

R A C I A L Q U E S T I O N S A N D A N S W E R S :
A C O N C E P T U A L S T U D Y O N R A C E A N D C O L O R I N A M E R I C A B Y F A I T H R I N G G O L D

2/Age	3/ Ethnicity	7/Occupation	10/Any Further comments about Waking up one morning Black in America?	WM#
18	Caucasian	Student, Waiter	um ... boring, sorry	25
18	Portuguese/British	Student.	I'd like to Drink My Coffee Black in America, Paint it Black in America, Wake Up Next To Vanessa William's Naked Back in America, Get My Mojo Back in America. Canada jus' don' do it fo' me no mo'!	56
18	White	student	I didn't have much contact with people of color while I was growing up. I have met and befriended some as I have grown older and I've come to understand them somewhat as well. But my understanding is far from complete and I suspect that I will never come close to completely understanding others at all. But I shall still try my best and work on the weaknesses in my character.	69
18	White	student	this is ridiculous.	70
18	White Armenian	student	this survey is stupid	136
18	White Irish American	Student	It's sort of hard for me to answer questions that are that hypothetical.	144
19	Australian	student	it would be interesting	5
19	Caucasian	student	i think its a hard question, i know changes would enter my life but im not sure how so other than shock of miraculously changing skin color.	14
19	Caucasian	student	It was a strange, yet interesting survey.	15
19	European American	Student, Retail Sales	Oh, I didn't know I was black I just thought that I was a different color than white.	33
19	White	student	that people would not judge me on the color of my skin	76
19	White	Student	Thank You	77
19	White	Student	I would never want to change my identity, my appearance, etc because I think it would strip me of a whole lot. However, for the purposes of this exercise, I do not think my lifestyle would be vastly different if I woke up black. Perhaps I am being nieve but I know I wish blaks and whites could be judged equally and accepted in society.	78
20	italian	student/ artist	Know of any good coffee shops?	42
20	White	Student	Thank you.	79
20	White	Student	Thank you.cgiemail 1.5	80
20	White American Indian	artist	it would never happen, so i don't worry about it, and i don't concern myself with it. i am who i am and you are who you are, and as long as you treat me w/ respect than you will have that returned.	134
20	White Hispanic	student/waiter	What type of black amERICAN are you talking about...would I be tall, short...strong,goodlooking...dark, light. The questions would be much easier to asswer if I knew who I was. Part of the human condition is how we interact with our environment, and how are environment interacts with us. If I was strong goodlooking then it would be easier to achieve certain goals...if I was frail and homely, I would have to improve on my charm and creative thinking to get things done.	143

R A C I A L Q U E S T I O N S A N D A N S W E R S :
A C O N C E P T U A L S T U D Y O N R A C E A N D C O L O R I N A M E R I C A B Y F A I T H R I N G G O L D

2/Age	3/ Ethnicity	7/Occupation	10/Any Further comments about Waking up one morning Black in America?	WM#
20	Yugoslavian	Cook	It was quite an experience and I am glad that I live in a communtiy that celebrates diversity. I and most of my friends are color blind. I'm sure that when I go further in life I will run into racial resistance. As it is now racism in my life is almost non-exsitant except for the inappropriate jokes that are told from time to time.	150
21	Caucasian	student	not at all. i watched a video on your art in my african american art class, and im doing research on you for a paper. i will also be sure to add this website to my professor and suggest it to my class. i am from simmons college here in boston, so i am interested in hearing the responce of my classmates.	16
21	White	Student	I just want to add that I answered these questions as accurately and honestly as poaabile. I do not consider myself to be a racist in any way, and I hope my answers do not come across as being one.	87
21	White	student	not really but it would be quite a head trip.	89
21	White	student	I think the question should read "How might your life have been different if you would have been black?" This question would be much more revealing about what the participant's thoughts were about differences of life experiences of different races or ethnicities.	92
22	North East American	Student	Maybe I'm naive or idealistic, but I really don't think it would be that much different if I was still the same person.	53
22	White	student, line cook	A good exercise, though I have thought about this before. Faith, our pride must be united. Our artists must be united. Our sculpters must get together with our painters must get together with our writers etc. etc. etc. Faith, we need to begin the next movement. It will be so big, so frightening, so real, that people will have to listen and be plunged into a renaissance that will never be lived down.	95
22	White	Student	I don't think that anybody can know what to expect if they woke up one morning and their identity had been changed, after living so long as themselves it would be amazingly difficult.	96
23	White	Student	No, thank for letting me imagine. . . .	98
23	White American Indian	painter	if I became famous would people look at me like I was another Micheal Jackson.	135
24	Caucasian	student	I love to play basketball and I think it would be an advantage, even with my current abilities, to be black. The reason I say this is because black athletes command a respect that can be intimidating if your not used to it. This respect would give me more confidence, and as anyone who has played ball long enough knows that confidence is 3/4 of the game.	17
25	euro-american	artist, educator	just that i think it would be very interesting to experience for a day. i am very comfortable with myself and feel that others are as well. but so much of that is built on years of being me, the person i have always seen looking back in the mirror.	32

