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Sanelity

I mentioned this series of posts in Stating The Obvious 0213 and I think Sanelity's commentary is too damn good to be lost in time. Thus I am posting this PDF. I didn't write this nor do I claim ownership of these words. I simply preserve their wisdom for others to experience.

## Original Blog Posts from **Observing The Decline**

### **Got Privilege? Let's Find Out! (part 1)**

I was thinking about my male privilege today, so I went looking for a list. I found a list of 46 privileges I'm entitled to here. Since there are 46, I can't cover them all in one post, so I'll spread my commentary over several posts.

Without further ado, here are the first 8 privileges I've been given by virtue of my Y chromosome:

*1. My odds of being hired for a job, when competing against female applicants, are probably skewed in my favor. The more prestigious the job, the larger the odds are skewed.*

That's not privilege. That's empirical evidence in action. Until such time as women demonstrate an equal worth ethic to men, and aren't an attrition risk, men will be the preferred hire. Men are more reliable, work longer, and have the male privilege of being expected to work hard to support a family. Women have the option to work longer and harder, but generally don't.

*2. I can be confident that my co-workers won't think I got my job because of my sex – even though that might be true.*

That's partially true. The implication is that women might be perceived to be an affirmative action hire, rather than have earned the position outright. Well guess what? With all of the feminist activism basically demanding quotas for women, this is a very real and justified perception. But even if a woman is initially perceived of having earned a spot to fill a quota, she has the opportunity to prove the decision was a good one by doing good work. If she quickly ramps up and becomes self sufficient in her work, not needing to ask co-workers for help, then she will be perceived as a valuable member of the team and not a diversity hire.

As for the second part of the privilege, it is the same as #1.

*3. If I am never promoted, it's not because of my sex.*

And this is just another whine with hints of entitlement. Promotions are generally based on demonstrated skills and merit, not sex. If more men than women demonstrate the needed skills, then they are more likely to be promoted. By the time a woman demonstrates enough skill and merit to warrant being considered for a promotion, you can bet it isn't her sex that loses it for her. In fact, because of the feminist push for quotas, there is a good chance that a woman doesn't even need to match or exceed the qualifications of her male peers to be considered. There is a good chance the bar for advancement is lower for her, as a member of a protected class.

*4. If I fail in my job or career, I can feel sure this won't be seen as a black mark against my entire sex's capabilities.*

This is most likely true. But the implication is that women will be judged as a class. Perhaps they should ask themselves why this is so instead of just complaining that men don't need to worry about it. Again, could it just may be possible that men, as a class, have demonstrated over millennia that they have the capability? Maybe women just need more time proving themselves. So far they haven't.

*5. I am far less likely to face sexual harassment at work than my female co-workers are.*

This was true in the past, but not now. The likelihood of men harassing women has declined, while the rate of women harassing men has increased. Part of this is because the definition of harassment is based on the word unwanted. If two men make the exact same compliment to a woman, and she was trying to attract the attention of one, but not the other, then only the unwanted man is guilty of harassment, while the wanted man is likely to be further pursued. Since the percentage of men a woman finds desirable is much smaller than the percentage of women that men find desirable, the odds are already in women's favor.

Sexual harassment law has done a good job of stifling male interest in their female coworkers. The odds of being disciplined or fired for noticing the attractiveness of their peers is too great to risk an advance.

*6. If I do the same task as a woman, and if the measurement is at all subjective, chances are people will think I did a better job.*

Again, this is most likely due to the empirical evidence of male achievement relative to female achievement. The number of women performing poorly relative to men is still too large for the societal perception to have changed. This might be considered a male privilege, but if so, it is an earned privilege.

But guess what? Considering the increasing number of articles about men being "Peter Pans", "failing to launch", and generally being useless to women, it looks like this particular male privilege will fade. With all the up and coming go-getters among the XX group, this privilege may change genders in a decade or two.

