Examples of Socioeconomic Status ("Class") Privilege

- 1. I assume I will be able to meet my basic needs. I take having necessities for granted.
- 2. I buy what I need and want without worry. I can afford luxury items easily.
- 3. I do not fear being hungry or homeless.
- 4. I am free of the burden of debt.
- 5. I have the freedom to waste.
- 6. I can manage to know only people of similar class background by exclusively frequenting places where such people gather neighborhoods, schools, clubs, workplaces, etc.
- 7. I evaluate others and recognize those of similar class background because I was taught to do that kind of evaluation.
- 8. I can avoid spending time with people whom I am trained or have learned to mistrust and who may have learned to mistrust my kind.
- 9. I can hide family secrets and family failures behind the doors of my home.
- 10. I am in control of how I spend my time.
- 11. I can be charitable or not as I choose.
- 12. I have the time, education, and opportunity to enhance my inner life and my personal growth, to go to therapy, retreats, and workshops as much as I like.
- 13. I can sleep all day and still make money.
- 14. I can often get things by being "charming," gracious, and restrained.
- 15. I can live where I choose and can move when and where I choose and expect that I will be welcomed there.
- 16. When I am in the company of people of high socioeconomic status in any social situation I have little discomfort.
- 17. In higher socioeconomic status communities I am trusted and not perceived as a threat.
- 18. I am believed to be innocent by the criminal justice system at least until proven guilty.
- 19. I have the opportunity to problem solve efficiently and quickly through access to powerbrokers.
- 20. I can buy items (art, antiques, rugs jewelry, first designer clothing, cars, boats, multiple, houses, etc.) that imply wealth and status.
- 21. If I break or lose something I can replace it easily. I do not have to shop around for the best buy or wait for sales.

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- 22. I do not have to worry about how emergencies will impact my spending requirements.
- 23. I can live a less stressful life because I can afford costly short cuts.
- 24. I can see myself as being above doing housework.
- 25. I anticipate that those whom I employ will consider me a "good customer" and give me preferential service; I can even feel entitled to such service.
- 26. Entertainment is easily available to me. I can take vacations when and where I want.
- 27. I can afford good medical and mental health care in a setting that will ensure my privacy.
- 28. I can anticipate my retirement years without financial anxiety.
- 29. I can give my children an inheritance so their road is easier than the road of others.
- 30. I could probably advance my career or social contacts' careers by pulling strings.
- 31. I and others like me have the advantage of suitable clothing and manner when seeking employment.
- 32. I can choose to work or not to work, and for the most part not be criticized or attacked for that choice.
- 33. I can follow a career path that does not pay well.
- 34. I can get a loan/mortgage at a bank with little nuisance.
- 35. I usually have access to services provided by highly qualified service providers.
- 36. I can choose to make my privileged position as visible or invisible as I want, depending on the situation in which I find myself.
- 37. In a group of relative strangers, but fellow class members, certain assumptions about my/our background, financial position, education, network of friends/family, and behavior will be made.
- 38. I have a seat at the table to make, influence, have an impact on decisions, rules, policy.
- 39. I can be ignorant about money in general and my own finances in particular.
- 40. I can be unaware of the living/working conditions and financial hardships of others.
- 41. Because I can have an attitude of entitlement, I may have an attitude of contempt toward those who have not succeeded according to my definition of success.