

Privilege while Voting

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(based on Peggy McIntosh' 1988 "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Backpack")

Reflect on the privilege you have, in regards to all aspects of voting.

- ☐ 1. I have access, and am able to use a computer/internet to register to vote online.
- ☐ 2. I am able to easily access voter registration, information and a ballot in a language I am fluent in.
- ☐ 3. I am able to vote easily on Election Day, even if it's a weekday/workday.
- ☐ 4. I am able to easily drive myself to wherever I vote.
- ☐ 5. I am able to easily stand in line, wait, walk to and around a polling location.
- ☐ 6. I don't lose a paycheck or have my job in danger by taking time to vote.
- ☐ 7. My children/dependents are taken care of while I vote.
- ☐ 8. I have the ability to buy and pay for a stamp, if it's required, to mail a ballot.
- ☐ 9. I feel physically safe voting in person.
- ☐ 10. I feel physically and emotionally safe asking questions of a poll worker.
- ☐ 11. I have people who can help me complete a ballot, or I know how to get help.
- ☐ 12. I have a driver's license, or other photo government ID. It was easy to pay for, obtain, and keep accurate.
- ☐ 13. I have a first and last name that conforms to English spelling and conventions.
- ☐ 14. I live at a street address.
- ☐ 15. I consistently and reliably get my mail.
- ☐ 16. I don't move around alot, and when/if I do, it's easy to make a "change of address."
- ☐ 17. My family, peer group support each other in voting, discuss how important it is.
- ☐ 18. My company gives me the day off to vote.
- ☐ 19. The location where I vote in person (or drop off a ballot) is within 5 miles of my house.
- ☐ 20. I understand, and/or am not intimidated by, the mechanics of how to fill out a ballot.
- ☐ 21. I understand, or can easily learn, about fundamental civics information in regards to voting (eg what an uncontested race is).
- ☐ 22. I trust the government enough to give them my personal information when registering and casting my vote.
- ☐ 23. I can safely have my address made part of the public record.
- ☐ 24. I trust in my elections office to not "throw out" my ballot by mail, due to minor technical issues (eg signature irregularity), especially without giving me notice and an opportunity to address it. I trust the integrity of my elections office.
- ☐ 25. I trust my voter record has not been purged.
- ☐ 26. I believe my elected representative reflects my priorities.
- ☐ 27. I believe my vote matters.