*7. If I'm a teen or adult, and if I can stay out of prison, my odds of being raped are relatively low.*

Notice the ifs. Also totally not recognizing that rape is still quite rare for women too. In spite of what feminists would have you believe, there is no rape culture. Women have low odds of being raped. There has been a concerted effort by feminists to expand the definition of sexual assault to be virtually any unwanted male attention. In this they have been very successful. Feminists (and college professors) then go on to talk about rape and sexual assault in ways that suggest they are equivalent and equally prevalent. They aren't. But the lie works to justify their claims of "rape culture", generating stupid affirmative consent laws.

The simple fact that this "male privilege" required "ifs" points to the fact that perhaps men are more likely than women to be raped. So in this case, I call it female privilege.

*8. On average, I am taught to fear walking alone after dark in average public spaces much less than my female counterparts are.*

I find this one very illuminating. Women are basically saying that men don't need to fear walking alone at night. Why do they think this? Men are much more likely to be murdered than women are, and this more likely to happen "after dark in average public spaces" than rape. 90% of rape victims knew their attacker, and it wasn't something that happened while walking alone at night. This is just a case of feminists scaring women because they need them to be fearful and believing that all men are potential (and probable) attackers. A key goal of feminist doctrine is to keep women fearful of men.

So that's my response to the first 8 privileges. I'll respond to another 8 next post.

What do you think? Are you privileged? If yes, so what? What exactly, are we supposed to do when "checking our privilege"?

### **Got Privilege? Let's Find Out! (part 2)**

This is part two of what will be a six part series on male privilege. Or at least what some people think of male privilege. You can find Part 1 here. You can find the entire list of 46 privileges here.

Okay, lets begin. Here are the next 8 in the series:

*9. If I choose not to have children, my masculinity will not be called into question.*

Right off the bat, the list continues with a whine. This isn't a list of privilege, it's a list of women whining about what they think they have to experience that men don't.

#9 isn't even true. Men are encouraged by their fathers to carry on the family name, and by their mothers to give her grandchildren. Whether this relates to masculinity or not is tenuous, but it does relate to expected gender roles. For women it's the same thing. It is not their femininity (a lost trait anyway) that is under attack, but their gender role.

I will grant one thing to women on this. Since only they can produce the next generation, they are under more pressure than men to do so. That being said, the stigma for remaining childless has been decreasing. Our falling birthrates give testament to the idea that more women are ignoring any societal pressure anyway.

*10. If I have children but do not provide primary care for them, my masculinity will not be called into*

question.

Sorry ladies, I'm not taking ownership of this one. The primary source of any societal pressure you may feel for this comes from women. And again, this isn't a masculinity/femininity thing, but a gender role. So while the statement is generically true, so is its opposite. Women's femininity isn't called in to question either.

*11. If I have children and provide primary care for them, I'll be praised for extraordinary parenting if I'm even marginally competent.*

By whom? I'm beginning to see a pattern here. This list is basically about women whining that society hasn't turned on a dime. Gender roles have been pretty stable for all of human history. It is only the last half-century or so that women have made a concerted effort to abandon the home and enter the "world of men". Again, though, who is it praising these men? Women! It isn't their male peers.

*12. If I have children and a career, no one will think I'm selfish for not staying at home.*

Same as #11. Gender roles have been pretty stable for all of human history. It is only the last half-century or so that women have made a concerted effort to abandon the home and enter the "world of men". Another point – who cares? One problem with this list is that it seems to be based on feelings. Maybe women are more jealous of the male ability to "not give a fuck", rather than any perceived discrepancy in appearance.

*13. If I seek political office, my relationship with my children, or who I hire to take care of them, will probably not be scrutinized by the press.*

Duh. Gender roles again! Until society resets, meaning all the generations that hold to the traditional roles have passed on, ladies will have to suck it up. They want to be treated like men? Then they better take the whole package and thicken their skin. Until then, their mothers will probably not approve of their career choices.

*14. My elected representatives are mostly people of my own sex. The more prestigious and powerful the elected position, the more this is true.*

Because you put them there ladies. Women are the majority of both registered and actual voters. If they would just run for office and vote their gender, they could totally own the government in as little as 4 years. But they don't even have to all vote their gender, they just need to run. When they do, they get elected about as often as men. Men are voting for women too. They just choose not to run.

