

Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

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Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

Mother: born in Congo and moved in Belgium when she was 13. She is both Belgian and Congolese but she will always be seen as a Congolese only. Father : Belgian (from a croatian mother and a belgian father)

What does being integrated means to you?

integrated the codes of a society and at the same time keeping your originals codes. Integration is making them work together.

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

I am Belgian but i live in France since i was 2 and i still don't want to be French because sometimes it doesn't feel like you are home/welcome. I feel like i am both Belgian and Congolese because i am proud but also because i am black and it feels like i am not allowed to be just Belgian.

What does being attached means to you?

feeling like if you don't have the attached thing, you'll miss it. Something that you can live without but it does not feels okay. Or something that describes you like your story or history.

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

back in my childhood i felt less attached to the Congo than Belgium or France because of the "integration" of my mother. She didn't learned me the language (Lingala and Swahili) and she didn't really learned me the culture or just a bit because she had integrated all the European codes at the expense of her originals Congolese codes.

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

good looking city, small and welcoming at first sight. (Toulouse)

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

i think i was in a good environment at home, with my friend etc... And the racism wasn't too hard, i mean at school or stuff like that. Because it was always "jokes" not direct attacks.

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Kind, Funny, Strong but with a baby side. (Saying "black" wouldn't come in my head)

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

It is difficult to know with who you can be friend with because they don't know they are racist.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

I don't like this word.

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Never heard this word but maybe it could match me.

What is a community for you ?

it is a group of person who look alike (cultural background mostly)

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

Black people is a very large community which has little groups in that. Because we are so different on the basis on nationality, there are different cultures and way of thinking.

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

they could have more in common just because they share a past : colonialism, slavery and racism. Whereas, whites were always been privileged. But Africa is an continent so as Europe. it is like comparing French people and Russian, they are white but they wouldn't be on the same community because basically they not the same

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

can't remember but surely.

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

reversed racism doesn't exist.

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Father: Gabon Mother: France

What does being integrated means to you?

It's the feeling you are a part of a community and you are accepted despite your differences

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

I feel French but sometimes I feel like a foreign

What does being attached means to you?

it's the feeling of belonging to something with a certain emotional side

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I do not feel attached to my city or that of my parents. I feel attached to being human on earth

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

It is not the greatest city you can visit in France and it's a dangerous city

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

it reinforced the fact that I feel foreign to this country. It is not specific to that city

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

funny, easy talking but kinda strange

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

not paying attention to racist remarks and not forgetting who he really is and where he comes from or why he is there

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

despite myself but often around me I am told that I am victimizing myself with regard to racism (they say "it is only a joke don't be mad")

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

No. I would not ut it

What is a community for you ?

it's a place, a group, where you can feel at peace with yourself, as if nobody judged you, as if you were accepted for what you are,

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

they are forced because of their history.

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

They have History in common, but I would like them to find things in common with white and non-white compatriots so as not to fall into the vicious circle of hatred.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

when I brought back food from Gabon or when I was reminded that because of my skin color I was different

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

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Martinique, French (they don't politically align with me even if they proudly claim their Martinicanity, they're not interested in independence, but autonomy)

What does being integrated means to you?

In France, assimilating into the dominant culture while putting your own aside, so you can become "accepted" by the dominant demographic.

It's always up to "them" to judge if we're integrated or not.

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

Martinican. Be being a french citizen is just a way to access the goods france has, like Social Security, Welfare etc (which I call Reparations). I'm not performing french citizenship-ness.

What does being attached means to you?

Knowing you will feel home when around the said place/person and also wishing to experience part of this home whenever I go. For example, despite not wanting to buy imported products, I still buy yam and plantains as my mental sanity is at stake.

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I'm attached to my current city (Montpellier) at some extent but will not miss it if I had to leave (even tho I lived in Occitania for about 12 years). I have no attachment to france. The country could disappear tomorrow and I wouldn't flinch. But I'm tightly loving and linking my own fate to Martinique.

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

It's a very greenful one, with many hills that goes up and down, in which you can find strong but gentle rivers to swim and have fun with. The city itself is family centered, there's not much to see, but it's home and the people are making it home. We got all that energy and pride and it gets us going.

