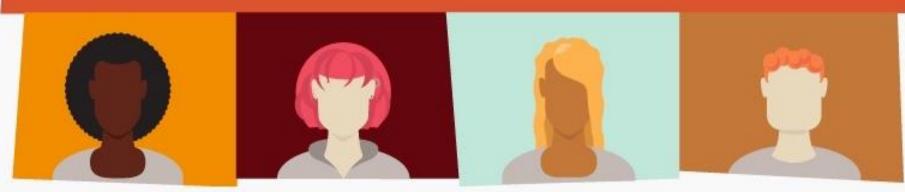


# "BUT I DON'T FEEL PRIVILEGED." WHAT IS IDENTITY PRIVILEGE AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT US?

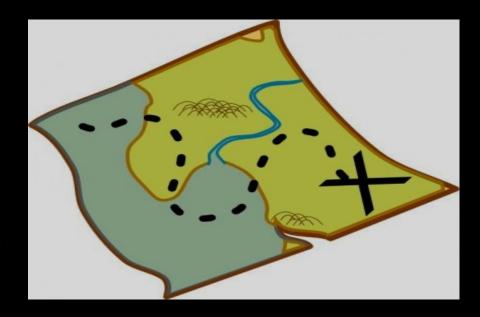
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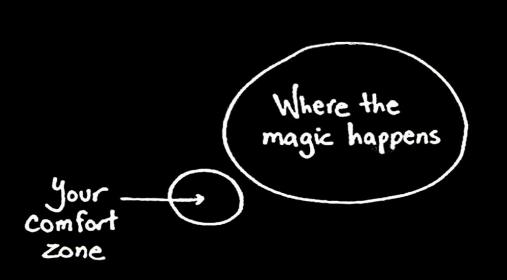


## Goals

- Increase our understanding of privilege
- Understand its impact on our experiences
- Learn the skills to enter conversations about privilege



## **OUR REQUESTS**



- Self-care
- In process
- "I" Statements
- Make room
- Discomfort
- Risks

## Who am I?







**INDIVIDUALS** 

**GROUPS** 

ORGANIZATIONS/SYSTEMS

## Common Beliefs about Privilege

We are one human race, so I don't notice difference.

If people just work hard and do the right thing, they will do fine.

Because I have disadvantages, I cannot have privilege.

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# What Is Identity Privilege?

- It's relative, conditional, & contextual
- Historically driven by policy, law, culture, & tradition
- Facilitates access to resources
- Access to privilege does not determine one's outcomes

"Privilege exists when one *identity group* has something of value that is denied to others simply because of the identity groups they belong to, rather than because of anything they've done or failed to do." ~Peggy McIntosh

## Identity Privilege Poll

**Directions:** Select all that apply

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#### How did you feel having this conversation?

NERVOUS SAD DIFFICULT

POWERFUL PENSIVE HUMBLE

POSITIVE EMOTIONAL ARROGANT

HOPEFUL SCARED RESPECTFUL

ISOLATED RISKY ANXIOUS

UPSET UNCOMFORTABLE SAFE

WORRIED CAUTIOUS NECESSARY

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## Take Aways

- Recognize our differences & that they matter
- Stay in it
- Speak up when you notice a pattern of exclusion
- Always keep in mind how your identities are showing up
- Continue to educate yourself

# Leveraging privilege

What is one action I can commit to to promote justice and inclusion on campus?

What is an idea I have to promote justice on Campus?

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## On Campus Resources

#### **University of Maryland Counseling Center**

Website: counseling.umd.edu

Counseling Center Main Number: (301) 314-7651

After Hours Crisis Support: (301) 314-7651

#### **University Health Center**

Website: <a href="health.umd.edu">health.umd.edu</a>
Telephone: 301.314.8180
Email: <a href="health@umd.edu">health@umd.edu</a>

#### Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI)

Website: diversity.umd.edu

Email: diverseterps@umd.edu

## How do we have these Convos

- Own your role
- Listen to understand & empathize
- Speak from your head & heart
- Lean into the discomfort
- Keep in mind what is your goal & value = to promote equity & justice