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18	Caucasian	student	Male	it would be a drastic enough change to wake up a different race, let alone wake up a different gender	11
18	Caucasian	Student, Waiter	Female	It'd be interesting.	25
18	Portuguese/British	Student.	Male	Because it would suck to be a female, regardless of colour.	56
18	White	Student	Female	So I can WHORE MYSELF.	67
18	White	student	Male	That is what i am now so it would be more comfortable	68
18	White	student	Male	I am a male. I can't imagine what it would be like to be a female.	69
18	White	student	Male	males are inherently better	70
18	White	College	Male	Males usually are dominant in society, at least thats my impression in a white world.	72
18	White	Dishwasher	Male	because I more comfortable with that	73
18	White	student	Male	Because this is what I am used to being, therefore I would still want to be a male.	74
18	White Armenian	student	Female	its my fantasy, right?	136
18	White Irish American	Student	Male	Because I am male. I wouldn't want to deal not only becoming black but also becoming a female.	144
19	Australian	student	Male	black chicks are annoying and loud	5
19	Caucasian	subst. teacher/college student	Female	black women are beautiful and powerful	12
19	Caucasian	Student/Substitute Teacher	Female	I think it would be interesting to start an entirely new life and to gain a new perspective on life.	13
19	Caucasian	student	Male	because i am a male and would like to continue being one	14
19	Caucasian	student	Male	It's all I've ever known.	15
19	European American	Student, Retail Sales	Male	I would choose to be male because, I am male now and I like it.	33
19	White	Warehouse Clerk	Male	I am used to being a male.	75
19	White	student	Female	female to see what it is like to be the opp. sex as well as race	76

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19	White	Student	Female	I think black females are less feared by the general society. In my mind I think black males get alot of bad looks and thoughts.	77
19	White	Student	Male	No particular reason.	78
19	White Lebanese	student	Male	I am male now	147
20	Anglo-Saxon	Full-Time Student	Male	This may sound funny, but I can't imagine having to shave my legs all the time. Not only that, but I wouldn't be able to deal with the emotional strain that comes with being Female.	4
20	Irish	mover	Male	Just because i like being a male	40
20	italian	student/ artist	Male	I'm used to this role	42
20	White	Student	Male	Waking up and finding myself assigned an entirely different racial perspective would be frightening and fascinating. I think to help keep me from going completely insane, I have chosen to remain male. In this way, the identity crisis would not be as severe as also changing gender. From a terribly selfish perspective, I could say that society treats men better than women, in general, so if I had to choose, I would be better off choosing to be male. But this is not at the heart of my selection, because I am honestly curious about what it would be like to be a black woman. Ideally, I could start out by exploring what it is like to be a black man, then a white woman, and finally, culminate with an experience as a black woman. In this way, I could better understand which prejudices against me were due to my gender, and which were due to my race. Consider my selection a starting point.	79
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20	White	College Student	Male	Both the Black Power movement and the Feminist movement left our black women, delaying thier recognition and self-identy by the mass media. And while i do recognize that in urban situations the black male has high chnces of homicicde and incarceration, for a tleast a brief period in time thier self identity was made known in the mass media	81
20	White	student	Male	because i am a man, i like being a man. its less work.	82
20	White	Student	Male	Black men are esteemed by most all other men in the United States	84
20	White American Indian	artist	Female	why not? if we're gonna go for new let's not hold back.	134
20	White Hispanic	student/waiter	Male	Because I have no idea whta it would be like to be female.	143
20	Yugoslavian	Cook	Male	A common stereotype amoung girls is that black men are incredibly attractive and carry a certain mystique. I am plain and to be a little different in a women's eye would be an attribute.	150
21	Caucasian	student	Female	as a female, i can relate the most to the gender, the thing that would change, would then be my race.	16
21	italian white	student	Male	The change would be hard enough a sex change would make it more confusing and thus harder	46
21	White	student	Male	because black males of my age have an extremely high chance of being dead or in jail	64
21	White	Student	Male	I already know how to be a male, and learning how to perform as a female would take too much work.	65
21	White	Student	Male	It is what I am accostomed to.	85
21	White		Female	lots of reasons	86
21	White	Student	Male	I would choose to be male because I still believe that women are not seen as equal to men in today's world.	87
21	White	Student	Male	I already know how to be a male, and learning how to perform as a female would take too much work.	88

