

Pointing out the Privilege

Stephen Colbert's – The Word

Directions: Jot down words or ideas you hear as you watch each of the two video clips that relate to the white privilege issue named in each section. Take note if each idea or phrase refers to something “current” or “historical” as you reflect on your notes.

Neutral Man's Burden

Being white is normal or neutral

White people often assume that people of color have a “chip” on their shoulder

White people in power positions claim innocence and neutrality

The Great White Wail

White people in powerful positions use those positions to wield influence in ways that may be unjust

The idea of “whiteness” has been shaped to be considered “innocent”, “moral”, and “good”.

White people often have expectations of ownership, benefits, and deservedness