

## Understanding Privilege

Due: December 10th

Respond to the questions given below after reading the material in your text on racial inequality and viewing the videos listed below. Consider our class discussion of the impact of individual effort (achievement) vs. culturally defined and institutionalized expectations (ascription) in determining the success of an individual in your responses.

Peggy McIntosh on white privilege: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRnoddGTMTY>

Tim Wise on white privilege (watch at least the first 31 minutes):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AMY2Bvxuxc>

Hidden camera experiment on "shopping while black:"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=yAkDHuimJRc&feature=endscreen>

Joy DeGruy on a good way to use white privilege:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wf9QBnPK6Yg>

1. What is white privilege? What does it mean to have or lack this kind of privilege?
2. How is it related to other types of privilege (e.g. gender and class)?
3. Can you add any items to Peggy McIntosh's list of privileges whites enjoy?
4. How is white privilege demonstrated in the "shopping while black" experiment?
5. (Whether you agree or not) what do you think Tim Wise would say about recent incidents in Ferguson, MO?