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Discussion Guide to Race the Power of an Illusion

Unpacking Privilege

Try This Activity

Ask each person to read through this list and give themselves a point for each item that is true for them:

- 1** My parents and grandparents were able to purchase or rent housing in any neighborhood they could afford.
- 2** I can take a job with an employer who believes in affirmative action without having co-workers suspect that I got it because of my race.
- 3** I grew up in a house that was owned by my parents.
- 4** I can look in mainstream media and see people who look like me represented fairly and in a wide range of roles.
- 5** I live in a safe neighborhood with good schools.
- 6** I can go shopping most of the time, pretty well assured that I will not be followed or harassed.
- 7** If my car breaks down on a deserted stretch of road, I can trust that the law enforcement officer who shows up will be helpful.
- 8** I don't have to worry about helping my parents out when they retire.
- 9** I never think twice about calling the police when trouble occurs.
- 10** Schools in my community teach about my race and heritage and present it in positive ways.
- 11** I can be pretty sure that if I go into a business and ask to speak to the "person in charge" that I will be facing a person of my race.