*15. When I ask to see "the person in charge," odds are I will face a person of my own sex. The higher-up in the organization the person is, the surer I can be.*

Patience, ladies, patience. Men are not at fault for your career decisions. There are still a lot of OWMTM (Old White Men) hanging around in leadership positions. The Baby Boomer generation hasn't retired yet, though they are beginning to.

But good news girls! Women have been out pacing men in earning college degrees for decades now. As the old farts check out, the likelihood of women rising is increasing. In spite of what feminists want you to believe, boys aren't handed a \$50K job out of high school as part of their male privilege.

Women in the millennial generation are out earning their male peers and are “leaning in”.

So just be patient women, you will soon be in charge and this particular “problem” will go away. Or not. Too many of your sisters don’t recognize your awesomeness and actually prefer male leadership.

*16. As a child, chances are I was encouraged to be more active and outgoing than my sisters.*

Meh, now they’re just digging. Have they not heard of the Ritalin generation? Boys are encouraged to be anything but active. Plus they don’t need encouragement, they are active by nature. That’s why schools spend so much effort drugging the activity out of them.

You can also compare this to #11. In this case, girls are likely to be praised for being active, just because it is different.

Okay so that’s 8 more done. Agree? Disagree? Comment and share your thoughts.

### **Got Privilege? Let's Find Out! (part 3)**

This is part three of what will be a six part series on male privilege. Or at least what some people think of male privilege. You can start at part 1 here. You can find the entire list of 46 privileges here.

Okay, lets begin. Here are the next 8 in the series:

*17. As a child, I could choose from an almost infinite variety of children’s media featuring positive, active, non-stereotyped heroes of my own sex. I never had to look for it; male protagonists were (and are) the default.*

And just how is that non-stereotyped? Feminists love to tell us about the horrors that Patriarchy inflicts on men via expectations of toxic masculinity. We men are conditioned at an early age to become the characters that are being derided here.

But what about the other common depictions of men in the media? You know, all those commercials where a smart and strong woman has to come to the rescue of the doofus male? Or almost any modern sitcom. The male is portrayed as stupid, misogynist, geeky, or just in desperate need of the love and caring of a woman. The woman is never any of these things. How is this influencing our children?

Remember, women are always able to kick a man’s ass on TV. Here’s the result of that misinformation campaign:

*18. As a child, chances are I got more teacher attention than girls who raised their hands just as often.*

Maybe back in the 1960s. Since then we’ve been drugging our boys to keep them calm and compliant. Girls have been outperforming boys in education for decades. We’ve tailored education to fit the female learning style while ignoring our boys. In fact, anytime male under achievement is noticed in the media, the feminists are quick to attack the author. Usually with some variation of, “it’s boy’s own fault”, and “if they would just act like girls”, or “so what, men are still in power, so it can’t be hurting them too bad!”.

*19. If my day, week or year is going badly, I need not ask of each negative episode or situation whether*

*or not it has sexist overtones.*

True, because men haven't been indoctrinated to see the world through the lens of sexism and oppression. When your entire worldview begins and ends with "I'm a victim", you will create and see victimhood everywhere. You become a living self-fulfilling prophecy.

Western women today are not oppressed. They have more opportunities and rights than at any time in history. Yet their feminist overlords require that they always be a victim, in need of saving by men. So they have been training girls to see sexism everywhere, in every interaction. They even define old school chivalry as benevolent sexism.

*20. I can turn on the television or glance at the front page of the newspaper and see people of my own sex widely represented.*

Privilege? Or curse? Let's assume this one is in reference to news, since newspapers were included side-by-side with TV. What are the two most prevalent subjects at the top of the broadcast, or front page? Politics and crime. Politics was covered in part 2, #13. That leaves crime. Do they seriously think highlighting male criminality is a privilege? Here's where that gets us.

Maybe they don't about the quality of the attention, as long as they are getting some.