**R A C I A L Q U E S T I O N S A N D A N S W E R S :
A C O N C E P T U A L S T U D Y O N R A C E A N D C O L O R I N A M E R I C A B Y F A I T H R I N G G O L D**

2/Age	3/ Ethnicity	7/Occupation	10/Any Further comments about Waking up one morning Black in America?	WM#
25	White	Artist, Museum Preparator	It can be used as an advantage if you make it, I wouldn't let it hold me back. In many parts, (the interesting and interested) of the world, being black can be an advantage.	101
25	White	Graphic Designer	I think my future children would be beautiful if I were black.	102
25	White	Student	I'm Irish American and have known nothing other than sunburn. Could I actually be out in the sun for more than 5 min. if I was black?	103
25	White American	sales manager	It is talked about how "we" can never understand. Maybe this way I could finally see if that is true. I have my own views of how things are and I would want to see how they change.	133
26	Swiss Dutch German	Theatre Manager	I was surprised by the level of thought involved, and yet how much further people need to go with this type of process. There should be far more tests like this with the general public of ALL ages.	62
27	European mix	sculptor	Racial problems are existing on both 'sides', skin don't tell right from wrong, people do, if we act wise that is. That is how I would live, being black, that is how I now live.	36
28	Southern	Physician	Try as I might, I have no idea what this would be like.	61
28	White	phone operator/receptionist/artistic director	would i be taller?	105
28	White	student	I think that if everyone would try to follow the golden rule there wouldn't be a lot of the problems with differences	106
29	White	grunt	I suppose it would be difficult to be taken seriously by my classmates if I was accepted into an institution of higher learning, because everyone would speculate that perhaps I was there as a result of affirmative action. That would suck. I would consider getting into a good school for painting on the basis of affirmative action, but I'd always be second guessing my abilities and you know they didnt really want me for my painting and its my guess you don't really learn anything from those kinds of schools anyhow.	107
29	White	Teller Supervisor at a bank	I thought this would be more of a multiple choice questionnaire. I think it is difficult to effect change in America.	108
30	Canadian	visual arts student	i have seen the way blacks are treated in america (as a canadian observer)and i must say that a country with a belived superiority puts up a good facade in hiding their racism	8

**R A C I A L Q U E S T I O N S A N D A N S W E R S :
A C O N C E P T U A L S T U D Y O N R A C E A N D C O L O R I N A M E R I C A B Y F A I T H R I N G G O L D**

2/Age	3/ Ethnicity	7/Occupation	10/Any Further comments about Waking up one morning Black in America?	WM#
30	Human	Animator	Raised in Israel, I never found myself to be a minority, since everyone around me was Jewish. Only after coming to the States I encountered some prejudice for the first time. I have become very sensitive to that. I feel somewhat fortunate that people cannot tell I'm Jewish from my outer-appearance; it must be an AWFUL feeling having people hate you for the colour of your skin and you feel it every single day. Every day you feel people are staring at you and are trying either to be extra nice to you to "prove" they have no problems with your colour, or have people look the other way or walk the other way because having your colour might spell out crime. There's way too much ethnicity problems in this country and way too many stereotypes.	39
30	Italian, French, German	Tech Support/Help Desk	As long as continue to be me I will be alright.	47
30	White	Editorial Assistant	1. I will not give up hope.2. I will push for both racial justice and racial harmony in the USA.	110
31	none	artist	Where di i sign up?	51
32	North African and Irish American	computer worker	I believe that a large part of the divide that exists between people is only there because the people refuse to let go of their perception of the divide. If we let go of that and approach people with the question "What can I learn from him/her?" or "How will I let this person change my life?" rather than "I'd better watch what I say around him/her because I don't want to offend." or "They're black/white/red/green and I'd better not say anything that will make them think I'm racist", than we could soon move past racial obsessions and move toward valuing a person for the content of their character rather than the color of their skin.	52
33	White	Manager,Retail	I have worked in predomanitely black neighborhoods and work places for the past 15 yrs. I see more Black racists then white and I feel the level of Racism between the two Races is deep seated in Blacks. I don't feel that White people should pass laws that condone this Black racism such as Black tv stations, black history months etc.... we are all created equal.....Get the history books rewritten, get the images erased and lets all get along!!!!!!	112
34	White European	Teacher	I do feel that waking up black in America would be better than waking up in some other countries. While we do have a long way to go as far as racial equality, we are ahead of many other countries.	139

