White Privilege

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From an earlier lesson

When did the naming of the White race first happen – and why was it important?

- Late 17th Century
- Distinguish Black slaves from others

Imagine:
How Would You Feel?
- or -

What Would It Tell You?

What is the difference between Racism and Personal Prejudice?

What's the Impact of Each?

Whiteness is "Normal"

What impact does it have on you that Whiteness is considered "normal"?

What impact would this understanding of Whiteness as "normal" have on a person of color?

Black – White Equality Index

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2020</u>
Overall	73	72.2	72.5	74.1
Health	76	79.8	79.3	83.8
Economic	57	55.8	58.2	59.2

Benchmark: Whites are at 100

Source: https://soba.iamempowered.com/2020-report

My Conclusions

- Whites <u>are</u> privileged in the United States.
- This privilege is the result of intentional actions taken by the settlers and founders of this country, for their own benefit.
- Privilege has been supported by laws and practices that have continued to discriminate against indigenous peoples and people of color.

My Conclusions (continued)

- Individually and collectively, we White people have inherited privileges that have not been shared equally among all people in our country.
- Individually, we did not start the practices that led to our privilege, but we have benefited from them.

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