*21. If I'm careless with my financial affairs it won't be attributed to my sex.*

Not a privilege. Empirical evidence supports any gendered view here. Especially for millennials. I've even been victim of female financial planning. I made the mistake of letting my wife pay the bills for a period of time (I got tired of her complaining about me choosing to pay debt over play time, my bad). She went off to school and stopped paying bills for six months. We almost lost our house. She had changed the contact information for all of the creditors, so I didn't even know we were in trouble until after she quit the school experiment and came home. It was quite the adventure trying to recover from that. We did, but I now pay the bills. And guess what? In true red-pill fashion she's happier and less stressed.

*22. If I'm careless with my driving it won't be attributed to my sex.*

Oh, so THAT's why males under 25 pay the highest insurance rates. It's male privilege! Thanks!

*23. I can speak in public to a large group without putting my sex on trial.*

Well that certainly isn't because women say dumb things in public is it? Remember when Representative Sheila Jackson Lee asked if the Mars rover had found our flag yet? That's just one example, and us men have Vice President Biden to represent us in public. So that's a bit of a wash.

But even so, that ugly misogynist fact based empirical evidence is probably behind this one too. But this should change soon anyway. Especially now that the GOP owns Congress. You can expect the media to put every dumb thing a Republican says at the forefront of any political reporting.

Speaking of which, you know what Obama's most common complaint to his speechwriters is? "Why are there so many words between the "I's"?"

*24. Even if I sleep with a lot of women, there is no chance that I will be seriously labeled a “slut,” nor is there any male counterpart to “slut-bashing.”*

True. But maybe there is a good reason for this. Civilization depends on the restraint of hypergamy.

Okay, eight more male privileges down, 22 to go. We’re about half done. Stay tuned.

#### **Got Privilege? Let's Find Out! (part 4)**

This is part four of what will be a six part series on male privilege. Or at least what some people think of male privilege. You can start at part 1 here. You can find the entire list of 46 privileges here.

Okay, lets begin. Here are the next 8 in the series:

*25. I do not have to worry about the message my wardrobe sends about my sexual availability.*

This one exposes one of the more popular myths about women’s choices in fashion. Women will claim they “don’t dress for men”. When a woman dresses provocatively, and subsequently gets the “male gaze”, she will have one of two responses. If the gaze is from a type of man she is interested in, then no problem. She will send her IOIs and hope for the best. On the other hand, all those other gazes she gets from the men she was not interested in, are creepy and objectifying. The slut walks are to send the message to all of these men to stop looking. The desired men are encouraged to keep looking, and please ask them out.

Women do dress to attract men. Just not all men. So if a woman tells you she isn’t dressed for your benefit, but hers, she is technically telling the truth. She isn’t trying to attract you. But she is definitely trying to attract someone else.

*26. My clothing is typically less expensive and better-constructed than women’s clothing for the same social status. While I have fewer options, my clothes will probably fit better than a woman’s without tailoring.*

Two reasons come to mind. The wide variability in women’s shapes is one. And most importantly, supply and demand. Women pay more because, well, women pay more! Men are cheap. The vast majority of men aren’t willing to spend a lot of money on clothes. So the demand curve is lower. I’ve gone years without buying new clothes. Eventually my wife will get tired of my worn out style and take me shopping.

Women are more likely to be slaves to fashion and willing to pay full retail for the latest styles. Note that this is different from #26. In this case women are dressing well more in an effort to show off to their girlfriends than to snag a man. If they can afford the latest fashions it signals status to other women.

*27. The grooming regimen expected of me is relatively cheap and consumes little time.*

Only because you make it so, ladies. Remember how you tell us that you don’t “dress for men”? Well perhaps you shouldn’t groom for them either. Think of the money you would save if you skipped the makeup and weekly spa visits. If you want to be seduced by advertising promising you “younger looking skin” go for it. You have the option to not.

The simple fact is that women want to look good. They know men are visual creatures. To attract the right kind of man women are willing to spend the time to look good.

Men get to use their privilege to work themselves to an early grave to obtain the wealth and status needed to attract these beautiful young women. The grooming may be cheaper, but the required lifestyle is anything but.

