

## The Other Trans

I'm a yogurt raisin. White on the outside. Black on the inside. If you love blacks, love me! If you hate blacks, hate me! I long for a tattoo: black, full-body and solid. I'm not transgender. I'm transracial. The other trans! I'm a black man trapped in a white man's body. I let my true color shine.

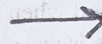
The book to read is: "In Full Color: Finding My Place in a Black and White World" by Rachel Dolezal. The article to read is: "In Defense of Transracialism" by Rebecca Tuvel, in Hypatia journal's Spring 2017 issue.

After attending just one service of the black muslim group, The Moorish Science Temple, a member hit me in the back of my head with a padlock in a sock, requiring six stitches.

I asked Pamela MacEarchen, Deputy Superintendent of Operations: "How do I correct a mistake on my I.D. card?" She replied: "What's the mistake?" I said: "Under 'Race' they put 'W', so I corrected it to 'B', as I'm black." She said: "You can't do that!" I said: "Then how do I get it changed?" She said: "I don't know."

I have Race Identity Disorder and Race Dysphoria. It is unbearable for me to continue passing for white.

I filed a grievance, stating: "A correction needs to be made on my I.D. card. This is the Department of Correction. Under 'Race' there is a 'W'. That is a mistake. There should be a 'B'. I requested a race test from medical. They replied that there is no such test. Therefore you cannot prove that I am not black. I asked the Deputy Superintendent how to get my race changed. Her reply? 'I don't know.' I am a victim of racial discrimination." Under "Remedy Requested" I wrote: "Please issue me a new I.D. card with 'B' under 'Race.'" The decision? "Your grievance has been denied. Please be advised that the Grievance office has not authority to update your Identification Card."





So I wrote the American Civil Liberties Union. They are:  
"not in a position to provide the assistance you request."

So, who is? I seek advice on how to proceed.

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