

Social Inequality

The Sociometry of Oppression
Moving toward Social Justice

+ What is oppression & can anything be done about it?

Who has the power and privilege in Canada?

Who has less power and privilege in Canada?

What do you think?

+ Social Justice & Canada Disclaimer - this is just a small selection - there are more

The Good	The Bad	The Ugly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slavery is abolished in 1834 1918-19 Women get the vote 1960 Aboriginals get the vote Ontario Human Rights Commission established 1961 Canadian Human Rights Commission established 1977 2005 same sex marriage became legal for all Canadians Bill 18 - Accepting Schools Act in Ontario Imagine Action - Student Driven Social Action Movement - Call BS 	<p>Inequality exists between</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> men & women re: employment, representation in government & physical safety between racialized people & Aboriginals vs non racialized people re: employment, wealth distribution, life experiences & policing between able and differently abled re: employment & access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hate Crimes jumped 42% in 2009 Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth (4%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aboriginal 3 Xs higher (11%) - Inuit 30 Xs higher (Stats Canada) - i.g.b.t. 4 to 7 Xs higher (28%) - 42% think of doing it 22% of prisoners are Aboriginal (less than 4% of population)

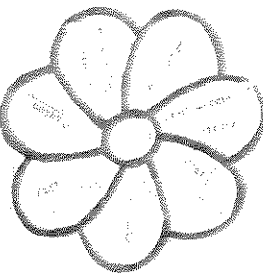
+ Flower of Privilege Exercise

Based on Canadian society today...

On your flower, give yourself a point for each petal that you are in the majority or most desired category

Your score could range from 1 to 7


What score reflects a person with the most privilege in our society?



What does a score of 7 mean in terms of privilege?

+ Social Inequality or the Sociometry of Oppression

- **Oppression** is a type of injustice, it is the inequitable use of authority, law, social or physical force to prevent others from being free or equal.
- **Social inequalities** are based on varying degrees to which people have access to wealth, status, and power.
- A person's ability to access wealth, status and power is affected by more than just money, it is also affected by a combination of factors related to their social identity such as; ethnicity, race, social background, education, religion, ability, age, sexual orientation and gender.



+ Sociometry of Oppression Extension

- Remember back to the workshop & the identity that you were given...
 - What types of oppression did you face?
 - What types of privilege did you possibly enjoy?
- Get into pairs or trios and think of some historical examples of oppression where a group was treated unfairly based on one of these social identity categories?
 - Identify the group and the example of oppression
 - Even if this happened a long time ago, how or why could it still be a source of oppression or be problematic in today's society?