*28. If I buy a new car, chances are I'll be offered a better price than a woman buying the same car.*

Nope. I disagree. I recently went car shopping with my son. Just like every other time I've bought a car, the salesman started with list price and it required some negotiation to get the price down. I wasn't "offered a better price", I had to demand a better price. Notice the difference?

Ladies, perhaps you should up your negotiating skills. Here's a pro tip: think of the salesman as your husband of five years. You will have absolutely no problem "making demands" of him.

*29. If I'm not conventionally attractive, the disadvantages are relatively small and easy to ignore.*

More context please. What specific disadvantages are you referring to? If mate attraction is the goal, then the less attractive man has overcome this handicap with wealth and status. Definitely not "small and easy to ignore"

Men aren't typically attention whores, so the lack of attractiveness a man may have is only "less of a disadvantage" because he just doesn't care. If he does care, then he needs to make the effort to create attraction value via another method, like wealth or fame.

Men are more accepting of reality than women are. And by that I don't mean that women can't recognize reality, it's just that men complain less about it. An unattractive man knows his SMV and will either take the required steps to overcome it or not. Either way, it will be a decision based in reality, not emotion and fantasy. So I guess, in a way, this can be considered "easy to ignore".

*30. I can be loud with no fear of being called a shrew. I can be aggressive with no fear of being called a bitch.*

Don't care. Women don't need to be fearful either. So what if you get called names? Whatever happened to the "strong, independent woman"? Does she crumple so easily? Besides, is this still a thing? Or is it just a mantra women toss out to maintain their precious victimhood?

*31. I can ask for legal protection from violence that happens mostly to men without being seen as a selfish special interest, since that kind of violence is called "crime" and is a general social concern. (Violence that happens mostly to women is usually called "domestic violence" or "acquaintance rape," and is seen as a special interest issue.)*

And just who made it a "special interest issue"? WOMEN. Feminists have been lobbying for special interest legislation for decades. Their entire existence requires continued status as gendered victims. Without gender based crimes, their entire victimology falls apart!

Men would love to see all crime referred to as "crime". We'd love it! Let's not grant women special



status as gendered victims of crimes. I'm guessing the VAWA isn't necessary anymore, right? Stupid gender based legal protection! It certainly isn't men asking for "legal protection from violence" in this case is it? Who's got the privilege here? Hint: it ain't the men.

*32. I can be confident that the ordinary language of day-to-day existence will always include my sex. "All men are created equal," mailman, chairman, freshman, he.*

No response necessary. This is just whining.

Agree? Disagree? Share your thoughts via a comment.

### **Got Privilege? Let's Find Out! (part 5)**

This is part five of what will be a six part series on male privilege. Or at least what some people think of male privilege. You can start at part 1 here. You can find the entire list of 46 privileges here.

Okay, lets begin. Here are the next 8 in the series:

*33. My ability to make important decisions and my capability in general will never be questioned depending on what time of the month it is.*

Oh please. That's not privilege, it's biology. And if women are having their sanity called into question for a few day every month, then perhaps there is empirical evidence for it. If you don't want your behavior to be called in to question, then behave in a manner that is doesn't raise questions.

*34. I will never be expected to change my name upon marriage or questioned if I don't change my name.*

This just highlights one of the sillier products of feminism: hyphenated names. Another perfect example of women thinking short term. Well, we've had hyphenated names long enough now for marriages to involve two hyphenated people. Oops, didn't think that far ahead, did you ladies? When Smith-Jones marries Johnson-Gubler, do you get 4 surnames? Kind of ridiculous, right? What about the next generation?

And the irony is, even a hyphenated couple is still perpetuating patriarchal surnames. If a wife insists on keeping "her" name, well, she's just keeping her father's name! If women truly wanted to eliminate patriarchal name inheritance they would need to create a new surname upon marriage. One completely different from either parent.

Looks like millennia of patriarchal name passing may make sense after all.

