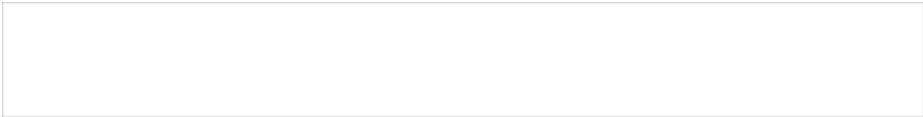


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#1 (permalink)

frocher

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The Illusion of Sex.

The illusion of sex Best Visual Illusion of the Year Contest

Quote:

In the Illusion of Sex, two faces are perceived as male and female. However, both faces are actually versions of the same androgynous face. One face was created by increasing the contrast of the androgynous face, while the other face was created by decreasing the contrast. The face with more contrast is perceived as female, while the face with less contrast is perceived as male. The Illusion of Sex demonstrates that contrast is an important cue for perceiving the sex of a face, with greater contrast appearing feminine, and lesser contrast appearing masculine.

It's an interesting look at how we perceive gender. Faces with more contrast are feminine, less contrast masculine. Do you think that is why we love makeup, hair dyes, nail colors, etc. Because we are subconsciously trying to increase the contrast?

You know the difference between involvement and commitment don't you? In a meal of bacon and eggs, the chicken is involved, the pig is committed. -Pratt

QUOTE

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#2 (permalink)

Tahti

Specktra Senior
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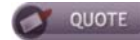
Join Date: Sep 2007
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Re: The Illusion of Sex.

That's awesome, I was just thinking about this recently!
What actually makes a face masculine or feminine? Typical 'feminine' traits such as high cheekbones and full lips can look just as lovely on men, and appear masculine on them. Similarly strong jaws or heavy eyebrows can look beautiful on women. If you got rid of hair/makeup/whatever on a man and a woman, possibly siblings who have similar faces, I'm sure there wouldn't be much difference at all..

"I spend my cash on looking flash and grabbing your attention!" :D
 Porcelain princesses FTW!

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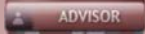
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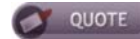


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Re: The Illusion of Sex.

In his research, not only were faces with more contrast found to be thought of as more feminine, they were also thought of as more attractive, regardless of gender. It's interesting, I'd like to read more on the subject.

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Yesterday, 08:40 PM

#4 (permalink)

X4biddexLustX



Specktra Senior
Valued Member



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iTrader: (3)
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Thanked 391 Times in 286 Posts

Re: The Illusion of Sex.

I thought this was neat. So I guess when we do contouring and highlight we're manipulating our features for a more feminine look? If that makes any sense?

Don't do MAC?! "Bitch you NEED to get some MAC into your life."



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Yesterday, 10:00 PM

#5 (permalink)

tremorviolet

Specktra Cub
Member



Join Date: Dec 2008
Location: Austin, TX
iTrader: (0)

Re: The Illusion of Sex.

I wonder how much of this is cultural. We're used to seeing women wearing make-up and so may be conditioned to view more contrast as more feminine. I also wonder what the results would be if the faces weren't presented side by side. Would you still pick the left one as the female if it were mixed in with a bunch of different photos?

Very interesting tho'; thanks for the post.



Thanks: 7
Thanked 21 Times in 14 Posts

QUOTE

Yesterday, 10:30 PM

#6 (permalink)

chocolategoddess



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Specktra Socialite



Join Date: Sep 2007
Location: Bay Area, California
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iTrader: (0)
 Thanks: 435
Thanked 2,049 Times in 698 Posts

Re: The Illusion of Sex.

Stuff like this is so interesting to me.
I don't know about everyone else, but I love playing up my masculine/ feminine features of my face with makeup, so you could be on to something.
We contour and highlight our cheeks to make them appear more prominent.
We arch our brows to make them look lifted.
We line and gloss our lips to make them fuller and defined.
We wear falsies and liner to enhance our eyes. All of this makes our faces look much more feminine if you think about it.

"I.... dropped the SCREEEW... in the TUNA!"



QUOTE

Today, 06:10 AM

#7 (permalink)

metal_romantic



Specktra Junior Member

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Re: The Illusion of Sex.

I thought they both looked female. 🙄



QUOTE

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