Christian Privilege Checklist

"30+ Examples of Christian Privilege" is one of Sam Killerman's privilege lists that he created for people of privilege to empathize with other, non-privileged individiuals. Social justice advocate, Killermann writes:



- [ ] 1. You can expect to have time off work to celebrate religious holidays.
- [ ] 2. Music and television programs pertaining to your religion’s holidays are readily accessible.
- [ ] 3. It is easy to find stores that carry items that enable you to practice your faith and celebrate religious holidays.
- [ ] 4. You aren’t pressured to celebrate holidays from another faith that may conflict with your religious values.
- [ ] 5. Holidays celebrating your faith are so widely supported you can often forget they are limited to your faith (e.g. wish someone a “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Easter” without considering their faith).
- [ ] 6. You can worship freely, without fear of violence or threats.
- [ ] 7. A bumper sticker supporting your religion won’t likely lead to your car being vandalized.
- [ ] 8. You can practice your religious customs without being questioned, mocked, or inhibited.
- [ ] 9. If you are being tried in court, you can assume that the jury of “your peers” will share your faith and not hold that against you in weighing decisions.
- [ ] 10. When swearing an oath, you will place your hand on a religious scripture pertaining to your faith
- [ ] 11. Positive references to your faith are seen dozens of times a day by everyone, regardless of their faith.
- [ ] 12. Politicians responsible for your governance are probably members of your faith.
- [ ] 13. Politicians can make decisions citing your faith without being labeled as heretics or extremists.
- [ ] 14. It is easy for you to find your faith accurately depicted in television, movies, books, and other media.
- [ ] 15. You can reasonably assume that anyone you encounter will have a decent understanding of your beliefs.

- [ ] 16. You will not be penalized (socially or otherwise) for not knowing other people's religious customs.
- [ ] 17. Your faith is accepted/supported at your workplace.
- [ ] 18. You can go into any career you want without it being associated with or explained by your faith.
- [ ] 19. You can travel to any part of the country and know your religion will be accepted, safe, and you will have access to religious spaces to practice your faith.
- [ ] 20. Your faith can be an aspect of your identity without being a defining aspect (e.g., people won't think of you as their "Christian" friend)
- [ ] 21. You can be polite, gentle, or peaceful, and not be considered an "exception" to those practicing your faith.
- [ ] 22. Fundraising to support congregations of your faith will not be investigated as potentially threatening or terrorist behavior.
- [ ] 23. Construction of spaces of worship will not likely be halted due to your faith.
- [ ] 24. You are never asked to speak on behalf of all the members of your faith.
- [ ] 25. You can go anywhere and assume you will be surrounded by members of your faith.
- [ ] 26. Without special effort, your children will have a multitude of teachers who share your faith.
- [ ] 27. Without special effort, your children will have a multitude of friends who share your faith.
- [ ] 28. It is easily accessible for you or your children to be educated from kindergarten through post-grad at institutions of your faith.
- [ ] 29. Disclosing your faith to an adoption agency will not likely prevent you from being able to adopt children.
- [ ] 30. In the event of a divorce, the judge won't immediately grant custody of your children to your ex because of your faith.
- [ ] 31. Your faith is taught or offered as a course in most public institutions.
- [ ] 32. You can complain about your religion being under attack without it being perceived as an attack on another religion
- [ ] 33. You can dismiss the idea that identifying with your faith bears certain privileges.

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