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Apparently you can go anywhere, there is no limit to what being white can get you!



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Apply to a job and you'll get quite a few, especially if you have an English based name. Same thing for buying a house.



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Notttttt true, at all. I've been denied plenty of jobs and I am white with an English based name.



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Learning Outcomes

Be able to define what White privilege.

See how White supremacy affects the perception of White privilege.

Understand how White privilege plays out

Learn what to do with White privilege or how it plays a part in your life.



Ground Rules

What is White privilege?

WHEN did White become White?

The Birth of Whiteness in (1670)

Virginia Colonies made it illegal for any "negro or Indian," free or not, to purchase Christians.

Quakers and self-identified whiteness.

Bacon's Rebellion was a catalyst for race.



WHY did White become White?

Religion

Power

Systems



Discussion: How do you define privilege?



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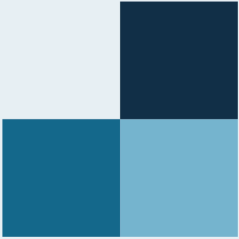

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Defining Privilege

Merriam-Webster's definition "privilege":

"A right or benefit that is given to some people and not to others, a special opportunity to do something that makes you proud, the advantage that wealthy and powerful people have over other people in a society."

Privilege is not worked for. It is given and unearned.



Privilege vs. Spoiled

Merriam-Webster's definition of "spoiled":

"To impair, damage, or harm the character or nature of (someone) by unwise treatment, excessive indulgence, etc."

Privilege exists when one group has something that is systematically denied to others not because of who they are or what they've done or not done, but because of the social category they belong to.



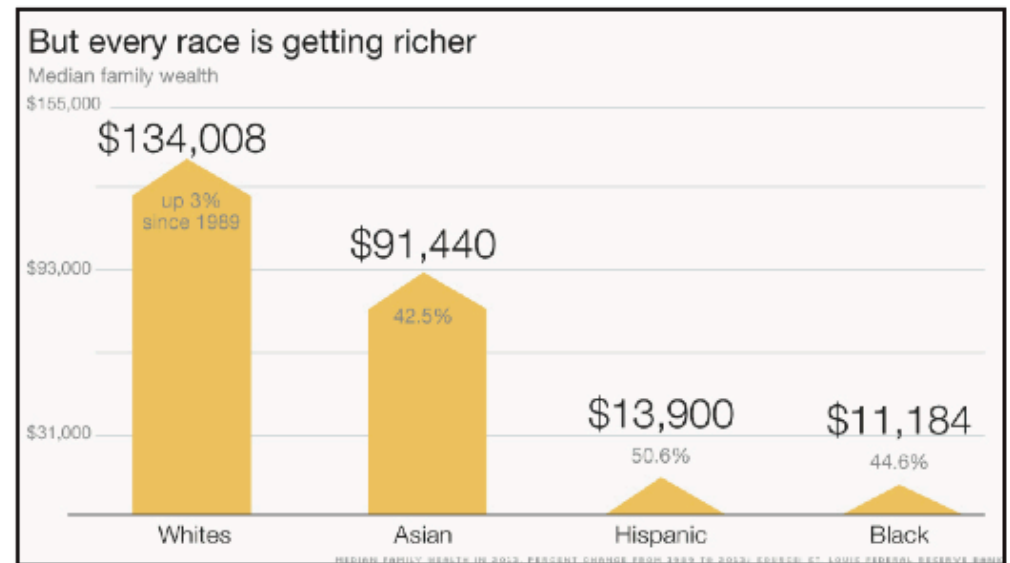
Fisher v. University of Texas

Race & Privilege

Being White has its perks:

Average Median Net Worth

Land ownership



CNN's study on White median family wealth vs. People of Color's median family wealth

Race & Privilege continued

Being White has its perks:

Scholarships for "everyone".

