

A Few Working Definitions...

Racial Prejudice	Racial prejudice is a preconceived judgment or opinion based on insufficient knowledge. We all have prejudices by virtue of living in a society offering a lot of misinformation about different groups. We might consciously reject over prejudices, but very often prejudices remain due to misunderstandings, an incomplete knowledge base, or isolated experiences.
Racism	Different than prejudice, racism involves a system that offers advantage based on race. People might consciously reject prejudice, yet be completely unaware of how the structure of society continues to advantage whites over other groups due to historical and contemporary forms of discrimination.
White Privilege	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage, or favor.</i> • <i>Such a right or immunity attached specifically to people of white European descent.</i> <p>White Privilege, a social relation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A right, advantage, or immunity granted to or enjoyed by white persons beyond the common advantage of all others; an exemption in many particular cases from certain burdens or liabilities. 2. A special advantage or benefit of white persons; with reference to divine dispensations, natural advantages, gifts of fortune, genetic endowments, social relations, etc. 3. A privileged position; the possession of an advantage white persons enjoy over non-white persons. 4. The special right or immunity attaching to white persons as a social relation; prerogative. 5. display of white privilege, a social expression of a white person or persons demanding to be treated as a member or members of the socially privileged class. 6. To invest white persons with a privilege or privileges; to grant to white persons a particular right or immunity; to benefit or favor specially white persons; to invest white persons with special honorable distinctions. 7. To avail oneself of a privilege owing to one as a white person. 8. To authorize or license of white person or persons what is forbidden or wrong for non-whites; to justify, excuse. 9. To give to white persons special freedom or immunity from some liability or burden to which non-white persons are subject; to exempt. <p>White privilege is a term that has historically been used to identify the privileges, opportunities, and gratuities offered by the American society to anyone who is Caucasian and not a member of an ethnic group. This has manifested itself in a number of ways, such as, better housing, education, economic opportunities, and higher wages, etc. for Caucasians.</p> <p>It is a Eurocentric attitude of superiority that is perpetuated in America by the so-called "Good Ole Boy" system of covert racism that prevents non-whites from receiving equal, fair and just treatment.</p> <p>(This is a collection of ideas found on WikEd that may be useful, as there is no completely agreed upon single definition of this concept.)</p>