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

My attachment to Gros-Morne strengthened my attachment to my Négritude. If I had more ties to the capital (as my cousins do) I would be rooting for "better integration" instead. And be on some "not all white" even. It wasn't specific to the city, but more so to the morne (hills). Maroons flew in there to escape massas.

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Loyal, Strong, Shy
(I'm cheating cause those are the adjectives given to me lately, I can't come up with my own lol)

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

Come thru. Don't worry bout anything.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

Yes, all the time. I see my world thru a decolonial prism.

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Yes, but no. I do think it's a word for the black african diaspora in europe. It's a pretty word, not gonna lie. And I would love if Afropean folks could have more ties to each other. An Afropean festival would yield some of the best content in the continent, to the point of being copied by "them".

What is a community for you ?

The complex of living and non-living beings that live in interdependence.
Yes, it does include the trees, soil, sea, birds, etc.

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

Nah. We're part of big communities, plural. We don't all live together, nor even know each other. It's necessary to reaffirm the identity of black people outside of the racial prism. I'm Martinican, part of the Caribbean community. Both of them are part of the Black community. But none of us is part of the Black community *directly*. (unless if someone is "citizen of the world" and has "no set home" but whatever lol)

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

It really depends of the country. A lot has to do with migrations. London is full of Jamaican and Naija, I wouldn't compare them to Paris, full of Senegalese and Guadeloupean. We're united because our struggle and our history is familiar but we still vastly different from each other. Plus some countries, like france or england are more "worldwide" than most, so it's easy to go in or out, compared as if someone was was afro-czech or afro-japanese which got stronger and more distinguishing cultural traditions and what so.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

I used to have those moments cause I can't speak créole. But this ain't happening no more. Nothing can touch my martinicanity. 😊

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

Good luck for your paper ! 🍀

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Mother : France (French) / Father : Martinique (Franco-Caribbean)

What does being integrated means to you?

Being active in the societal activities of the country you live in and being considered by said country as fully part of its society.

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

Franco-Caribbean / I feel like even though I was born and raised in France, I don't really like being a French citizen mostly because I disagree with the (rotten) mentality of a high number of French people concerning important issues of today's society.

What does being attached means to you?

It means loving something so much it feels like hell whenever you have to be separated from what you are attached to.

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I feel very attached to my father's homeland, Martinique, because I was raised closer to him. I feel closer to the Carribbean side of my family than the French one, but also closer to my Carribbean culture. On the contrary, do not really feel attached to France nor the city I live in.

To me, there's no real comparison possible simply because both are very different places, however I would say I feel better when I'm in Martinique than when I'm in France'

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

I'd describe it like a city where the old and the new coexist, mostly because of the architecture. It's also the city of wine and a nice place to live in general.

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

To me, it did not affect me in any way.

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Kinda fun to be around / Shy (at first) / Good listener / Trustworthy

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

To not worry too much as there's a lot of people from different ethnic backgrounds where I live, and most of the time they'll feel safe.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

I do because I am mixed. Being mixed makes it easier for me than what a fully black person has to go through, however we are not immune to racism (from my own communities or others).

I consider race most of the time.

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

I have seen it mentioned a few time, however I am not really familiar with this word.
I don't think I'd used it because it seems to refer to African communities specifically ?

What is a community for you ?

A community is defined by a culture, experiences and an ethnic background shared by a group of people.

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

I think the black community is divided when it comes to specific issues like colorism, but can be very solid when it comes to experiences related to racism for example.

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

I'd say that they do, mostly due to how society perceives black people.
However a black person and a non-white person will share similar experiences yet not quite the same as every community of color faces its own issues.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

When some people have racists behaviours towards me and in school or in my everyday life whenever I am reminded that I'm not fully white or no even white according to some people.

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

Concerning the black community and multiracialism, some people consider like you have to be 100% black to be a part of the community. I'd disagree as the way a mixed person defines herself will be based on her life experiences and/or how she was raised and perceived by society.

Other than that, I'd say black people will have to fight and continue to face many issues in the future, but I hope we can change how society sees our community.

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Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

They're Haitians of French nationality. They're "diaspora".

What does being integrated means to you?

Nothing ! We don't integrate, we're here, thats it. Don't like that French philosophy : "forget who you once were, then we'll may accept you as one of our member". Nobody should have to do that.

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

I'm French, born and raised, but I only feel like this abroad. Here, I know I'll be a daughter of an immigrant until I die. In my heart I have no nationality. Not an Haitian, nor a French. At least, I feel attached to my city.

