

# Social Identities

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# Society

**Society:** Another word for community, includes people of different social identities.



# Social Identities

The YOU that relates to other people in society

Much of our culture comes from our **social identities** and the groups we belong to.



# Categories

- Our social identities are broken down into groups, or categories, that we get lumped into
- Social identity categories can determine how others will treat us
- Some people may place you in social identity categories that you may not agree with

**Social identity categories**  
**Race, ethnicity, socioeconomic class, gender, age, language, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, abilities, family structure**

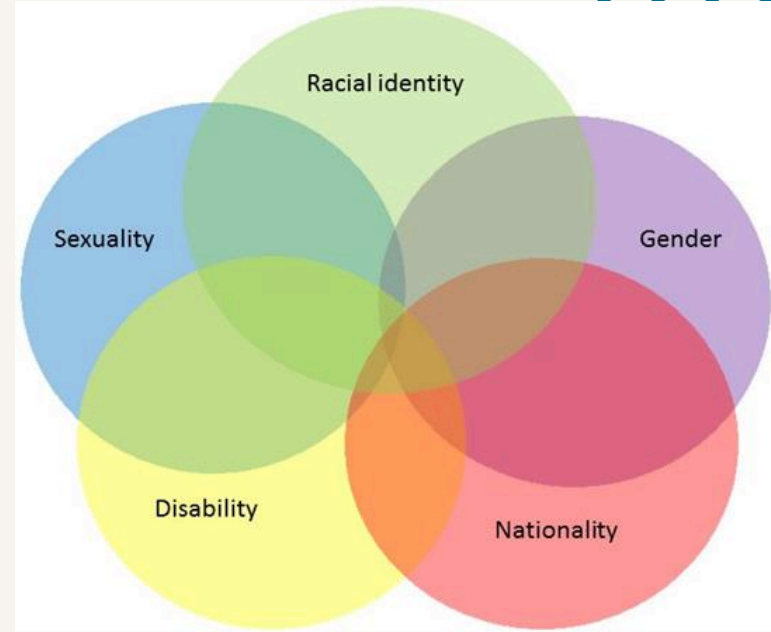
# Dominant culture

- Some social identities hold power and privilege while others do not
- Privilege is the benefit you receive due to how close you are to the dominant culture
- Identities that fit with the dominant culture bring more power and attention
- People who reflect the dominant culture can more easily make their own choices/changes and have others listen to them and react appropriately to their actions

**Dominant Culture**  
**White, Middle Class,**  
**Neurotypical, Educated,**  
**Christian, Cisgendered Male**

# Intersectionality

- **Intersectionality** is a concept that describes how a person's social identities can combine to create different modes of discrimination or privilege
- When you look at all of the parts of a person's social identities, and where they don't reflect the dominant culture, you can better understand how they could be discriminated against.



# Activity

Take a few minutes to do this activity

- 1. Create a list of your personal social identity categories we mentioned in the lesson**
- 2. Reflect on how these identities are similar to, or different from, the identities seen in the dominant culture**
- 3. What advantages or disadvantages come with your social identities?**



*YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE SEEN AND UNDERSTOOD WITHOUT HAVING TO COMPROMISE WHO YOU ARE.*