

Cisgender Privilege

(Gender Normative Privilege)

1. Strangers do not assume they can ask me what my genitals look like and how I have sex.
2. My identity is not considered a mental pathology by the psychological and medical establishment.
3. My validity as a man/woman/human is not based on how much surgery I have had or how well I “pass” as a non-transperson.
4. I can walk through the world and generally blend in, not being stared at, whispered about, pointed at, or laughed at because of my gender expression.
5. Having my gender as an option on all forms.
6. I have the ability to flirt, engage in courtship, or form a relationship and not fear that my biological status may result in rejection or attack or will cause my partner to question their sexual orientation.
7. I am not excluded from events which are either explicitly or de facto (because of nudity) for men-born-men or women-born-women only.
8. I am not expected to constantly defend my medical decisions.
9. Strangers do not ask me what my “real name” (birth name) is and then assume it is okay to call me by that name.
10. People do not disrespect me by using incorrect pronouns even after they have been corrected.
11. I do not have to repeatedly remind my extended family to use the proper gender pronouns for me.
12. I do not have to convince my parents of my true gender and/or have to earn my parents’ or siblings’ love and respect all over again.
13. No stranger checking my identification or driver’s license will insult or glare at me because my name or sex does not match the sex they believed to me based on my gender expression.
14. I can use public restrooms without fearing verbal abuse, physical intimidation, assault, or arrest.
15. I do not have to worry about whether I will experience harassment or violence for using a bathroom or whether I will be safe changing in a locker room or a store’s dressing room. When I go to the gym or a public pool, I can use the showers. No stares, fear, or anxiety.
16. I do not have to choose between being invisible (“passing”) or being “othered” and/or tokenized based on my gender.
17. I do not fear interactions with the police due to my gender identity.

18. If I end up in the emergency room, I do not have to worry that my gender will keep me from receiving (appropriate) treatment.
19. If arrested, I do not have to worry about being placed in a sex-segregated detention center, holding facility, or prison that is incongruent with my identity.
20. If I am murdered (or have any crime committed against me), my gender expression will not be used as a justification for the murder nor result in leniency for the perpetrator/s.
21. I will not be profiled on the street as a sex worker because of my gender expression.
22. I can reasonably assume that my ability to acquire a job, rent an apartment, or secure a loan will not be denied on the basis of my gender identity/expression or because the gender marker on my identification card no longer matches my gender identity.
23. My health insurance provider (or public health system) does not specifically exclude me from receiving benefits or treatments available to others because of my gender. The medical establishment does not serve as a “gatekeeper,” determining what happens to my body.
24. I can assume that everyone I encounter will understand my gender identity and not think I am confused, misled, or hell-bound when I reveal it to them.
25. I can easily find role models and mentors who share my identity.
26. Films and television programs accurately depict people of my gender and my identity is not used solely as the focus of a dramatic storyline or as the punch line for a joke.
27. I am able to purchase clothes that match my gender identity without being refused service or mocked by staff or questioned about my genitals. I can purchase shoes that fit my gender expression without having to order them in special sizes or asking someone to custom make them.
28. I do not have to deal with old photographs that do not reflect who I truly am.
29. I know that if I am dating someone they are not just looking to satisfy a curiosity or kink pertaining to my gender identity.