What does being attached means to you?

Feeling at home, at ease. You walk in the streets, buildings and people look familiar, even friendly.

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I feel very attached to Ayiti because that's where I'm really from. I like that people look like me, talk like me. We share a whole culture and it's beautiful to see. But I also know I'm not one of them, because I was born in France. France is not a country I really cherished, I only love my city, which is full of good and also painful memories. But it's home, you know it when you see it by the windows of the RER.

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

Grey & green. Perfect mix between the city and the countryside.

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

Not really.

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Multi - layered, observant, calm, playful, warm

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

You'll feel good here. Everything isn't perfect, but sure, you can live peacefully. Be wary of the RER though.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

Yes ! I do consider it a lot

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Yes, in some militant circles. I don't like it. I'm not "afro", I'm a daughter of Haitians immigrants living in France, a country I don't feel attached to. I don't even feel European! In USA, being "afro something" is logical, because of slavery, people had to recreate an identity. My ancestors did it too with Ayiti, I don't need another label. We're all Blacks but our experiences are different, and for most of us, we're still connected to the country of our parents.

What is a community for you ?

People with whom you share something (blood, race, gender, or more lightly a hobby). They support each other.

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

All skinfock aren't kinfock

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

Yes, because of racism, which is unfortunately global. But that doesn't mean that there isn't cultural aspects that are very specific to a country.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

In my city, no. In my country : yes when people ignore me, people always assuming I don't know, I'm not French, or I don't deserve respect.

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

Good luck with reading all these answers :)

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Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

My mother was born and raised in Ivory Coast. My father (he's white) however, was born and raised in France. My mother considers herself as Ivorian, and so do I. My father views himself as French, and so do I.

What does being integrated means to you?

Not much. Whenever I would hear the word "integrated" it was in a negative context. It was often utilised to convey the "bon immigré" model.

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

Since I'm not a dual citizen, and considering that I only went to Ivory Coast once, I should say that I am French. When I'm abroad, I'm "the French girl". However, in France, I feel like citizenship is still attached to whiteness. Due to my proximity to this latter, I am privileged, but generally speaking it seems that non-white French ppl tend to be treated and perceived as "second rank citizens".

What does being attached means to you?

Having a feeling of belonging to a certain place. Whether it is physically, emotionally or intellectually.

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I don't really feel attached to my city, I'm just used to it. When it comes to France, I am having a hard time figuring this out. Mostly because of the current social context and my experience. But I am attached to certain aspects of France e.g food, some landscapes and habits. Then, I haven't spent much time in Ivory Coast (only two months when I was 10). Therefore my attachment to it is different to the one that I have to France. To some extent, the only experience that I had of the Ivorian society, was through my family, friends and other Ivorians. (But also the news, my readings and researches). Still, I have a deep affection for Ivory Coast. I was never given the feeling that I wasn't Ivorian (though I was perceived as white, and French there).

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

I live in Seine-et-Marne, so I would probably say "it's near Disneyland". Then I would tell them about the mall and variety of shops, Burger King and good kebab spots. I would tell them about the lakes and parks. My city is quite versatile, you can have a nice time here if you're staying at a hotel during a trip in France. Plus, you can go pretty much anywhere if you live here. I actually might be attached to it.

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

Well, when I attended a few classes in Paris, I saw myself as the "country girl" (and I was the only black person in the entire class). I felt like I didn't belong there. It wasn't specific to my city, but rather to the fact that I was non-Parisian and black. They all knew each other, and had specific norms. I also attended a private (and predominantly white) secondary school/high school. There, my city didn't impact the way that I perceived myself, but it impacted the way my classmates did. I came from a public school in a popular neighbourhood -in which I lived- so some of them perceived me as less capable, and poor. In high school, I moved twice (each time in popular areas of my city) and sometimes I would feel ashamed to say where I lived. Because when I talked about my city, they would instantly mention the bad reputation that my neighbourhood had. Growing up, I stopped feeling that way about my neighbourhood, it's part of my story, of who I am. Though no one knows me in my city/neighbourhood besides my friends. I remember meeting someone at a party in a city that was miles away from mine. It turns out that we were from the same city but the first thing they said was : " How come have I never seen you ???"
Our city is quite populated (over 23k ppl) but it's just that I never go out (and didn't go to school there).

