

# IDENTIFYING WHITE PRIVILEGE IN PROGRESSIVE AND RADICAL GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENTS

## I. Individual

(These questions are samples only. Be creative. Come up with your own!)

- \*\* How does the 'world' treat individual activists?**
- \*\* In what ways do activists have access to sources of personal and institutional legitimacy and privilege?**
- \*\* How does the behavior of individual activists perpetuate white privilege?**
- \*\* What attitudes of internalized white supremacy are expressed through particular forms of privilege behavior?**

## II. Cultural

(These questions are samples only. Be creative. Come up with your own!)

- \*\* How does the group's behavior perpetuate white privilege?**
- \*\* How does the group's language perpetuate white culture?**
- \*\* How do the values and assumptions make white activists' experience the norm, the universal experience?**
- \*\* In what ways do the activists' culture express and perpetuate a denial of the history of white privilege?**

## III. Political

(These questions are samples only. Be creative. Come up with your own!)

- \*\* In what ways does your group's ability to 'choose' its issues manifest its white privilege?**
- \*\* In what ways do the issues your group chooses to work on, and *chooses not to prioritize*, perpetuate white privilege?**
- \*\* In what ways does the 'frame' you put on your issues perpetuate white privilege?**

#### IV. Organizational

(These questions are samples only. Be creative. Come up with your own!)

- \*\* What access to sources of institutional 'legitimacy,' power and privilege does your group have that are denied to groups of color with similar radical politics?**
- \*\* In what ways does your group's relationships with activists and organizations of color perpetuate white privilege?**
- \*\* Why do you think that so many white activists believe that recruiting people of color into their work or their group is the first step to take in 'anti-racist activism'?**
- \*\* Why do you think that affinity groups are a more common organizational form among white activists, generally speaking, than among activists of color?**

#### V. Movements

(These questions are samples only. Be creative. Come up with your own!)

- \*\* In what ways might the focus on large demonstrations manifest white privilege in the movements against global capitalism?**
- \*\* In what ways might the debate about 'violent' or 'non-violent' tactics perpetuate the culture of white privilege in radical movements?**
- \*\* In what ways might the prioritizing of 'tactics' and the marginalizing of 'strategy' perpetuate white privilege?**
- \*\* In what ways might the focus on 'global' activism and the marginalization of 'local' activism perpetuate white privilege?**
- \*\* How might definitions of 'the movement' perpetuate white privilege? 1**