



Check Your Privilege challenge

Topic Guide for Let's Talk Race Facilitators

How to use a topic guide

- A topic guide is a tool that provides Let's Talk Race facilitators with a plan for how LTR conversations will go.
- Some places, delineated with **blue font**, indicate suggested directions to facilitators.
- Other places, delineated with *italicized font*, indicate places where you will need to add in talking points that are specific to you / your organization.
- Copy this document (File → Copy) and share the copy with your co-facilitators or copy and paste text into the conversation guide template.
- Make adjustments or changes to the plan in your own copy.

In our first Topic, we're going to explore the idea of privilege. Before we begin, let's first think about what does privilege mean? And does everyone have privileges?

Now we're going to watch a video and engage in an activity that highlights the differences in privileges between people who are white and those who are not.

This video started the Check Your Privilege Challenge that gained popularity on social media.

- [Link to video \(runtime: 3:16\)](#)

Now that you have seen what the Check Your Privilege Challenge is about, let's try it together. Let's start by having everyone put up 10 fingers. Read each statement below. **The list below could be revised or adapted to meet the needs of a particular group. Feel free to write in your own statements**

- Put a finger down if you have been called a racial slur.
- Put a finger down if you've been followed in a store unnecessarily.
- Put a finger down if someone has crossed the street in order to avoid passing you.
- Put a finger down if you've had someone clench their purse in an elevator with you.
- Put a finger down if you've had someone step off of an elevator to keep from riding with you.
- Put a finger down if you've been accused of not being able to afford something expensive.
- Put a finger down if you've had fear in your heart when being stopped by the police.
- Put a finger down if you've never been given a pass on a citation you deserved.

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- Put a finger down if you have been stopped or detained by police for no valid reason.
- Put a finger down if you have been bullied solely because of your race.
- Put a finger down if you've been denied service solely because of the color of your skin.
- Put a finger down if you've ever had to teach your children how not to get killed by the police.

Discussion Questions:

1. How many fingers did you have left? How did this Topic make you feel?
2. Would anyone mind sharing a time that you've experienced one of these scenarios and how it made you feel?
3. Do you agree with the scenarios used in the Topic? Why or why not?
4. What are some other ways that we can explore privilege?