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Tough question !!! People generally say that I'm kind and curious, well-rounded, that I am an extrovert or an introvert (depending on who's describing me I guess). They sometimes tell me that I'm funny or pretty (but I would not use those to describe myself).

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

I would recommend them the beauty supply store near the train station bc the owner is really nice. But since it's a bit overpriced, I would also tell them about the one in the next city. I would also offer them the address of some good dermatologists, doctors and therapists in the vicinity.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

I'm not sure that I understood the question (is it generally speaking or in the context of my city ?). But I don't think that being socially aware and deconstructing the way that race impacts our experiences and access to resources in our society is negative at all. I consider race on a daily basis.

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Yes, I heard of it quite recently while reading an article. I'm still a bit unfamiliar with this notion and its implications . I've heard it in a British context . But I think that it could be useful to consider the specificity of afrodescendants' experiences in Europe. I think that I could use it after doing more research on the subject.

What is a community for you ?

As far as I am concerned, a community is a group of people to which you feel related. The members of this group generally share common characteristics, a common history, a common culture...

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

So far, I am quite okay with this consideration as long as we acknowledge the individuality of each black person. Although I noticed that for instance black women in France could share similar concerns and experiences with BW from the UK or the USA, some specificities remained. There are some situations where one can't fully relate to another's experience. Especially if we decentralise the discussion from the Western area. For instance I don't know if generally speaking, African Americans would have this sentiment of community towards someone from Africa. I think that we should still consider the impact of the "American culture" and the vision of the world that it conveys.

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

I would say yes, but on different levels depending on the chosen areas of the world. Considering certain aspects such as class makes the question hard to answer directly. It's even harder when it comes to other non-white compatriots because we share some aspects of the experience of not being the norm in the specific context of our country. However, we still have to consider certain power dynamics between non-white people and black people. We share some experiences as non-white compatriots, but one may feel closer to the experience of a black person from a different country than a non-black compatriot.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

Yes, those moments were mostly related to the fact that I am also a queer neuroatypical person. Some people of my city literally bullied a man out of his city because he was gay. This feeling was sometimes due to the confrontation between the way I had been socialised in secondary school/ high school and the socialization that I received previously or when I was with some friends of mine.

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

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French

What does being integrated means to you?

Don't get annoyed by people about it

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

I'm a French citizen

What does being attached means to you?

Take care or be part of

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I'm attached to the French philosophical background and everything which make French culture itself

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

Calm, Peaceful

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

Sure. There aren't a lot of black people here so I am visible. It's specific to every city except the biggest (Paris, Marseille, Lyon, Lille etc.) in France.

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Caring, Open-minded, adopted, smart.

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

There is a majority of white people here. Don't waist your time to explain your condition to people who can't hear you.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

Not a issue but something which conditioned reactions and behaviors of others around me first. Some of my reactions and behaviors later. I consider race every time I have to analyse a situation and that race could be a factor of a change of behavior.

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

It kind of represent how I feel about a part of my identity now.

What is a community for you ?

People whom cared for each others.

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

It's difficult to talk about one big community. The black community exists but around it there are a lot of smaller communities.

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

If we have something in common is the fact that we are part of a minority and the discriminations about it.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

Everyday, but it's not a bad thing. I have trouble to fit it. And as a black/Asian guy in France, fit in isn't really an option.

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

What is the purpose of that form ? It's really interesting and would have more infos about it later.

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Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

Mes parents sont nés à Brazzaville. Ma mère à la double nationalité parce que son grand-père était français par la colonisation.

What does being integrated means to you?

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

J'ai la nationalité française mais je ne me sens pas particulièrement française. Je suis une fille/femme puis je suis noire. Ma nationalité française n'est pas la première chose qui me vient en tête qd je pense à mon identité.

What does being attached means to you?

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

Ma mère ne m'a jamais appris (ou parlé) le lingala et je suis allé très peu de fois du coup ça été dure pour moi quand j'étais plus jeune de m'identifier en tant que Congolaise. Aujourd'hui c'est compliqué parce que je ne peux pas me mettre au même plan que les enfants congolais qui ont grandi en France.

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

Je vis à Saint-Ouen, donc je dirai que c'est la ville à 10 min de Paris, y'a pas grand chose à dire dessus.

