Abstract: Is the experience of being a STEM major different for people of different races and genders? Approximately 120 STEM seniors of diverse gender and race, were asked these questions in an interview study. Results indicate that white men are largely unaware of any impact of race or gender. In contrast African American women overwhelmingly report, consistent with a significant body of research, that both race and gender have an impact. The most common categories of impact identified were related to being one of the few of their demographic. Cultural assumptions about the superiority of whites and men were also commonly mentioned. This talk will summarize this study along with its implications and discuss future directions.

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