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21	White	student	Male	well i like being a guy right now. and i think one major change is enough for one day.	89
21	White	Student	Male	Because a change in the color of my skin would cause many changes, but both changing the color of my skin and my sexuality would cause me too much confusion.	90
21	White		Male	Being male is all I know. There are univeral male bonds.	91
21	White	student	Male	I already know how to be male.	92
21	White Jew	student	Female	because black men are treated worse in this country than black females. the men are instant suspects to any crime, look at the prison populations	145
22	North East American	Student	Male	One change at a time.	53
22	Serbian	student	Male	" being a black female is like being black twice" or something along those lines	60
22	White	graphic designer	Male	i'd imagine it would be easier to get by, more power	93
22	White	student	Male	I dunno. I guess I am biased because I am a male right now. It would be pretty simple minded to say that it's easier being a black man, because American blacks are stigmatized, marked, exoticized, and compartmentalized (literally and figuratively) daily, regardless of gender. Besides all idealization to be a black woman is to be an original creator of humanity -- that's such a heavy burden to carry while it is also something to draw great pride from. Being a black man is definitely idealized by mainstream media, so based upon my internalizations of prevalent intervention, personal belief and conceptualization of patriarchy, I would be a man.	94

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22	White	student, line cook	Male	I would guess that there is less freedom involved with being born a black female in the United States. It seems that the pressure is on to succeed from day one as far as living down stereotypes, coping with societies views about productive black f	95
22	White	Student	Female	BEcause i have always wondered what it would be like to carry the burdens and perks of being a member of the opposite sex.	96
23	White	artist	Female	wouldn't mind seeing the world through a females eyes	97
23	White	Student	Female	I haven't been able to find a similar sense of sisterhood/brotherhood than with many of my black women friends	98
23	White American Indian	painter	Male	I am used to being male, and I would not have to worry about having a period.	135
24	Caucasian	student	Male	I am happy being a male and I don't know if I could handle being female because of the different worlds we live in.	17
24	italo-irish American	Student	Male	I guess because I am used to being a male. I wouldn't know what to do if iwas Female. Maybe just try doing my normal routine.	49
24	White	student	Male	its what i am used to	99
24	White	Teacher	Male	It seems to be easier to be male on a biological level.	100
25	euro-american	artist, educator	Female	if i'm going to wake up a different complexion, i might as well try a different gender.	32
25	Off white pink tones	student	Male	For the sake of familiarity with bodily functions.	54
25	White	Artist, Museum Preparator	Male	I feel more comfortable as a man, because I am a man	101
25	White	Graphic Designer	Male	A black man has an edge of power, and consequence. A black woman seems powerless to me.	102
25	White	Student	Male	I'm familiar with the routine.	103
25	White American	sales manager	Male	That is what I am. I like being a man. I am attracted to women.	133

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26	Caucasian Punk	bookstore	Both	i imagine i would still be neither/both or whichever i'm perceived to be, but i suppose i would choose to be female 'cause i'm used to dealing with that & i like being a dyke.	28
26	Swiss Dutch German	Theatre Manager	Male	Because I am comfortable being a man. However, I would want to be a gay, black man. As a gay male I feel fortunate to have a feminine balance to my masculine life. Both of those aspects are so important to me, and if I had to be straight I would rather be a woman, not for sexual purposes, but spiritual.	62
26	White	Student	Male	I think a change in sex would be more frightening than a change in race.	104
27	Caucasian	librarian	Male	because being male is the only reference point i have. my imagination is pretty advanced and unusual at times, but imagining myself as a woman is too much of a stretch.	18
27	Caucasian	stay-at-home-dad and student	Female	I know already what it is like to be male, so I might as well try something new, right? I have great respect to women and certainly would like to know what giving borth to child is about.	19
27	European mix	sculptor	Male	I feel 'male', being a woman is what women do better then I ever could.	36
28	Anglo	attorney	Female	The racial change would be remarkable. Switching gender would perhaps cloud my analysis of the differences.	2
28	Southern	Physician	Male	I find young black females to be the most different from my current position. Of all the people in the world, I have the hardest time relating to them. Elderly black females, however are some of the wisest, most engaging people I know.	61
28	White	phone operator/receptionist/artistic director	Male	because their money gets objectified more than their bodies.	105
28	White	student	Male	Because I'm a male now	106

