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18	Biracial	Student	I would test the limits to it. I would see how far I could go with the priveleges of being a white male in America.	I think I would welcome it for a change but I would never trade in my skin. My skin is hte tuxedo of my life. It tells who I am. I would never shun my flesh away for a different skin tone.	64
19	Black	College Student	It feels good, but I truly feel that I rather be black because it shows strength and courage even though it's a rough world out there,I rather be treated as more of a person in the inside, than of my color on the outside.	Well it's alot different and I no longer is looked upon as the "minority" anymore. I can actually do more things and be comfortable.	11
19	indian american	Student	kind of empty inside	white, black hair, green eyes, same body shape	60
20	Biracial	design student	not that interesting just more excepted	its nice, light thin attractive	3
20	Black		i feel the same i guess. but then again, one hasto really experience it, to really have an indepth feeling.	i would be tall and slim, the same, i would have long stringy hair, and hazel brown eyes, i don't know.	12
20	Hispanic		lost	different	59
21	Asian	Student	My new identity seems secure enough in this new world, granted I can find a white significant other.	A typical Asian loo dark, long hair, brown eyes, normal body, yellowish skin	8
21	Black	GRAPHIC DESIGNER	dirty	dirty	13
21	Black	Student	Disturbed.I would perfer being a person of color again.	As dark as possible, tan.BlackBrown or GraySwimmers Build	14
21	Black	college student	wish i were a minority again. many things i have learned and experienced i learned as a result of my heritage. to alter this reality would be to alter mine. i would no longer exist for i would no longer be the person that i am today	white, blond hair, blue eyes, thin but defined in terms of muscularity, a goatee but well-groomed.. i thought to myself, if i were to take on this new appearance, may as well go the extreme opposite	15
21	Korean	Student	It would take time to adjust to it, but I think that I would be able to proceed throughout the day.	I would be white, have brown hair, blue eyes, and have a nice body, in that I would be about 5'8 and about 120 pounds.	61

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22	Black	graphic artist	not that much different. most people think i'm white anyway, despite my dark skin.	i miss the way my eyes look against my skin. but i like the fact that i can dye my hair blue without catching as much hell as i normally would.	16
22	Filipino	Student	love it	light skinned blonde hair blue eyes	58
22	Latino American	Student	I am dont not like it.I have always known my self to Latino among white people so I do not know how I would act.	White Skin, Blond Hair, green eyes, athletic	62
23	Black	Contaminants Biologist	it would be different, but i would miss being me and being black. i would miss being part of a great race and history.	n/a	17
23	Black/African American	Student	I can go pretty much anywhere and do anything I want to without the problems that others face.	tan skin color, black hair, brown eyes, medium but ripped build	54
23	Chinese	Student	dont know	same	57
24	Black	School teacher	I don't think that I would enjoy being white.The lack of melanin in my skin would make me feel weak.Furthermore, I would have to find some "new" people to socialize with- because the people that I used to socialize with when I was a black man- neither trust nor socialize with white people.I would simply feel like an alien.	My new features; thin nose, transparent-skin,thin hair, and all the other physical features that only whites are predisposed to, would make me appear to be ill-equipped to handle the side-effects of the global warming or the green house effect.Not to mention the depletion of the ozone layer.	18
24	Black Hispanic	Sales	Don't understand the question.	Tan color skin, brown hair, blues eyes, medium build.	51
25	Black	STUDENT	Besides the smaller size of my privates.Everything I see on TV seems to be for and about me. People smile at me on the street and treat me better.Most people of color duck their eyes when I pass.	Pink skin, blond hair, blue eyes, muscular body.My sons are long haired bums, but all they need to do is wash and get a haircut and they'll run the company in no time.	19

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27	Black	Art Teacher	I resent the fact that I have become a white person.I feel like I have lost a sense of myself.I don't belong to this race, I hate it.	I smell funny.I am not able to adjust to the new characteristics.I am angry because I have to be a white person!I don't want to be white! (Really angry now!) :(20
27	Black	technician	strange,objective,	white,blond,light brown,built body	21
28	Pacific Islander	Student	What will my friends and family think	skin-white-hopefully not too paleHair-Brown-Like it is noweyes-brown-like it is nowbody type-A foot taller and no flat feet	65
29	African	System Analyst	I don't think that I'll like it	I don't think that I'll like it	1
30	Biracial	Medical Technologist	Like I was wearing new basketball shoes.I would want to "test" it out as soon as possible	Dark-tanned white skin,blue eyes, blonde hair, slim to medium build, 6' 6", 230 lbs.	1
30	Biracial	writer/teacher	confused.powerful.privileged.lucky.guilty.	pale.boring.everyday.desiring/wanting.	10
30	Black	student/teacher	empowered	ambivalent--eyes ok skin color pale-not good	22
30	Black	artist	Nothing has change	I am from a mixed family, the only thing that would change would be my color, I would be a bit lighter	23
31	Black	Sales	I feel I belong in a stolen country, at least I have a home now.	My new appearance sucks, I like the old much much better.	24
31	Black	Engineer	I do not feel comfortable	i think i look lame and corny	25
32	Black	IT Professional	ashamed for a moment, but ready for the world	I would feel vulnerable to natyres elements	26
33	Black	Network Engineer	I'd probably be pissed and depressed. I'd feel that I had lost alot.	Again I would feel that I had lost alot.	27
34	Black	Grad Student	Relieved, assimilated	just fine	28
34	Black	Security Guard	Somewhat guilty when I'm awake/alert, and frivolous when I'm not. I would also feel left out.	Awkward, funny.	29
34	Black	Museum Professional	Don't know	Figure I can get more stuff now	30
35	Black	social worker	big doubthts, no society to blame for lack of achievement	why me?	31
35	Black	COMPUTERS	PRIVELDGED		32
35	Black	clerical	i'm not thrilled if that's what you mean	tall blue eyesblond	33
36	Black Jew	Jew	i wuold like itcool	cool	53