*35. The decision to hire me will not be based on assumptions about whether or not I might choose to have a family sometime soon.*

I'll take this privilege. "It's good to be the king." (History of the World, Part 1). Biology again. You think maybe there was a reason women used to SAHMs? Remember when only men were expected to be wage slaves? "You've come a long way baby." (slogan for Virginia Slims cigarettes, back in the 70s).

Not to worry though. With the declining marriage and birthrates, this will fade. With a declining population companies will initially need every worker they can get. So this privilege will become less effective.

Just because a business decision seems unfair doesn't make it wrong. Besides, businesses have many more valid reasons to avoid the risks that come with having female employees. In addition to the risks of attrition due to marriage or pregnancy, women can have a deleterious effect on workplace performance via gossip and frivolous sexual harassment claims. So, again, there is empirical evidence, produced by women themselves, that differentiates them from men in the workplace. The question for companies to consider is, do the benefits of (and punishments for not) hiring women outweigh the costs?

So, if mixing men and women in the workplace is risky, why not just create an all-female company? That's been tried. It didn't work out, the company went bankrupt.

*36. Every major religion in the world is led primarily by people of my own sex. Even God, in most major religions, is pictured as male.*

Yup. Men created, built, and led civilization since it began. That includes religion. Next question?

*37. Most major religions argue that I should be the head of my household, while my wife and children should be subservient to me.*

Again, millennia of successful societies provide the evidence that that system works. We've seen what a disaster modern "partnership" marriages are. When both are in charge, no one is.

Headship is not the same as dictatorship. It's mostly about responsibility and accountability. Dalrock has several articles on headship that explain the concept. Wives tend to be happier when being led, rather than leading.

*38. If I have a wife or live-in girlfriend, chances are we'll divide up household chores so that she does most of the labor, and in particular the most repetitive and unrewarding tasks.*

Most of the inside the house labor, probably. Even then, only if the male is lucky. Women these days have had housekeeping trained out of them. Those that do housework and keep a neat home do it because they want a clean home. Men clean too, but their standards are generally lower than women's, so the woman either does it all anyway, if only to preclude having to bring the man's effort up to standard. When single, men clean their own homes to their own standards and are okay with the results. Women aren't typically satisfied with this.

Also, these division of labor discussions never seem to include all the things the men do for home, yard, and auto maintenance. Apparently he must do all of those things and half of what women (used to) do in keeping the house clean too, according to this feminist cry of oppression.

The simple truth is that both genders do all of the work when single, and divvy up the work when paired. If women are unhappy with the results, they can work with their "partners" to change it.

*39. If I have children with my girlfriend or wife, I can expect her to do most of the basic childcare such as changing diapers and feeding.*

Not necessarily true, but probably, in general. When my kids were born my wife breastfed. I changed plenty of diapers, but didn't do much feeding. When my kids were infants, I'd pop tall when they cried in the night, change the diaper, and bring the baby to my wife for feeding. The annoying thing to her was that I seemed to do this without fully waking up. Once she had the kid I was snoring again within minutes. She would then wake my ass up again when the baby was done feeding and I'd take it back to the crib.

I have no idea if my behavior was typical or not. But, in general, child-care has been considered a primarily female task forever. If women don't agree, why are they so adamant that they get the kids in a divorce? Why does the state agree with them so often? We certainly don't see them complaining about being the primary care giver when it comes time to decide who gets to be on the receiving end of child support payments, do we?

*40. If I have children with my wife or girlfriend, and it turns out that one of us needs to make career sacrifices to raise the kids, chances are we'll both assume the career sacrificed should be hers.*

Not just assume, but agree. And this decision will be discussed and agreed upon shortly after the pregnancy is discovered. Hopefully before the pregnancy is even attempted. The reasons will likely be financially based. In cases where the woman is the primary breadwinner, chances are very good that she will be expected to go back to work, even if she doesn't want to. Now that 40% of households with children have the mom as breadwinner, this will become even more common. Looks like men are willing to forgo this privilege in greater numbers.

Women who don't want to give up career for kids generally don't have kids. Choices need to be made, live with them.

