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## Backpack exercise

Please respond to the following by marking either true or false.

	true	false
1. I can if I wish arrange to be in the company of people of my race most of the time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. If I should need to move, I can be pretty sure of renting or purchasing housing in an area which I can afford and in which I would want to live.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I can be pretty sure that my neighbors in such a location will be neutral or pleasant to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I can go shopping alone most of the time, pretty well assured that I will not be followed or harassed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I can turn on the television or open to the front page of the paper and see people of my race widely represented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. When I am told about our national heritage or about "civilization," I am shown that people of my color made it what it is.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I can be sure that my children will be given curricular materials that testify to the existence of their race.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I do not have to educate my children to be aware of systemic racism for their own daily physical protection.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I can go into a music shop and count on finding the music of my race represented, into a supermarket and find the staple foods which fit with my cultural traditions, into a hairdresser's shop and find someone who can cut my hair.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Whether I use checks, credit cards, or cash, I can count on my skin color not to work against the appearance of financial reliability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. I can arrange to protect my children most of the time from people who might not like them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. I can swear, or dress in secondhand clothes, or not answer letters, without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, the poverty, or the illiteracy of my race.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. I can speak in public to a powerful male group without putting my race on trial.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. I can do well in a challenging situation without being called a credit to my race.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. I am never asked to speak for all the people of my racial group.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. I can remain oblivious of the language and customs of persons of color who constitute the world's majority without feeling in my culture any penalty for such oblivion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. I can criticize our government and talk about how much I fear its policies and behavior without being seen as a cultural outsider.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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| 19. If a traffic cop pulls me over or if the IRS audits my tax return, I will be facing a person of my race.                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. I can easily buy posters, postcards, picture books, greeting cards, dolls, toys, and children's magazines featuring people of my race.                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. I can go home from most meetings of organizations I belong to feeling somewhat tied in, rather than isolated, out-of-place, out-numbered, unheard, held at a distance, or feared. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. I can take a job with an affirmative action employer without having co-workers on the job suspect that I got it because of my race.                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 23. I can choose public accommodation without fearing that people of my race cannot get in or will be mistreated in the places I have chosen.                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. I can be sure that if I need legal or medical help, my race will not work against me.                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25. If my day, week, or year is going badly, I need not ask of each negative episode or situation whether it has racial overtones.                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. I am not made acutely aware that my shape, bearing, or body odor will be taken as reflection on my race.                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

from Peggy McIntosh, "Unpacking the Knapsack of White Privilege," 1988

For people of faith and church goers:

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| 1. I expect that my theology will be the norm, rather than "specialized" or "marginalized" discourse.                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. I expect that the research upon which the primary theological books are written was done in communities of people who look like me.                                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. I expect that the hymns I grew up with and music I am most comfortable with will likely to be present in "typical" worship rather than in "enculturation" or cross-cultural / multicultural services. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. No one will wonder if I "belong" when I walk into the chapel or sanctuary.                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

from Mary Hess and Stephen Brookfield, "How Can White Teachers Recognize and Challenge Racism?' Acknowledging Collusion and Learning an Aggressive Humility"

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