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# Check your bubble

What does your life look like through the lens of racial identity?

While Americans' segmentation into social bubbles (or to use the preferred sociological term, homophily) is not purely driven by an individual's choices, the implications of a society where similarity breeds attraction are not always positive. And while examining

your life through the lens of one's racial identity doesn't account for all the facets of our tendency towards homophily, it can certainly be enlightening on many levels. Use the exercise on page 10 to get started. →

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In September 2017, the library's award-winning Social Awareness Taskforce used the following exercises to lead customers through a series of gripping community conversations, tackling the complex issue of racism. Download and [#ShareFreely](#) at [RichlandLibrary.com/letstalk](#).



## INSTRUCTIONS

**1**

Answer the questions below.

**2**

Look for patterns.

**3**

Think about your views on social awareness.

BLACK

WHITE

ASIAN

LATINO/A, HISPANIC

AMERICAN INDIAN

MULTI-RACIAL

I am...

My significant other is...

My neighborhood is mostly...

My best friend is...

My friends are mostly...

My co-workers are mostly...

My place of worship is mostly...

My high school was mostly...

The author of the last book I read is...

My primary care doctor is...

My hairdresser/barber is...

The characters in my favorite books/movies are mostly...

The staff at my favorite restaurant are...