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

J'ai grandi autour de gens ayant plein d'origines différentes et je pense que ça a joué un rôle dans ma vision des choses, de voir le monde. Avant l'université, je n'avais jamais été la seule noire ou personne non blanche dans une classe.

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Calme, Réfléchie, Curieuse.

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

Avant 2 ou 3 ans ce n'était pas vraiment qq chose auquel je pensais vraiment. Je suis partie à Prague pour voir de la famille et j'ai vu comment les gens me regardaient. Je pense que ça m'a vraiment marqué.

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Je n'ai jamais entendu parlé avant mais je devine ce que cela veut dire.

What is a community for you ?

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

Cela dépend des situations, des sujets. Il y a beaucoup de sujets où l'on est divisé. Entre hommes et femmes, plus clairs et plus foncés.

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

Je prendrai de l'exemple de mon premier semestre à Sciences po. J'ai beaucoup de points commun avec des personnes noirs d'autres pays mais également avec des Arabes de l'école. Avec les deux il y aura des choses qu'ils ne comprendront pas.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

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Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

How old are you ?

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Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

born and raised in guadeloupe. nationality :French

What does being integrated means to you?

To me It means beign accepted as you are with you cultural background. But the word is not used this way. In France it means to be assimilated.

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

I'm french by the history, AND guadeloupean by choice, because I'm for our independence.

What does being attached means to you?

It means to belong somewhere, not necessarily where you were born.

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I feel more attached to guadeloupe than to France. I hope I won't die in Europe. But in some way I like the french town where I live because it's been a long time since I arrived and (not really) decided to stay. I feel part of the town, but on the mean time I kind of reject it becau it was a slave trade harbour. So this place will never really be my home. On the contrary, although I've learned to kid of hate my birth place, beIN far from guadeloupe got me to wanting to learn more about my country's history and culture. It started when i saw that I was forgetting creole vocabulary...

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

Nice city with lots of cultural stuff to do. Kind of bougie. Once was a main slave trade place.

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

The city I come from is not the city I live in now. I was born and raised in guadeloupe. I mostly lived in the econic capital in a very poor neighborhood. I consider myself being kind of an outcast, mostly because even though sharing social condition with the people, we were judged and rejected by most people because of our disability. The town is not disabled-friendly at all. Being there is kind of a challenge. And I see myself as being a Challenger... So yes the city somehow built my vision of myself

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Kind, involved, concerned, combative, curious

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

To the person coming to live in the city I live in today : learn about the history and meet other black person.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

Yes it's an issue. I consider it almost every day.

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

I know the word but I'm not afropean because I was born and raised in the Caribbean even though I've been living in Europe for almost 20-years now.

What is a community for you ?

Community is based on culture, language, history, and the conciousness of common interests.

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

There is a black community but also multiple ones, because of the places we come from, the languages etc. Sometimes we have common interests but sometimes those interest differ from each other

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

Not necessarily more, not always, but on some topics they will have more in common because of our specific history and because we all have been marked by European colonialism and slave trade. It's the same with other non whites, but because of the slave trade question, sometimes black people are alone versus the world.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

Almost all the time, no matter in wich city/country because I am caribbean living in Europe and a black, fat disabled woman... In the Caribbean also I'm not exactly the typical Caribbean girl because of my tastes and attitude.

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

No. I'm ok.

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Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

How old are you ?

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Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

Born and raised in Mauritania, Both mauritania and French

What does being integrated means to you?

Being fully accepted as one where i live

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

none

What does being attached means to you?

It means that i like that thing, i want that growth

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

Neither

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

It is small town surrounded by forest and farm

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

I moved so often that none has a huge impact on me

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

I'm kind, unique, a world-citizen ,a lover of american football and psychology

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

Don't come

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

Yes there is a isse here, i'm thinking about one or twice a day

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Yes, and i think that is not about me , i hope one day that will be change but i'm thinking that afropean is linked to spirituality and i'm not spiritual

What is a community for you ?

A group of people who shared some experience (history), some value and a goal

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

I'm not clear if we are part of , or we are excluded from and we are only a community form ourself

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

Yeah , i'm agree with the first part of the question i'm sharing more with a black people that anyone else (except form my family :))

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

About everyday, when i have to look about a job , a stage. Even when i have to date someone, to talk with or to debate with someone

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

Pourquoi les question sont en anglais ?

