

The Color Line

[THIS EXERCISE REQUIRES A VERY EXPERIENCED FACILITATOR, please consult Project Reach for permission to use this as well as technical assistance. Thank you.]

How many of you treat people according to the color/shade of their skin?
How many of you think skin color is important?
For how many of you does skin color not matter?

30 mins - ask the entire group to form a line according to skin color **without talking**.
(do not specify "front" or "back")

- * how are you feeling right now?
- * how do you feel about where you are standing?
- * why do you feel _____?
- * where would you like to be?
- * how do others feel about where _____ chose to move?
- * what is behind the uncomfortability?

30 mins - now tell everyone **they can talk** but **reconfigure the line according to class**.

- * consider not only class background growing up but class background now

(if time permits) - ask people to line up according to gender

Process the whole exercise...

** color line -----> class line -----> gender line -----> power line