamed it all on a collapsing floor.

Shot Gary Hopkins saying he went for an officer's gun.

"I could have you arrested!" Which is to say: "I could take your body."



Dove is a proud co-founder of the CROWN Coalition to advance hair discrimination legislation called the CROWN Act



The Crown

Cheyenne Cochrane gave a speech on TED Talk about the Crown Act. Post Civil War, the natural hair was, "the hair of an African American, male or female, that was known as the most telling feature of negro status." She talked about how much discrimination there was on the texture of hair. It is shocking that the Crown Act hasn't been approved in all states. They can still discriminate on someone's natural hair unless



Black women's hair is 2.5x more likely to be perceived as unprofessional



Cheyenne mentioned that chemicals and heat products can damage hair and cause bald spots. She showed good evidence and improvements of when she stopped using those products and keep her hair natural. Texture of hair is viewed by others in a white society. The purpose of the Crown Act is to end hair discrimination.

"White privilege doesn't mean your life hasn't been hard. It means the color of your skin isn't one of the things making it harder."

— Unknown

Privilege of white men started with slavery. After slavery was outlawed, there were no civil rights to the black race. There were rankings of higher class to lower class races. Land of opportunity to a black race has a harder obstacle to succeed based on skin color. Women suffrage was fighting against gender rights, but black women needed to fight harder against white supremacy.

There is still injustice to killings and police brutality to the black race. White men holding guns are not targeted, but "assuming" a black man has a weapon they get shot at and killed.

I was unaware of the White Privilege until I took the class of "American Identities."

There is a feeling I have called White Guilt. Having silence with the guilt and about the systemic racial injustice does not stop the problems.

Speak out!!! Spread the knowledge and support.

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

■ James Baldwin



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= VIOLENCE

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