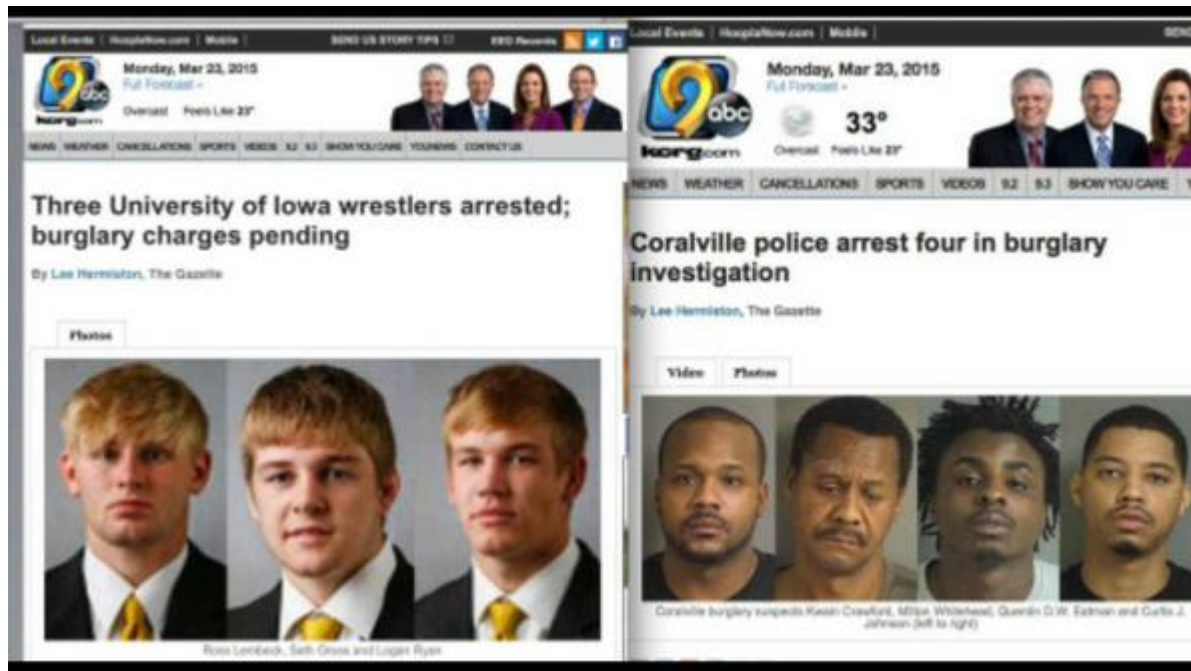
Job Acceptance

Name: Thomas Meyer	Name: Thomas Meyer
Seniority: 3rd Year Associate	Seniority: 3rd Year Associate
Alma Mater: NYU Law School	Alma Mater: NYU Law School
Race/Ethnicity: African American	Race/Ethnicity: Caucasian

"Caucasian" Thomas Meyer	"African American" Thomas Meyer
<i>"generally good writer but needs to work on..."</i>	<i>"needs lots of work"</i>
<i>"has potential"</i>	<i>"can't believe he went to NYU"</i>
<i>"good analytical skills"</i>	<i>"average at best"</i>

Race and Privilege in the Media

- Racial Biases





White Supremacy and White Privilege

What is White Supremacy?

White supremacy is the belief that white people are superior to those of all other races, and should therefore dominate society.

Systemic racism occurs when the way a society is structured systematically ends up giving advantages to some and disadvantages to others.

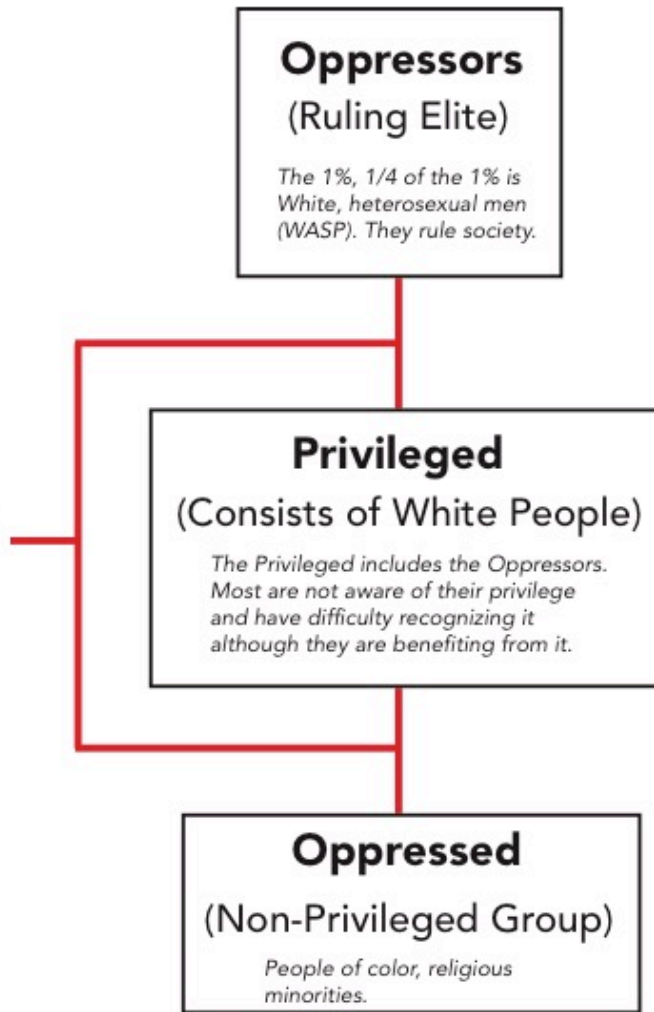
Wealth Gap

Employment

Incarceration

Racism

Dehumanization,
Othering, and
Violence



"I'll tell you what's at the bottom of it. If you can convince the lowest white man that he's better than the best colored man, he won't notice you're picking his pocket. Hell, give him somebody to look down on, and he'll even empty his pockets for you."