Okay, five down, one more to go. What do you think of these 8 whines privileges?

### **Got Privilege? Let's Find Out! (part 6)**

This is part six of my six part series on male privilege. Or at least what some people think of male privilege. You can start at part 1 here. You can find the entire list of 46 privileges here.

Okay, lets begin. Here are the last 6 in the series:

*41. Assuming I am heterosexual, magazines, billboards, television, movies, pornography, and virtually all of media is filled with images of scantily-clad women intended to appeal to me sexually. Such images of men exist, but are rarer.*

Okay, so that is a privilege, just not in the way she intends. It's more of a bonus, actually. The fact that men can now see scantily clad women everywhere, porn is free or cheap, and women are ever more promiscuous is a direct result of sex positive feminism. SPF has continuously lowered the bar for what is acceptable for women to wear and do in public. As a result we now have two extremes of the same opinion:

The other aspect, and the reason images of pretty women are so prevalent, is marketing. Sex sells. It always has. It always will. Women gave marketers a huge gift by lowering the bar. In their attempts to

out skank each other just so they could instigate a male gaze, they opened the floodgates for the marketers. And then women go on slut walks of outrage at the objectification that they themselves inspired. Plus, and even more damning, women are the primary consumers of fashion and beauty magazines! Ah, the irony!

*42. In general, I am under much less pressure to be thin than my female counterparts are. If I am fat, I probably suffer fewer social and economic consequences for being fat than fat women do.*

This is just a rewording of #25. My response is in part 4.

*43. If I am heterosexual, it's incredibly unlikely that I'll ever be beaten up by a spouse or lover.*

Absolutely false! Domestic violence is performed by both sexes at similar rates. Where it differs, is when only one of the two parties is violent. In the case of one person doing the hitting and the other not, the violence is initiated by women 70% of the time:

Almost 24% of all relationships had some violence, and half (49.7%) of those were reciprocally violent. In non-reciprocally violent relationships, women were the perpetrators in more than 70% of the cases.

20% is not “incredibly unlikely”! Then again, math is hard! Or, to be more specific, 20.45% of hetero relationships involve a woman hitting a man  $((70\% * 50.3\%) + 49.7\%) * 24\%$ . Women being hit by men is at 15.6%.

But, and this is where the “privilege” is technically true, women are more likely to be injured, once the man chooses to return fire. Men do get injured by all that female on male expression of anger, but not as seriously as when the guy decides ENOUGH! and goes all Ray Rice on her.

*44. Complete strangers generally do not walk up to me on the street and tell me to “smile.”*

True. Probably true for most women too. Again, this is related to #41, above. Women created and sustain the environment of beauty culture. So they shouldn't be surprised when men, having been trained to expect beauty, are disappointed when an otherwise pretty girl ruins the effect with a scowl.

Another possible explanation is that he may simply be attempting to open a conversation. Remember, men are still expected to be the primary initiators of romantic interaction. Perhaps his request for a smile is just such an attempt.

Or maybe the women who complain about this would just prefer a respectful male of today.

*45. Sexual harassment on the street virtually never happens to me. I do not need to plot my movements through public space in order to avoid being sexually harassed, or to mitigate sexual harassment.*

Same as #44. Also, don't worry ladies, you will reach the age of invisibility soon enough. Then you can celebrate the lack of male attention.

*45. On average, I am not interrupted by women as often as women are interrupted by men.*

So? It isn't your sex that causes the interruption, it's your sex that doesn't interrupt. Men interrupt other

men too – it is just the way they communicate. So either interrupt more, talk to only other women, or get over it.

*46. I have the privilege of being unaware of my male privilege.*

Ignoring nonsense isn't a privilege, it's just common sense. Stop whining about victimhood and get on with your life. Reality isn't going to change for you just because your skin is as thin as rice paper. Real life isn't fair. React and adapt.

That concludes the series. It was fun! One thing that stood out to me was that all of these “male” privileges were entirely based on females. Not a single one was not an opposite of a female based experience. In other words, without women, male privilege would not exist.

Thanks for being patient and sticking it out for the duration.