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38	Caucasian	Nurse	as pleased with it as i always am.	pale pink skin, a full head of straight red hair, beautiful blue or green eyes, a tall body covered with lean muscle and little body hair. a large and beautifully shaped penis would definitely be necessary.	55
38	Black	artist/professor	I'd try to figure out a way back to my old body--fast. Although, I'm also sure I would be really spooked, I'd make an art experiment out of it and see what it was like moving through the world.	Oh would I be able to choose?Well I'd rather be a dark white guy, olive with dark hair--more mediterrainian	34
39	Biracial	High School English Teacher	Like a revolutionary.	I am happy knowing that one day my "whiteness" will no longer be able to be used as an oppressive tool against darker people. I am neutral about my appearance. I have no feeling of joy or remorse at being white. I am on a mission.	6
39	Black	Director of Research for Broadcast Group	I would make the most of it unlike the Godfrey Cambridge character in Watermelon Man who was transformed into a Black man. I would relish the personal interactions and conversations that would either confirm or contradict my internal version of what goes on with White folks. I would want to know the true feelings or impressions about race and opportunity of those surrounding me.	I would pick the same identical appearance as I now have with the exception of the mandatory uncurled hair.	35
39	Black	student	I believe I would have to reorient myself to the way I would be treated.	I'd have to buy different grooming tools.	36
40	Black/Latino	Arts Management teacher	Shocked.Not at all happy.	I like me the way I am.At least as it relates to race/ethnicity.	5
40	Black	teacher	Good.	Good.	37
40	Biracial	artist	Like a traitor	Uncomfortable; like my uniqueness had been bleached away.	63

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41	Black	Caricature Artist-Visual Artist_Graphic Artist...Did I say Artist?	I feel like I will not be Judged based on my skin color first, (at least not by other whites) I feel like I will be judged for who I am and that my skills, aquired abilities and natural gifts will make room for me in this world. I feel positive assumptions will be made about me more often than negative. At least by people who have the power to "do" something for me. I feel as though I am will not be percieved as a treat to the Police, even though secretly I have the potential to be the biggest treat.	I am 6 ft 3 inches tall, athletically built. I have dark brown hair, hazel eyes, a dimple in my chin, and five o clock shadow on my face. I walk with an air of confidence. Women adore me and want to be with me, other males envy me and would like to BE me.	38
43	Black	Business Consultant	Awkward, Self conscious and disappointed		39
43	Black	Computer Anaylst	ok	Skin-whiteHair-Dark BrownEyes-Hazelbody-athletic	40
45	Black	Security Specialist	a basic up move.no guarantees, mind you.but the curve is in my favor.even if dirt po'.	for sure, not blonde!that's too damn white!even for white folk who try to look like that.	41
45	Black	College Professor	I'd like the power, but I would be very stressed	It would depend. I'd like to keep a dark complexion	42
46	Asian/American	ARTIST	NOT COMFORTABLE.JUST BECAUSE IM WHITE DONT MEAN I HAVE A SENSE OF OWNERSHIP.IDENTITY IS NOT SOLELY ABOUT APPEARANCES.	SKIN THATS NEVER SEEN THE SUN, BLACK, GREEN, TALL AND TIGHT	9
47	Black	Teacher, consultant	Ambiguous.Uncertain.	Pale,long red hair,green or blue or grey eyes,tall, slender... in other words Abercrombie and Fitch,Nautica, Hilfiger	43
49	Black	Associate professor/writer	Empowered, secure, curious, ready to explore the range of experiences now open to me, social, sexual, economic, and political.	Tall, black hair, large-boned, forceful looking.	44

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49	Black	entertainment industry manager	ok but there are parts of my past that i'm not pleased about	big drag	45
50	Biracial	Fire Captain	I've adjusted to the change, I do feel a little taller also.	I feel OK.	7
51	Black Hispanic	Business Executive	OK.I would seek the spiritual path and be both human and compassionate.I would seek to be unusual as these qualities are not socially sanctioned in our global history.	Power profile.Athletic, full hair, compassionate and considerate.	52
52	Cherokee	Engineer	Wouldn't Like it a bit!	no way	56
55	Black	african affairs policy analyst	conflicted	uncomfortable	46
56	Black	VISTA Volunteer	Great	I will be getting a tan.	47
59	Black	Management Consultant	This question is unfair.There is inherent privilege in being white, but at the expense of all others.If I maintained my present conciousness I'd find it difficult.The racist nature of a society that expects those of a lighter hue of brown to support its tennets would totally disgust me.I'd be lost.E pluribus unum racist.Is this stereotyping Perhaps, because most of us walk lock step toward survival, particularly when the chips are down.Yeah, I'd be disappointed, crushed.	See above	48
66	Black	minister	slightly embarrassed. But not ashamed.We've (us white folks) done some pretty noble things.	Oddly, I picture myself at about the same place on the "pretty scale" as I am now. But I think I have a bit more going for me as a black man than I would as a white man. Sooo--I'm not too excited about my looks.	49

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72	Black	Retired - Health Care Administrator	Apprehensive - the unknown of how the white male really feels about black America is mysterious.I don't know if I should feel sensitive tow hat Blacks really feel deeply about white America.	When people look at me I know they do not harbor that feeling "there is another of them".I know that I will be accepted upon sight regardless of the person I may actually be.	50