Pourquoi il y a pas un lien en Français

Du coup j'ai répondu en anglais

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Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

How old are you ?

22

Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

Ivory coast

What does being integrated means to you?

Nothing

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

French. I feel like I am but too many people denies it

What does being attached means to you?

Regret it when you're going somewhere else

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I feel like I'm attached to them too because I think it's explain a lot of who I am and I frequently think about some habits from them and I feel like I need to know them better to understand better who I am and who my parents and my sister are.

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

It's cosy even if we have the worst train of Île-de-France

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

Yes, a lot because that's where I saw the inequalities they were in France and links between racism, poverty and colonization

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Dark skinned, handicapped, strong, sensitive

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

Please, don't catch the attention of the police and don't think other black people are not, they are not

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

Yes. Daily, I think

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

I think I'm afropean but this term also disturb me because I think there not really a European identity also

What is a community for you ?

Somewhere where you are related to other people in some ways and share some things with them

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

There is no unique black community

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

Depends on the country and if they really considered themselves as black, but I would say yes. In white country, can have some things in common that we develop to survive but they can also be negrophobic so there is a limit to it

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

Yes, all the moments I didn't feel represented, all the moment people find me ugly because I'm black and dark skinned, all the moments people were racist towards me, etc

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

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Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

How old are you ?

20 ans

Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

Cameroun

What does being integrated means to you?

Ça veut dire se sentir à l'aise dans l'environnement où tu es sans avoir à te soucier d'un quelconque facteur extérieur ou intérieur

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

Française et camerounaise

What does being attached means to you?

Que tu as un fort lien avec le pays

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

Je me sens à l'aise dans les deux mais je me sens moins attaché à la culture de mes grands-parents parce que je n'y ai jamais vécu même si j'ai déjà visité

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

C'est difficile mais le Cameroun est un pays qui a un fort potentiel et qui manque clairement d'infrastructure à cause des politiques mais c'est un pays riche et diversifié en terme de zones géographiques, de cultures, de traditions, de nourritures, de populations, de langues...

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

Je pense que la ville d'ou Je viens n'a pas joué un rôle majeur sur ma personnalité mais c'est plutôt les rencontres, la ville d'ou Je viens m'a juste faire ouvrir les yeux sur les opportunités que je peux avoir, la manière dont certaines personnes pensent et l'ouverture d'esprit que je dois avoir

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Positive, ouverte d'esprit, souriante, extravertie, bienveillante

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

Que c'est pas facile parfois mais que faut tenir le coup, l'eldorado de la France parfaite remplie d'opportunités ou tout le monde va pouvoir t'aider c'est un mythe si tu veux quelque chose prends le et bats toi personne va t'aider et encore moins les français donne toi les moyens de parvenir à tes fins sans avoir de regrets et surtout si tu vois ton frère ou ta sœur aident les

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

Il y a beaucoup de racisme en France même si personne le dit moi je l'ai peut être vécue indirectement sans le savoir mais c'est quelque chose dont il faut être conscient

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Jamais entendu parlé mais pourquoi pas

What is a community for you ?

C'est un groupe soudé dans lequel on peut trouvé du soutien des réponses à nos questions et surtout une famille parfois

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

Hmm ça dépend parce qu'il y a beaucoup de jalousie Infondé entre nous donc ce serait hypocrite de mettre tout le monde dans le même sac

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

Je sais pas pour moi y a pleins de facteurs à prendre en compte

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

Par rapport à mes cheveux au lycée

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

Non

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Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

How old are you ?

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Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

My mother was born in Senegal and my dad in Guinea. For me they have a double nationality (France + the country where they were born)

What does being integrated means to you?

I think it's a shitty word to describe someone who was born in another country

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

French and Guinean. I was born and raised in France but when I left Paris to live in Senegal, i began to realize that i don't really liked living in france

What does being attached means to you?

Idk

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I feel really connected to both country especially Senegal since i've lived there for 4 years. I really love Guinea too, i often go there during the holidays. Even the thought of those two countries bring tears of joy. However being in france kinda makes me miserable sometimes

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

Paris is a nice place, with a lot to visit but that's pretty much it

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

Since i've lived in 2 countries i'm gonna do it for both

When i'm in paris, i've always have to be neat from head to toe, especially since i live in the 16th arrondissement. I'm not myself

When i'm in dakar, i don't need to pretend, everything is so simple

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Kind, caring, nervous

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

It might seem weird but always have at least one black friend who you're close with
Be yourself

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

It is an issue for me, as long as white will be the standard for everything it'll be an issue.
Everyday

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Yes i've heard of it. I don't really know much about this word so idk what to think of it

What is a community for you ?