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29	Caucasian	Art Teacher	Male	Assuming I would still be an Art teacher, I think it is good for my students to have more exposure to Black Males as good teachers and role models.	20
29	White	grunt	Male	familiarity	107
29	White	Teller Supervisor at a bank	Male	I think it would be hard to imagine being a black female since I am a white male. I can't imagine that many changes all at once.	108
29	White	architect	Male	I think waking up as a woman would be much more of a shock then waking up black.	109
30	Canadian	visual arts student	Male	the media perceives the black male as the oversexed, street-party type, that drives nice cars and has the support of his "gang". even though he resides in the slums, our perception of him is given an aura of fun and freedom	8
30	Human	Animator	Male	I like it that way	39
30	italian	librarian	Female	I am intrigued by the whole question of gender relations and the differences therein	43
30	Italian, French, German	Tech Support/Help Desk	Male	Regardless of gender I feel it's easier to be a male in this country.	47
30	White	Editorial Assistant	Male	White people are most threatened by black males. Therefore, I would not want to make the switch half-way. In addition, I know what it is like to have a male body.	110
31	none	artist	Female	I lie black women	51
31	White	art historian, modern and American art	Male	Because I'm already a male and think that overall I would feel more comfortable with the same sex / gender.	111
32	North African and Irish American	computer worker	Male	because I'm male now and feel most comfortable with being a male.	52
33	White	Manager,Retail	Male	Because I am more adapt at being Male than Female already. Changing that factor whether Black or White, is not pertinent to the question of sexuality to me.	112
33	White	Artist	Female	I see more strong females than males.	113
34	Caucasian	DENTIST	Male	BECAUSE	24

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34	White European	Teacher	Female	I feel that "black" men are stereotyped more than "black" woman. People who are not African American, or "of color" often shy away from men of color.	139
35	White	industry analyst	Female	Society has a somewhat negative stigma of the black male	114
36	Caucasian	U.S. Navy	Male	Because I am currently a male.	9
37	Caucasian American	Literary Manager	Male	As a gay male, I have difficulty envisioning life as a female.	26
37	White English Swedish	Musician / Carpenter	Female	It looks like black men in general have a really rough time. Everybody's afraid of them and doubts their motivations. Black women also seem to have hard lives (in general) but at least as a women you have more people on your side. Looks that way to me.	138
38	Caucasian	registered nurse, newborn intensive care	Female	i guess i would just like to live as a beautiful black woman one morning! i would prefer to have a strong and healthy body, a face that no one could describe as unattractive, and lovely eyes. and i'm sure that most everyone, black and white alike, would be more disarmed and at ease when in my company.	10
38	British	Salesman	Male	Know it best	6
38	italian	art director	Male	I'm fairly familiar with the role	44
38	White	farmer	Female	I think women have more options open to them than men, and I think black men are more likely to run into problems with race than black women.	115
38	White	gifted education specialist	Male	Unfortunately, American society views the black woman as near the bottom rung of the unspoken "ladder of privilege" (the bottom rung being reserved for the black lesbian)Therefor, I would choose to be a heterosexual male so I would be afforded a few more priveleges.	116
39	White	1st grade teacher	Male	i'm comfortable as a male!	117
41	European American	teacher	Female	The ol "other shooe" experience	34

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41	European American	Urban High School Art Teacher	Female	It seems to me that black females get more respect from their neighborhoods than males.	35
41	non		Male	i'm gay	50
41	Scots/German	artist/administrator	Male	I think males have it easier in most cultures, and I think it would be hard enough to be black.	58
41	White	Educator	Female	I've never been a woman - so why not experience both changes at once?	118
41	White	Portfolio Manager	Male	I've had a lot of experience being a male. Also, I'd rather deal with one change at a time. Finally, I enjoy being a male.	119
41	White Native American	internet	Female	always wondered what that would be like. doesn't everyone?	149
42	White American	Art Professor	Male	To help change the identity of Black males being dominated by Black females. To be of any color or gender is a challenge. Also, Black males have been portrayed as weak. Although, I do not believe (in general) that to be true.	132
44	Celtic	firefighter	Male	Easier to imagine myself male and easier to live as a male.	29
44	White	cna	Male	I'm use to it	120
44	White	Physics Outreach Coordinator	Male	I'm used to being male, I don't want to experience too many differences this time.	121
45	White (honkey)	Marina Manager	Female	Alot of built in advantages.	131
46	German Mexican	Printer	Male	By experience and habit. I am what I was created and am thankful that I have been born healthy and with a mind that allows me appreciate my humble place in this universe.	37
46	White	Artist/Teacher	Male	strong,athletic,feared,respected in my society	122
46	White English Scottish	artist	Male	i like being a man	137
47	Caucasian	Teacher	Male	make millions being a rapper or pro athlete and get away with murder!	21