-Lyndon Johnson

A landscape photograph of Iowa State University. In the background, a tall, light-colored brick clock tower with a dark roof and a clock face is visible. The tower is surrounded by green trees. The foreground is a large, flat, green field. The sky is bright and slightly overcast. A semi-transparent teal horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

White privilege at Iowa State University



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoFd0df29Dg>

The Cy-Hawk Tailgate

Shelby Mueller's actions speak as loud as her words.

Jovanni Rubio's media portrayal vs. hers.

Where is she now?

Rubio, a senior in mechanical engineering, told the Register "I did not react, because I knew if I were to retaliate, it would only prove her right."

He later taped his sign back together, he said.

Mueller has been identified as a West Des Moines resident and is listed on the spring 2015 Dean's List at Mercy College. She did not return a call seeking comment and has since deleted all of her social media accounts.

Her name has become a [hashtag on Twitter](#) by people angry at what they called her racist actions.

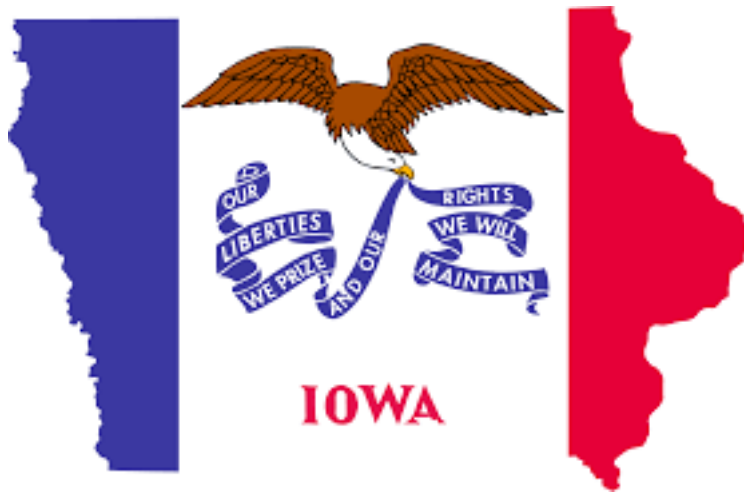
State of Iowa

- U.S Rep. Steve King (July 18th, RNC)
 - “White people have contributed more to civilization than other ‘sub-groups’.”
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=med0tr9q5Fs>



State of Iowa cont.

- “A Black person in IA is more than 8 times as likely to be arrested for possession than a White person, despite equal usage rates.”



On Campus: Breaking it down

The Questions asked:

What is does privilege mean to you? What is privilege?

Do you recognize your privileges, what are some?

Do you think race is an issue at Iowa State University?

Have you heard of the term "White privilege?" If so. what does it mean to you?



Moving Forward

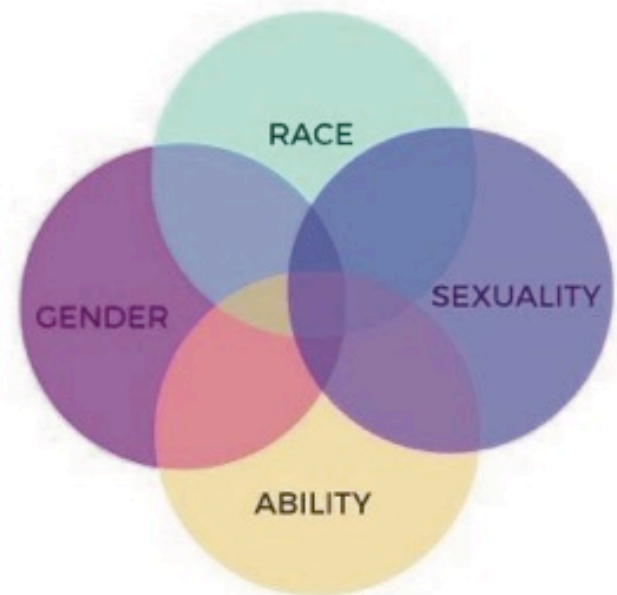
Why this is Important

These conversations on race are often only talked about in by people of color.

Issues of profiling and privilege are more talked about.

Demographic shifts are happening.

Intersecting identities: This matters and it relates to you.



How to Move Forward

Accept that privilege exists.
Acknowledge that it exists.

Understand that you benefit from it.

Use your privilege as a platform.

Get involved.

Do something. Doing nothing only
allows the oppressor to win.



Banksy's work in Gaza.

Questions?

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