**R A C I A L Q U E S T I O N S A N D A N S W E R S :
A C O N C E P T U A L S T U D Y O N R A C E A N D C O L O R I N A M E R I C A B Y F A I T H R I N G G O L D**

2/Age	3/ Ethnicity	7/Occupation	10/Any Further comments about Waking up one morning Black in America?	WM#
36	Caucasian	U.S. Navy	I have never had a racist bone in my body. The way I see it, there are some out there that are extremely, it's too bad. One time I was leaving the Las Vegas bus stop, I had just met a nice black lady whom I had been talking with. We decided to share a taxi since our hotels were close. There was a black man who was not a taxi cab driver but was trying to make some money, he seemed really angry at the world and when me and the lady decided to take a regular taxi, he started with the name calling. He was saying things to her and referring to me as a "Cracker", and really trying hard to put me down. I just didn't pay any attention to him, got in the taxi with the lady and left.	9
37	Caucasian American Indian	Literary Manager	With all the killing going on in the World, just waking up each morning is a true Blessing. One which is far too easy to take for granted.	26
37	White English Swedish	Musician / Carpenter	A lot of what I wrote here sounds really horrible. I know that I carry racism, like a virus. This is a hard question and I usually avoid looking at it (a luxury, I realize). I certainly am not one of these white people who say, "they can make it if the just play by the rules and quit fucking up their own lives." Well maybe I think like that on some level. This is slippery stuff. Thanks for your work.	138
38	British	Salesman	Martin Luther King = Humanity Muhammad Ali = The Greatest I would want to have their Pride & Humanity.	6
38	italian	art director	When do I start?	44
38	White	farmer	To be honest, this seemed awfully trite.	115
41	European American	teacher	nice work. nice to see an artist use the web for living art - not a museum	34
41	European American	Urban High School Art Teacher	Prejudice is overcome by education. I have been educating my dad for years. I point out that black families want the same thing as white families. I have yet to meet a parent who doesn't want their child to do better than they did. Also how black families can take real good care of their homes as white families do. In any race you will have undesirable elements but it is only the black people that we hear about. Quite often I ask why?	35
41	non		I really would like to experience that.	50
41	Scots/German	artist/administrator	I think it would be very difficult to adjust to the the situation and make the best of it. When I was living in Oakland, CA I witnessed many acts of racial bigotry by citizens and the police that would have caused me to also become violent. I've often told people that I believe that if I had been born black I would probably be in prison for fighting back.	58
42	White American	Art Professor	America is the melting pot which sounds like ingredients for disaster. HOWEVER, I prefer to think of AMERICA (Black, White, or any color etc.) as a never ending blend of the right spices that always creates the best recipes. Unity without variety is boring. JSM	132

**R A C I A L Q U E S T I O N S A N D A N S W E R S :
A C O N C E P T U A L S T U D Y O N R A C E A N D C O L O R I N A M E R I C A B Y F A I T H R I N G G O L D**