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We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

Not at all

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

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Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

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Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

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Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

How old are you ?

21

Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

In Congo so congolese both of them

What does being integrated means to you?

It means being able to live in a community despite our differences

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

I consider myself french because majority of my education was based on french values

What does being attached means to you?

It means having a deep meaningful connection to something or someone

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I am very attached to my city in France because a lot of the things that I know I learned it here but I'm also attached to the home country of my parents because part of my family lives there

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

It's a nice quiet city, very diverse, it has an interesting history and architecture.

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

I think in the way that I was quickly integrated it played a huge role but I don't think it's specific to my city.

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Shy, understanding, goofy and loving

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

Come and enjoy freely because the people here will treat you kindly like any other human being

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

It is and I consider it basically every other day when I have to go somewhere that's not within my city I am self-conscious about the color of my skin

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Yes I think it could apply to a large group of people including me.

What is a community for you ?

A group of people that share the same values or the same experiences

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

It's fair to consider it like that because black people all over the world have more or less the same culture (ex: soul food, wax prints)

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

It's more likely yes and they would also have more in common than their non-white compatriots

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

In primary school I was the only darkskin in my class and I was severely sick so kids in my class pointed out that I was a "hospital child"

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

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Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

How old are you ?

21 years old

Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

Both were born in France. My father is french and my mother is spanish and french with ashkénaze background

What does being integrated means to you?

I don't really like the concept of integration. You're integrated when you live in a country, are a part of its economical and social system, work in this country, go to school etc.

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

I consider myself as french and spanish person because I grew up into spanish culture. With people of my generation there' s no problem, as a white person no one questions my nationality, but with some elderly I can feel contempt because Spain has a different image at their time

What does being attached means to you?

It's when you have root in a place or with people

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I don't feel attached to my city because I move 3 times but I can say I'm attached to my department (91) because my family lives here since we came in France. I don't know how attached I fell toward France because some days I'm quite proud and happy to live in not such a bad country but as a muslim woman who wears hijab and who gets through discriminations very often, this country upset me so much and some days I just want to leave it. I have a very different relationship with Spain because we all grew up with the hope of going back to it. I can be very critical but still love this country

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

My current city? I would describe it as a boring bourgeois/ middle class city of the suburbs of Paris. I would recommend to go to Paris because it's a beautiful and historical city

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

I grew up in another boring suburb city but it was a city with a lot of social and ethical diversity so it makes me think about social and racial issues in France. I don't think it's specific to this city because a lot of other cities in the suburbs of Paris are quite similar but this one has a very clear social and ethical repartition but at school we were all together

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

I would describe myself as a french and spanish muslim woman. Also as an activist and an history student

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

I would present him/her to the only muslim families of my city even if he or she isn't muslim because it exist as a "network of support" between us in this hostile environment (lol) and it could help. I would also say to this person to don't care about gossips.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

It already was an issues before I became muslim because it was a justice issue, but since I wear the hijab (5 years ago) I am not seen as a white person anymore but often as a North African woman. Racist insults and policies affect me and race questions became a daily issue

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Yes, I don't think I am legitimate to have a particular idea about a racial concept which isn't about me, but if black peoples recognise themselves in the concept, I am happy fot them

What is a community for you ?

Huge question! It can be people you feel attached to, people who has something in common with you. It also can be an essentialist concept to make all people with the same characteristics for responsible for the action of one them

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

Well, I don't know it can be helpful to create an important community and support network but it can also erase all the differences between all the members of this community

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

I really don't know, the country where you live influences you a lot but I don't know which community you can feel clother to.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

Yes, I feel very different from the other people of my city because we have different social class, culture and religion. They don't like me and and don't like them too. As a person from the suburbs I feel different from parisian people, I don't know people with rural background but I believe we haven't many things in common

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

No thank you!

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Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

How old are you ?

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Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

My parents were both born and raised in Ivory Coast. At 18 they both went to South of France (close to their French families) to study. My dad was born French, my mother was naturalized French when she was a kid because of her dad's work). I consider them French, they consider themselves French : they were born and raised in IC, but went to french schools and were raised close to the french community in IC.

