**Class Privilege Worksheet**

Following is a list of middle-to-upper class privileges.  If you are a member of the middle class or upper class economic groups (or, grew up as one) listed below are benefits that may have been granted to you based on your group membership — benefits not granted to those in the lower class.  The goal of the list is to help those who have access to these privileges be more cognizant of their privilege, encouraging better understanding of class-based difference in our society.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | True | False |
| 1. Your family didn’t have to buy generic brand items, or wait until a more expensive grocery item went on sale to afford it (e.g. steak, seafood, etc.) |  |  |
| 1. If in a legally perilous situation, your family could afford to hire an attorney to ensure your case was heard justly. |  |  |
| 1. If someone in your family became sick, you didn’t have to decide against visiting a doctor or the hospital due to economic reasons. |  |  |
| 1. Your “back-to-school” clothes were new, and not second hand or hand-me-downs. |  |  |
| 1. Your family didn’t have to put big purchases on lay-away. |  |  |
| 1. As a kid, you were able to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities (music/dance lessons, clubs, etc.) |  |  |
| 1. College was an expectation of you (whether you chose to go or not). |  |  |
| 1. Your family owned (or could afford) a reliable car. |  |  |
| 1. Your family owned the home you lived in. |  |  |
| 1. When you flipped a light switch in your house, you didn’t have to wonder if the light would come on (or if your utilities had been terminated). |  |  |
| 1. Before the age of 18, you were taken on a trip out of the country. |  |  |
| 1. Whenever you’ve moved out of your home it has been voluntary, and you had another home to move into. |  |  |
| 1. Your parent/s never had to pawn something to cover a household expense. |  |  |
| 1. Your parent/s never had to use a “Check Into Cash” or payday lending service. |  |  |
| 1. Your parent/s earned a salary versus an hourly wage. |  |  |
| 1. You have (or expect to) inherit money or property. |  |  |
| 1. Your family does/did own a summer home or second house. |  |  |
| 1. Your parent/s could occasionally take the day off to take you to the museum, a theater performance, a movie, etc. |  |  |
| 1. You went to summer camp as a child. |  |  |
| 1. You had to take advantage of the free lunch program at school. |  |  |