

Privilege Walk

The questions below were asked of people who participated in creating the *What is Privilege?* BuzzFeed video:

- If your parents do or have ever had to work more than one job to support your family, take one step back. If they haven't, take a step forward.
- If you have been discriminated against, or verbally or physically abused, because of your appearance, take a step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If the primary language spoken in your household is not English, take one step back.
- If you have ever tried to change your speech or mannerisms to gain acceptance, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If you go on more than one holiday or trip during the year, take one step forward. If you don't, take a step back.
- If you have to think about whether you can easily access transport, a building, or a bathroom, take one step back. If you don't, take a step forward.
- If you don't need to change your birth certificate to match your gender identity, take a step forward. If you do, take a step back.
- If people assume you aren't intelligent because of your physical ability, take a step back. If people don't, take a step forward.
- If people assume negative things about you based on your religion, take a step back. If people don't, take a step forward.
- If you feel like you have adequate access to healthy food, take one step forward. If you don't, take a step back.
- If you can show affection for your romantic partner in public without fear of ridicule or violence, take one step forward. If you can't, take a step back.
- If you are reasonably sure you would be hired for a job based on your ability and qualifications, take one step forward. If you aren't sure, take a step back.
- If you have ever been the only person of your race/gender/sexual orientation in a classroom, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If you don't fear unwanted attention and abuse when walking through a group of the opposite gender, take one step forward. If you do, take a step back.
- If you feel comfortable walking home alone at night, take one step forward. If you don't, take a step back.
- If you have ever travelled outside of Australia, take one step forward. If you haven't, take a step back.
- If you have ever felt like there was not adequate or accurate representation of a group you identify with in the media, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.

- If you feel confident that your parents would be able to financially help/support you if you were going through hardship, take one step forward. If they couldn't, take a step back.
- If you have ever been (cyber) bullied or made fun of based on something that you can't change, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If you've ever slept rough, or on a couch or in a car, for more than one day because you don't have a room, apartment, or house to go to, take a step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If you can buy new clothes or go out with friends whenever you want to, take one step forward. If you can't, take a step back.
- If you live in a place where you can access specialist medical treatment, take one step forward. If you don't take a step back.
- If you worry how crowded somewhere will be because of your mental health, take a step back. If you don't, take a step forward.
- If you were uncomfortable about a joke/statement you overheard relating to your race, gender, appearance, or sexual orientation and felt unsafe to confront the situation, take one step back. If you weren't, take a step forward.
- If you feel nervous walking through a shop because you're suspected of shoplifting, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If you've ever been excluded from a sport because of your gender, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If you have access to tertiary education, take one step forward. If you don't, take a step back.
- If you have been told that the way you dress is attracting unwanted judgment, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If you've ever been looked down upon for what job or career you want, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If you own or have access to a vehicle, take one step forward. If you haven't, take a step back.
- If you have been told your sexuality is just a phase, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If you have or will need to have an HECS debt or student loan, take one step back. If you haven't or won't need to, take a step forward.
- If you have lied about your ethnicity or religion to avoid conflict, take one step back. If you haven't, take a step forward.
- If society considers you to be physically attractive, take one step forward. If it doesn't, take a step back.
- If you attended a private school for part or all of your education, take one step forward. If you haven't, take a step back.

Reference:

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