DEAR WHITE PEOPLE
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Dear White People,

In this zine you will find information on stereotypes about people color that have been perpetuated in our socio-cultural landscape. These stereotypes serve as various forms of oppression that impact us in our daily lives. From institutionalized systems of oppression to underhanded microaggressions, racism is now perceived as non-existent. With a black president, it is perceived that we are living in a post-racial society, however the reality is that we now live in a color-blind society. Colorblindness ignores the systematic ways racism affects people color.

Our zine will highlight the experiences faced by Asian American, Black, and White privilege and allyship. May the sparks of anger, passion, and hope give insight into the struggles of people of color and help fight the oppression they face.

Alexis, Helen, Marthe, Rona
White Privilege

People underestimate what it truly means to be White and the advantages that come with being White. As a White person I recognize that I have White privilege and you white people reading this Zine as well as the rest of the white people in this country have privilege too.

As a White person:

~ I will never have to worry about being stopped by the police due to racial profiling.
~ I will not fall victim to police brutality.
~ I can be well spoken without people being surprised. I will never get told, “You speak English well”
~ I will not be asked what country I am from.
~ I am less likely of being put in prison.
~ I am more likely to attend a school in which I receive an adequate education with more resources.
~ I am less likely to be treated as a criminal in school systems.
~ I am more likely to get into college.
~ I will never be asked to speak on behalf of the entire White race.
~ I can wear and act however I want without being labeled things such as, thugs, low life, gangster, etc.
~ I do not have to worry about being monitored in a store because I am seen as being a thief due to my race.
~ I will never be labeled a terrorist or inherently dangerous.
~ I will not get asked questions on why and how I obtained a high-level job, assuming I am unqualified for the position.
~ I will never have to explain why cultural appropriation is bad.

White Privilege: “We’ll decide what is racist and what is not racist. We’re the deciders of everything.”

HELLO I'M White (and privileged)
CHINA DOLL

I am not your subservient, quiet, demure, and quiet cure for your yellow fever.

My parents did not cross an ocean with only $8000 in their pockets and a silly American dream for their daughter to be a fantasy fetish, hyper sexualized racial object.

When a white man decides his one trip to China makes him qualified to teach me about my own culture revolution is no longer a feeling I hide. Sensations of disgust when a man says how much he loves 'oriental' women loves how petite we are loves how filial we are loves our cat shaped eyes loves our coy modesty, when I see my fellow Asian sisters gobble these up like coveted compliments causes goosebumps of fear.

The slits in my grandmother's qi pao are not meant for male consumption that were once heralded as a sign of women's liberation.

When Mao says 'Women hold up half the sky' I wonder if in the clouds the addendum "OBJECTIFY WHEN NEEDED" was written as if our bodies are only worth being commodified, treated like cargo shipped off with papers to a foreign land with our names butchered, foreign, mail order bride, our language caught in our throats that only continue to silence the oppression. Was it something he thought about when he said that?

I am not your dragonlady, sexy kung fu slaying Bruce Lee in bed type China doll.

I am loud and present and take up space and am all human, flesh and blood in my veins with history that dates back 2000 years before white colonialism, imperialism, wars, crusades, and treaties before internships, white savagism, immigration policy, border control, and western cultural domination.

Forget your ni hao, kamikaze, sayonara, ching chong "me love you long time" BULL SHIT.

I am here to stay.
Your Guide to Allyship

1. Recognize that it is not the responsibility of a POC to teach you about your privilege, racism, and/or social injustice.
2. Support in silence- let the people of color share their stories.
3. Advocate for POC in their absence and teach other white folks about systems of oppression.
4. Recognize the intersectionality of oppression to avoid ignorance.
5. Recognize your own personal biases and actively fight against them.
6. JUST LISTEN