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WHITE PRIVILEGE POP QUIZ: THE TEST YOU CAN'T FAIL

Molly Secours Puts Racial Attitudes to the Test with a Series of Revealing Questions

(Nashville, TN) Taking the 'White Privilege Pop Quiz' by Molly Secours might reveal the inner racist. The quiz is merely a mirror that reflects how internalized racial biases and fears prevent those classified as white from recognizing, understanding--and ultimately perpetuating--inequities in education, health care, criminal justice and perhaps even premature death. Sample questions from the quiz are on her site, mollysecours.com. In light of the recent, untimely, and racially charged death of Trayvon Martin, Secours posted a blog on the site Redroom that included a few of the questions that will be included in her upcoming book, "The White Privilege Pop Quiz: The Test You Can't Fail". Since the blog posted on March 22nd, 2012, over to 5,000 people have taken the quiz. Secours, a sought after writer and speaker on diversity issues has been developing the quiz over the last several years. She states, "I'm overwhelmed by the number of people who have taken the quiz and are forwarding and tweeting about it. When I use these questions in my workshops inevitably it becomes clear that many people have no idea what white privilege is, including white people who 'think' they're in the choir. I hope that by taking the quiz unconscious and dangerous attitudes will be exposed; and that it will encourage a national dialogue."

In her introduction to the quiz on her website she states, "And while some people accept that privileges exist they believe (falsely) that privileges are afforded only to the wealthy." Sample questions from the quiz include:

D) As a child how often were you given safety instructions on how to walk through a department store or public establishment in a way that did not foster suspicion or attract attention?

1) frequently 2) sometimes 3) rarely 4) never

J) "While watching television or movies do you often feel that people who look like you or are racially/culturally connected to you are not represented (or misrepresented) in the media?"

A) yes, always 2) yes, often 3) yes, sometimes 4) never

About Molly Secours:

Secours is a writer/filmmaker/speaker who has used her artistic talents to effect social change and public policy regarding inequities in health care, education and juvenile justice. Secours' 14 minute documentary "Faces Of TennCare: Putting A Human Face On Tennessee's Health Care Failure" is currently being aired nationally and has been praised by members of the United States Congress including representatives John Conyers, Jesse Jackson Jr. and from Senator Edward Kennedy. With a clear voice and a loaded camera, she inspires youth (and adults) to challenge and effect change. As a Cancer survivor, she writes about many issues from a healing perspective and draws the parallels between battling a deadly disease and confronting and disrupting systemic and institutional privilege – a symptom of an imbalanced and unhealthy society. She has written for numerous publications including the *Huffington Post* and the *Nashville Arts Magazine*. She was a speaker at TEDNashville and at the Pelosi press conference on healthcare reform. Through her production company, One Woman Show she has produced over 30 documentaries and PSAs including, "Faces of TennCare", "College on the Brain", and "Welcome to My Hood". The documentary "House of Alchemy" is in production. She is currently putting together 15 questions to be included in her upcoming book "White Privilege Pop Quiz: The Test You Can't Fail".

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