A Cisgender Privilege Checklist

1. It is unlikely that I will be ostracized by my family and friends, fired from my job, evicted from my home, given substandard medical care, suffer violent or sexual abuse, ridiculed by the media, or preached against by religious organizations simply because of my professed identity or perceived incongruent gendered behaviors or characteristics.

2. I can be confident that people will not call me by a different name or use improper pronouns.

3. I never suffered the indignation of “holding it” when both functional and unoccupied public restrooms are available because I am afraid of potential harassment I might experience if I enter a restroom. In fact, I don’t need to be concerned about using any public facilities that are segregated by sex.

4. If I am institutionalized, I don’t have to worry about being housed in the wrong section of a facility segregated by sex.

5. I am not denied entrance to appropriate services or events that are segregated by sex.

6. My childhood innocence was not interrupted with desperate prayers to a divinity begging to wake up a different sex.

7. I never worry about potential lovers shifting instantly from amorous affection to disdain and even violence because of my genitals.

8. I am unlikely to be questioned about my genitals, even less likely to be touched inappropriately or asked to see them.

9. It is unlikely that I would risk my health by avoiding the medical profession for fear of discovery or mistreatment.

10. I never considered hiding my body parts by binding or tucking.

11. If I have a professionally recognized and diagnosed condition, I am unlikely to be excluded from medical insurance coverage.
12. I am not afraid that my friends or family will reject me when I tell them my gender.

13. If I am physically healthy, I don’t think about having a hysterectomy, a mastectomy, massive hair removal, hormone therapy, vocal surgery, facial reassignment surgery, or genital reassignment surgery.

14. I can easily get documents (passports, birth certificates, driver’s licenses, etc) that match the gender I identify as and look like.

23. When I begin college, I don’t have to fear rejection and incomprehension when I tell people my gender identity.

15. When I apply for a job, I do not have to worry about documents such as my college diploma matching my gender, thus alerting a potential employer that I am transgender and quite possibly causing me to not be hired.

16. At my funeral, it is unlikely that my family would present me cross dressed against my living wishes.

17. I never worry about passing, gender-wise.

18. I have the privilege of being completely unaware of my own cisgender privilege.

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