

This activity aims to demonstrate that race is not only a biological construct. It hints at certain ways race can be socially and politically created as well as the privileges that may come with certain race. The goal is to get the participants reflecting upon their own race/ethnicity/culture and the privileges that comes (does not come) with it.

Be sure to provide time for people to look around and reflect upon the criteria that was just called out, before moving on to the next.

“Please form two lines, facing each other. When I read off each of the items, if it applies to you, please step to the middle.”

- 1) I identify myself as a student
- 2) I have brown hair
- 3) I am lactose intolerant
- 4) I am left handed
- 5) I have traveled abroad
- 6) I was born in another country
- 7) My first language was not English
- 8) I am a first generation college student
- 9) I am the first person in my family to pursue medicine
- 10) I am an only child
- 11) I have been judged before by my skin color
- 12) I am here on a scholarship or financial aid
- 13) I have been treated differently because of my skin color
- 14) I've felt scared to do something because of what others might say about me
- 15) I am from out of state
- 16) I was told that I couldn't do something because of my skin color
- 17) I am wearing white socks
- 18) My favorite color is blue
- 19) I have a childhood best friend that I still talk to
- 20) I have felt limited in my opportunities because of my skin color
- 21) People have judged me and taken my identity to be something that I am not/do not identify with
- 22) I have felt out of place because of my skin color
- 23) I have been given certain privileges over others because of my skin color alone
- 24) I wish race was never a problem
- 25) I have wished that people would see me for who I really am, past my skin color