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47	White	Physical Therapist/Write r	Male	That is a difficult choice. My first response was to choose female as most of the black women I have met in my life have seemed strong, forceful and memorable, and freed from the fate of some of my black male friends. Being gay, however, and given the fact that my white lover's ex was a gay black male, makes it more likely I would be served by being a black male, but I see life as a black male more complicated, harsher and dangerous. To become a woman, my initial impulse, would mean giving up my gay identity and it would mean giving up my relationship with my present lover.	123
47	White Jewish	teacher	Male	less radical change	146
48	Albanian	artist, mfa student	Female	white people seem to trust black women more than black men	1
49	English/Danish	Art History studen	Female	If my ethnicity is going to change, why not gain the experience of a gender change as well?	31
49	White	Professional	Female	The black female has a mystique about her. They are somewhat less threatening because they are female and most men tend to accept the opposite sex better regardless of race.	124
49	White	Publicity	Male	My same gender.	125
49	White European	teacher	Male	I'm used to it! would make for a less complicated comparison of racial experience	140
50	Caucasian	Civil Sevice	Male	I prefer to be male	23
50	Irish-American	High School Teacher	Male	I am male now and I would have a better chance knowing how to live as a man, having some experience in that gender.	41
50	Scottish/German Caucasian	Web Developer	Male	A self directed black man has a lot of control over how his lie is lived. While the same holds true for black women, I believe the odds are much higher for a black man to realize himself. Of course, I'm male and I can appreciate the "coolness" of a black guy whose really got it together.	59

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50	White	musician	Male	I'm a white male and can't, not even for one second, imagine being female. The issue is more about a sense of greater power than of a sexual nature.	126
51	Scotch-Irish, Dutch, English and German	Elementary ART Teacher	Male	ONLY because I know how the female gender is at times ignored and verbally abused by the culture I teach in and the culture I live in on the outskirts of the city.	57
52	White	librarian	Female	I sense that african-american females are better in touch, as a whole, than african-american males	127
53	ANGLO	RAILROAD EMPLOYEE	Male	ALEADY A MALEFEMALES OF ALL RACES TREATED SECONDARY TO MALES BY SOCIETY AS A WHOLE AND BLACK MALES TREAT THEIR WOMEN EVEN WORSE.	3
53	Caucasian	Middle School teacher	Male	Being male, easier for me to relate to.	22
53	Caucasian English	Artist	Female	As a young child I was hurt by the nursery rhyme 'Sugar and Spice'. I have always, since then, aspired to the qualities of a woman	27
53	White	computer consultant	Male	i'm male	128
54	Cajun	teacher	Male	I can't imagine truly changing sex	7
54	white guy	Office Management	Male	Women treated worse than men (white and black or Hispanic, or whatever).	142
54	White Mongrel	Self employed	Male	I don't know if I have the guts to be a Black male, but I have no concept of how to be a woman, black or white.	148
56	White	artist, management consultant	Male	less adjustment needed	129
57	English	plumber	Male	can not imangine me being a woman at all	30
58	Polish	retired			55
61	White	artist/business owner	Male	I assumed that I would be, without thinking. I would not like a black man to make love to me! Ha.	130
64	Italian	Retired (banking)	Male	More choice in life	45

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74	Wasp Swedish	retired book seller	Female	I think a female has a better role-enforced atmosphere, to love and nurture children. The male, as breadwinner, has--unless a musician or athlete by "nature"--very restricted opportunities.	63
	Honkies	Graphic Designer, Student	Female	Because they're strong	38
	White Germen Polish	Administrator of a Construction Company	Male	I am male and I feel safer then I believe a woman is.	141