Examples of Christian Privilege in the US

1. I can expect to have time off work to celebrate religious holidays.
2. Music and television programs pertaining to my religion’s holidays are readily accessible.
3. It is easy for me to find stores that carry items that enable me to practice my faith and celebrate religious holidays.
4. I am not pressured to celebrate holidays from another faith that may conflict with mine religious values.
5. Holidays celebrating my faith are so widely supported I can often forget they are limited to my faith (e.g. I can wish someone a “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Easter” without considering their faith).
6. I can worship freely, without fear of violence or threats.
7. A bumper sticker supporting your religion won’t likely lead to my car being vandalized.
8. I can practice my religious customs without being questioned, mocked, or inhibited.
9. If I am tried in court, I can assume that the jury of “my peers” will primarily share my faith and not hold that against me in weighing decisions.
10. When swearing an oath, I will place my hand on a religious scripture pertaining to my faith.
11. Positive references to my faith are seen dozens a time a day by everyone, regardless of their faith.
12. Politicians responsible for my governance are primarily members of my faith.
13. Politicians can make decisions citing my faith without being labeled as heretics or extremists.
14. It is easy for me to find my faith accurately depicted in television, movies, books, and other media.
15. I can reasonably assume that anyone I encounter will have a decent understanding of my beliefs.
16. I will not be penalized (socially or otherwise) for not knowing other people’s religious customs.
17. My faith is accepted/supported at my workplace.
18. I can go into any career I want without it being associated with or explained by my faith.
19. I can travel to any part of the country and know my religion will be accepted, safe, and I will have access to religious spaces to practice mine faith.

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20. My faith can be an aspect of my identity without being a defining aspect (e.g., people won’t think of me as their “Christian” friend)

21. I can be polite, gentle, or peaceful, and not be considered an “exception” to those practicing my faith.

22. Fundraising to support congregations of my faith will not be investigated as potentially threatening or terrorist behavior.

23. Construction of spaces of worship will not likely be halted due to my faith.

24. I am rarely or never asked to speak on behalf of all the members of my faith.

25. It is unlikely I will be judged by the actions of other members of my faith.

26. I can go anywhere and assume I will be surrounded by members of my faith.

27. Without special effort, my children will have a multitude of teachers who share my faith.

28. Without special effort, my children will have a multitude of friends who share my faith.

29. It is easily accessible for me or my children to be educated from kindergarten through post-grad at institutions of my faith.

30. Disclosing my faith to an adoption agency will not likely prevent me from being able to adopt children.

31. In the event of a divorce, the judge won’t immediately grant custody of my children to my ex because of my faith.

32. My faith is taught or offered as a course at most public institutions.

33. I can complain about my religion being under attack without it being perceived as an attack on another religion.

34. I can dismiss the idea that identifying with my faith bears certain privileges.