

On Privilege Binarism

It may just be my perception, but it seems that social justice warrior and gender feminist types engage in, quite ironically, privilege binarism. According to them, there are two types of people, white heterosexual cisgender men (WHCM), and everyone else. The former is mostly privileged, the latter is mostly not. Nevermind that most WHCM have never held political or economic power, nor have they exercised aggression against non-WHCM to any degree that would constitute political or economic privilege. Most WHCM have been just as much victimized by institutional aggression a la schooling and the state as non-WHCM. Most WHCM are doing their best to be productive, hard-working, decent human beings, all the while being duped and coerced from a very young age into politico-religious fervor. When you fail to “problematize” the effects of institutional and parental aggression on not only WHCM, but on everyone, then you fail to see the fundamental problem of privilege: *authority*. If your first and loudest complaints are not made against unjust and illicit governance structure (the state) *and* violent parenting practices, then you are totally failing as a warrior for social justice and equality. And that’s today’s two cents.