

Oppression

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derived from M. Frye, “Oppression.”

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Judging Oppression

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Which is an example of oppression?

1. finding it difficult to be competitive at basketball because of height disadvantage
2. being unable to find work as a babysitter because you are a man
3. men holding doors for you because you are a woman
4. a jury disbelieving your testimony because you are black
5. facing social pressure to live in a Latino ghetto in LA because you are Latino
6. Being left-handed but forced to drive on the right side of the road
7. Being left-handed but being forced to write right-handed.