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#NotAllMen rape
 yeah but some men do
 #NotAllCops kill
 yeah but some cops do
 #AllLivesMatter
 yeah but this is not about you
 Just because there's truth to it
 doesn't make it true
 Privilege is
 not seeing beyond self
 Privilege is
 power position and wealth
 Privilege is
 when culture is your reflection
 Privilege does not
 require introspection
 It's so easy when you're born to it
 It's so easy that you're blind to it
 Until you're beaten over the head with it

And you finally have to cop to it
 You have to cop to the fact that you've been ignorant
 sometimes willfully so
 because it was easier to dismiss the perspective of others as
 aberration
 that didn't warrant your consideration
 and that was entirely doable because you are the cultural
 common denominator
 the conversation dominator
 and by you I mean me
 me and everybody
 every single one of us has some privilege over some other
 and it is not a challenge to see who has more privilege
 or less
 it is simply something to address
 because for too long we have been silent on the matter
 and it does matter
 because every pedestal we stand upon
 rests upon

the backs of those who don't
 possess
 But once you see it it's everywhere
 from gender to jobs
 skin tone to hair
 marriage and love
 suffer the edicts from above
 until they crush under the weight of it all
 until #ICantBreathe
 but I myself can breathe
 that's my privilege
 imagine that- the ability
 to breathe free
 as our racist, sexist, slave-owning, land-holding, drunkard
 forefathers promised us
 they were the smartest men in the room
 of course, they were the only ones allowed in the room
 that was their privilege
 What's yours?

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