2/Age	3/ Ethnicity	7/Occupation	10/Any Further comments about Waking up one morning Black in America?	WM#
45	White (honkey)	Marina Manager	I would hope to overcome the mentality that somebody owes me something. God has His hand in it all. Black me of poor economic conditions with no parenting really have a rough row to hoe.	131
46	German Mexican	Printer	Interesting study, let me know the results. How do I compare with others. If you would like to contact me, my email address is Salanchz@aol.com	37
46	White English Scottish	artist	there is only one thing worse than being hated because your black. being hated because your poor; black or white	137
47	Caucasian	Teacher	Keep the faith and Praise Jesus!	21
47	White	Physical Therapist/Writer	I never really realized how much gender plays into this issue of race. I also had not really stopped to think about the histories of my black male friends.	123
47	White Jewish	teacher	My answers are not meant to be glib. But they do reflect a sense that though one is, in some sense, inexorably born into racial identity in this country, one doesn't achieve the deep-rooted effects of that identity overnight. They are products of a we	146
49	English/Danish	Art History studen	Respectful and curteous behavior is lacking in many people. Maybe if more blacks would just say hello to whites and the whites return the salutation we could discover that anybody can be a friend. After all, our real wealth is our friends and family.	31
49	White	Professional	You are probably wondering alittle bit about the above answers. I don't feel in the enviroment that I live in that the race issue comes up that often. Of course we have occasional problems, but it seems the issues are slowly being resolved. I personally don't have any problems dealing with people of other races, I have learned to look beyond that. I accept people based on their actions, not color. I hope that your survey reveals the same direction for most people. I think we have come a long way - obviously some of us need to work on it more.	124
49	White	Publicity	will I experience racism? Will my wife still love me? Can I still work in this small town? What are the good points about this change? Am I a better lover? Am I more sensitive? Do I hate the whites?	125
49	White European	teacher	good ideacould you do a quilt of the results???	140
50	Irish-American	High School Teacher	I think there would be doors that would open for me and others that would close. I think I would learn things that I otherwise would not know and may never know any way other than second hand. Thank you for letting me think about this.	41
50	Scottish/German Caucasian	Web Developer	The thought process necessary to fill out this survey with a non-trivial outlook was interesting. No real new ideas, but a pause to recollect and think about how I feel. Thanks.	59
51	Scotch-Irish, Dutch, English and German	Elementary ART Teacher	Attitude plays the most important part in life, not color. Oh, it probably helps to be with or without colorin some places, but in my heart it takes desire and belief to succeed. We all can fly if we just believe!	57

**R A C I A L Q U E S T I O N S A N D A N S W E R S :
A C O N C E P T U A L S T U D Y O N R A C E A N D C O L O R I N A M E R I C A B Y F A I T H R I N G G O L D**

2/Age	3/ Ethnicity	7/Occupation	10/Any Further comments about Waking up one morning Black in America?	WM#
52	White	librarian	I'm certain it would be traumatic in a way, but I think it would also depend on WHERE I woke up. As a librarian, I always hope that we have conquered the racial problem but as we all know, it exists on BOTH sides of the color line now I know that there is more of a problem in being African-American, but, until we stop the fringes of our society (both black and white) from continually stirring up trouble then it will never be safe, truly safe.	127
53	ANGLO	RAILROAD EMPLOYEE	IN TRUTH THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING NEGROID OR ANY OTHER RACE (CAUCASIAN INCLUDED). THE ONLY PROBLEM WITH MINORITY RACES IS THEIR ARE FEW WHO EXPLOIT THE MASSES FOR THEIR OWN AGENDAS AND GREED AND THAT THE MASSES ARE NOT INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE THIS FACT.	3
53	Caucasian English	Artist	Good luck to you. I, being white in England, have probably had it easy.	27
53	White	computer consultant	not the end of the world	128
54	Cajun	teacher	if nothing else were different about me, it could be fun	7
54	white guy	Office Management	I'm afraid that this question will continue to raise it's head into my consciousness for some time to come. Maybe that's good.	142
54	White Mongrel	Self employed	Tough questions. It's a lot easier not to think about them.	148
56	White	artist, management consultant	It would be an experience that would definitely "get my attention".	129
57	English	plumber	i think i would have a feeling of closer family ties.it would obviouly be harder for me to ajust having no roots but i think i would still choose arkansas	30
74	Wasp Swedish	retired book seller	I can't say i'm sorry to be waking up a white, anglo-saxon male, but I wish I could jump better.	63
	Honkies	Graphic Designer, Student	Beautiful.	38
	White Germen Polish	Administrator of a Construction Company	I have many negative ideas of people of different races. They (I believe) are based on objective observations and I don't believe it is possible that all of one racial group would fall into these beliefs. They (I believe) are a probable correlation generalization.	38