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Recently I've been thinking about this bar that I live close to and I see that it is always filled with guys and rarely with any woman. I thought about why and wonder if it was because of how sexist a bar can be. A man and a woman may have completely different perspectives of how fun going to a bar can be. For starters bars have a very masculine aura. Men of all shapes and size drinking and spilling beer, fighting, screaming and most of all can't take their eyes off the woman. For a woman that cannot be pleasant. It's clear how much harassment goes on in a bar when a lady enters. There's guys that stare them down, making them uncomfortable and sometimes they even go as far as touching them. I'm not sure if I am saying this right but there's a certain privilege with being a male; it's the sad truth but not a lot of men go through the harassment and the stalking that women go through.

Another concept I noticed is that there's a certain age privilege in the bar environment. For example if an old man were to be seen at a bar, drinking lots of beer, he'd be seen as an "old geezer, useless drunk, or Alcoholic". Versus a young millennial, who would be seen as just "you young adult enjoying their night." Women are more inclined to speak to young adults versus middle aged men.

As someone who is socially privileged, meaning you have more opportunities and advantages based on your social status a bar could be the best place you'll ever visit. For

example if someone enters a bar and everyone automatically welcomes them and it feels like nothing but love. That can be a great feeling for someone on the receiving side. No matter how old someone is, it's always great to feel like the star and joy of the room. For someone is not to social going to the bar could be less entertaining. Not a lot of people will try to talk to you and sometimes they may even dismiss what you have to say. Even people who seem to have more money have more of a presence, compared to people who aren't so wealthy. They have the privilege of using a bar tab as well. That also ties into a person's socioeconomic status. Some who is rich or wealthy will have a much better life than a low class citizen.