What does being integrated means to you?

Feeling welcomed within the country you live in, and comfortable reclaiming its culture.

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

French. I feel legit, even though some people may consider me less french because of my ethnicity.

What does being attached means to you?

To relate to something/someone in an emotional, intimate way.

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I feel very attached to my city because I've always lived there : it's where I feel comfortable, where I know the codes. I feel attached to it in an intimate and direct way. But I also do feel attached to IC, especially through the cultural heritage my parents and grand parents gave me.

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

I have no idea, I would probably describe the touristic places and then my fav places.

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

Obviously it shaped me, I've lived next to Paris all of my life, but I was born in the South. So I think I've been influenced by the elistic way parisian sees themselves, but at the same time, as I go really often to see my family outside of France or in the South of France, I am aware of it.

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

Discreet, loyal, people think I'm mean sometimes when they don't know me but I'm actually nice.

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

To not be embarassed if they do not have the "codes" of the parisians, don't be ashamed of not being hype, don't try to act like you're white.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

Yes and no. I consider it because it interests me so I research onto it. And I'm also forced to consider it now and then when I do notice daily racism.

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Yes, I think it's legit to designate my condition

What is a community for you ?

A social group you choose to take part in because of common political belief

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

I do not agree with the idea of a naturally existing black community. For me a community has to be socially construct.

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

Depends. I don't think there's one universal answer. Obviously they both touched by the racist organization of society, but to say they have more in common together than with a white person hides others oppressions. I think thinking in termes of who is more alike is a mistake and we should prefer an intersectional way of approaching things.

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

Of course, when I'm in a room full of people who do know suffer the same oppressions I do and are not aware they're privileged.

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

Good luck sis

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Yourself in perspective:

Small questions about you, your city and identity.

How old are you ?

21

Where were your parents born and raised ? What nationality do you consider them to have?

My dad is from Kinshasa. He is Congolese. My mom is from La tour du pin. She is French

What does being integrated means to you?

Respecting the mores and traditions of the country I go to. Don't try to change it and respect the locals.

What nationality do you consider to have and how do you feel about yourself as being a citizen of France?

I consider myself Congolese and French. I'm very proud to be a citizen of France.

What does being attached means to you?

It means to not let go, and to keep within yourself.

How attached do you feel toward you city, your country or the home country of your parents/grandparents ? Can you compare it?

I don't feel attached towards my city because I've moved a lot.

I feel very attached towards France because that's where I grew up.

I don't feel very attached towards Congo because it's not the country that helped me build who I am today.

If you had to describe your city to a tourist, how would you describe it?

Beautiful, architecturally interesting, kind locals.

What kind of role do you think the city you come from played in the way how you see yourself? Do you think it was specific to that city?

I don't think the city played a major role on who I am today.

How would you describe yourself to another person? (with adjectives)

French, Kind, Caring, Helping.

What advice would you give to another black person coming to live in your city ?

Find a work, meet some friends, don't get communitarized, help people and god will give back.

Do you think the race question is an issue for you? How often do you consider race?

I don't consider race an issue since race doesn't exist. I never consider race, I only consider people I meet as human beings.

Have you ever heard of the word Afropean? What do you think of it, would you use it in relation to you ?

Never heard of it.

I don't care about it, I consider myself French.

No I wouldn't.

What is a community for you ?

A group of people in a relatively small area.

We often consider black people as part of a big community, what is your opinion on that?

This is bullsh*t. Congolese has nothing to do with Kenyan for exemple. We only share the same skin color. We do not have the same history ect ect.

We are not a community, we shouldn't sey us appart in this so called "community" then expect us to be accepted by everyone.

Would you say that two black persons from different countries have more in common with each other than they have with their white compatriots? What about other non-white compatriots?

No they have nothing more in common, if we live in the same country we are all citizen of thid country. White, black, Asian, Idian....

Do you have examples of moments where you felt different from other people in your city/country?

No I do not because I don't consider myself different, and my friend (white or not) neither.

Is there something you would like to add or discuss ?

This survey is so biased, you're trying to create conflict between Black and White people instead of living together. Stop describing yourself as Black, none of my white friends describe themselves as white. This shit is stupid, that's just a level of melanin, no who you are.

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