

Race of Life

(all privileges version)

Start in the middle of the room, all lined up. This represents that you are all students who have graduated from high school, been admitted to college and are now attending this university. Also, please know that this exercise can be uncomfortable for people. We are about to highlight the privileges that give a person an advantage in society – for each privilege, some of you will have that benefit and some of you won't. Pay attention to how you are feeling during the exercise, and any questions in particular that make you feel strongly.

1. If the religious holidays you celebrate are recognized by the closing of businesses and schools... 1 Forward >>
2. If you grew up in a home your family bought... 2 Forward >>
3. If you grew up in a rented apartment... 1 Back <<
4. If you have a car... 2 Forward >>
5. If you are a woman... 1 Back <
6. If I can easily hear this exercise without assistance... 2 Forward >>
7. If you have been to a theater or symphony performance... 1 Forward >
8. If your family subscribed to a newspaper when you were growing up... 1 Forward >
9. If you currently make less than \$16,000/year... 2 Back <
10. If you are multilingual... 1 Forward >
11. If you are not on financial aid... 1 Forward >
12. If you can hold your partner's hand in public without fear of verbal harassment or physical harm... 2 Forward >>
13. If one of your grandparents completed college... 1 Forward >
14. If one of your parents completed college... 1 Forward >
15. If one of your parents completed a masters... 1 Forward >
16. If one of your parents completed a PhD, MD, JD or MBA... 2 Forward >>
17. If, when you can go out for a night of fun, you worry about being verbally or physically harassed... 2 Back <<
18. If you easily buy products, such as posters, greeting cards, dolls, etc. that feature people of your race... 1 Forward >
19. If you have traveled internationally... 1 Forward >
20. If you have a job... 2 Forward >>
21. If you work more than 20 hours/week... 2 Back <<

22. If you can talk openly about your dating or romantic partner without fear of judgement...
2 Forward >>
23. If you have seen a dentist in the last 5 years... 1 Forward >
24. If you can walk or drive in a “nice” neighborhood without fear of being stopped by the police... 1 Forward >
25. If you do not have the physical ability to crawl through a window and get down a fire escape... 2 Back <<
26. If, when in a situation that is not pleasant, you wonder if it is because of your identity...
1 Back <<
27. If, when on a first or second date with someone new, you consider your personal safety...
2 Back <<
28. If you have a roof over your head... 1 Forward >
29. If you share a room... 1 Back <
30. If you got free lunches in elementary school... 1 Back <
31. If you are white/caucasian... 1 Forward >
32. If your family took vacations (other than visiting family)... 1 Forward >
33. If there are trust funds or bonds in your name... 2 Forward >>
34. If you are a product of a single parent household... 2 Back <<
35. If people have asked or assumed that you benefited from affirmative action... 1 Back <
36. If you came to college with a computer... 1 Forward >
37. If you send money home to support your family... 2 Back <<
38. You will graduate from this university... 1 Forward >

Take a look at where you are. Now look around and see who is near you and who is far away from you.

Processing:

Race of Life

(economic privilege version)

Start in the middle of the room, all lined up. This represents that you are all students who have graduated from high school, been admitted to college and are now attending this university. Also, please know that this exercise can be uncomfortable for people. We are about to highlight the privileges that give a person an advantage in society – for each privilege, some of you will have that benefit and some of you won't. Pay attention to how you are feeling during the exercise, and any questions in particular that make you feel strongly.

1. If you have worked in a fast food restaurant... 1 Forward >
2. If you grew up in a home your family bought... 2 Forward >>
3. If you grew up in a rented apartment... 1 Back <
4. If you have a car... 2 Forward >>
5. If your car is a piece of crap... 1 Back <
6. If you shared a bedroom as a child... 2 Back <<
7. If you have been to a theater or symphony performance... 1 Forward >
8. If it was CATS... 1 Back < *This one is just to be funny...*
9. If you currently make less than \$16,000/year... 2 Back <
10. If you are multilingual... 1 Forward >
11. If you are not on financial aid... 1 Forward >
12. If one of your grandparents completed college... 1 Forward >
13. If one of your parents completed college... 1 Forward >
14. If one of your parents completed a masters... 1 Forward >
15. If one of your parents completed a PhD, MD, JD or MBA... 2 Forward >>
16. If you did not take an SAT prep course in high school... 1 Back <
17. If you did not take AP courses in high school... 1 Back <
18. If you have traveled internationally... 1 Forward >
19. If you have a job... 2 Forward >>
20. If you work more than 20 hours/week... 2 Back <
21. If you are paid once per month... 1 Back <
22. If you have seen a dentist in the last 5 years... 1 Forward >
23. If you are a woman... 1 Back <
24. If you have a credit card... 2 Forward >>
25. If you have a balance owed on that card... 1 Back <

26. If your parents will pay that balance... 2 Forward >>
27. If you have a roof over your head... 1 Forward >
28. If you share a room... 1 Back <
29. If you got free lunches in elementary school... 1 Back <
30. If you are white... 1 Forward >
31. If your family took vacations (other than visiting family)... 1 Forward >
32. If there are trust funds or bonds in your name... 2 Forward >>
33. If you can afford to go on Spring Break to Florida, Cancun, etc.... 1 Forward >
34. If you are a product of a single parent household... 2 Back <<
35. If your father is part of a workers union... 1 Back <
36. If you came to UCSB with a computer... 1 Forward >
37. If your backpack was stolen tomorrow, you could replace all your books right away...
2 Forward >>
38. If you send money home to support your family... 2 Back <<
39. If your family sends you money to support you... 2 Forward >>
40. You will graduate from the University of California... 1 Forward >

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