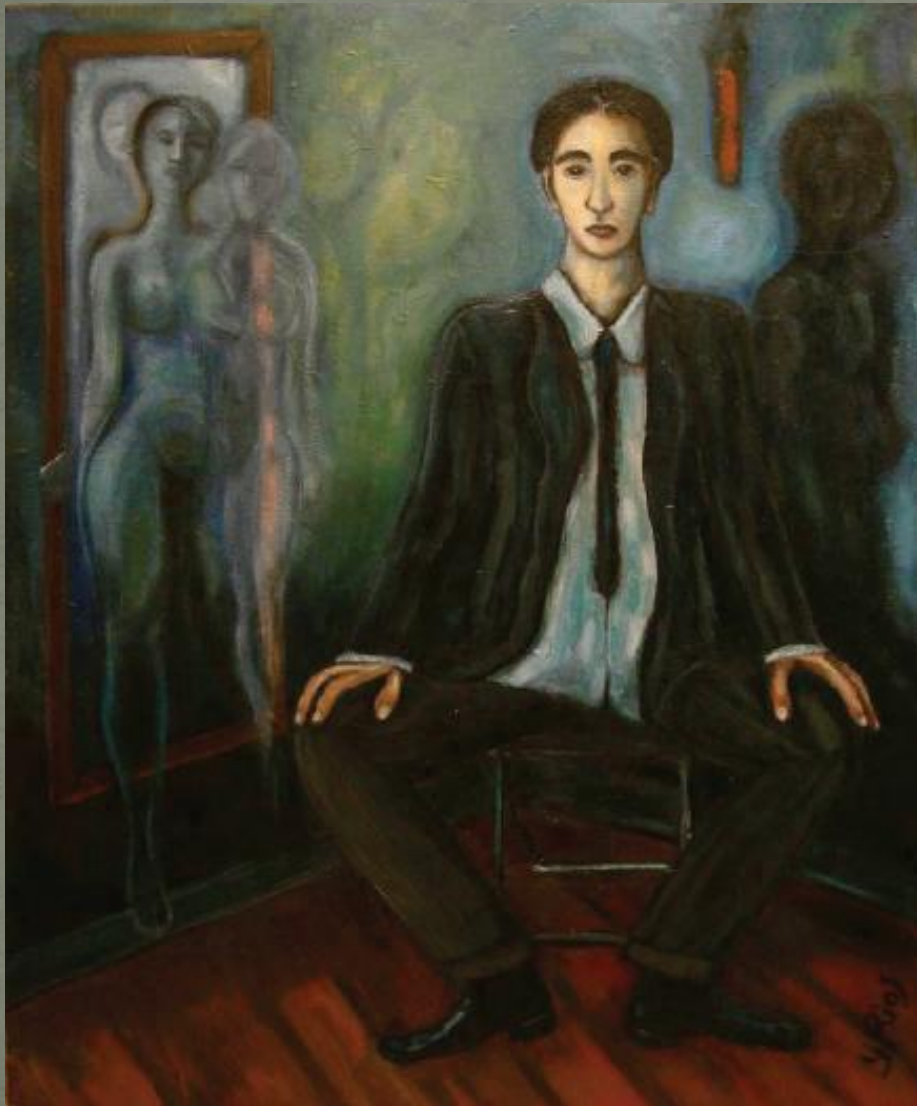


Beyond the Binary: The Lives of Transgender People





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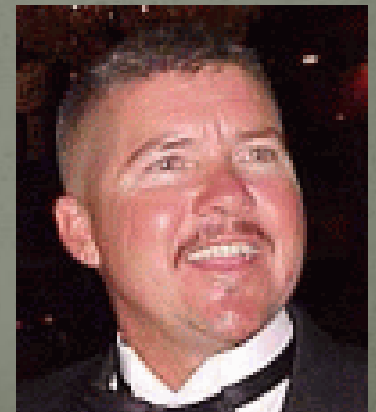
Focus today...

Developmental Milestones of Different Transgender Groups



Survey Participants

3,474 self-identified transgender people participated in an online survey

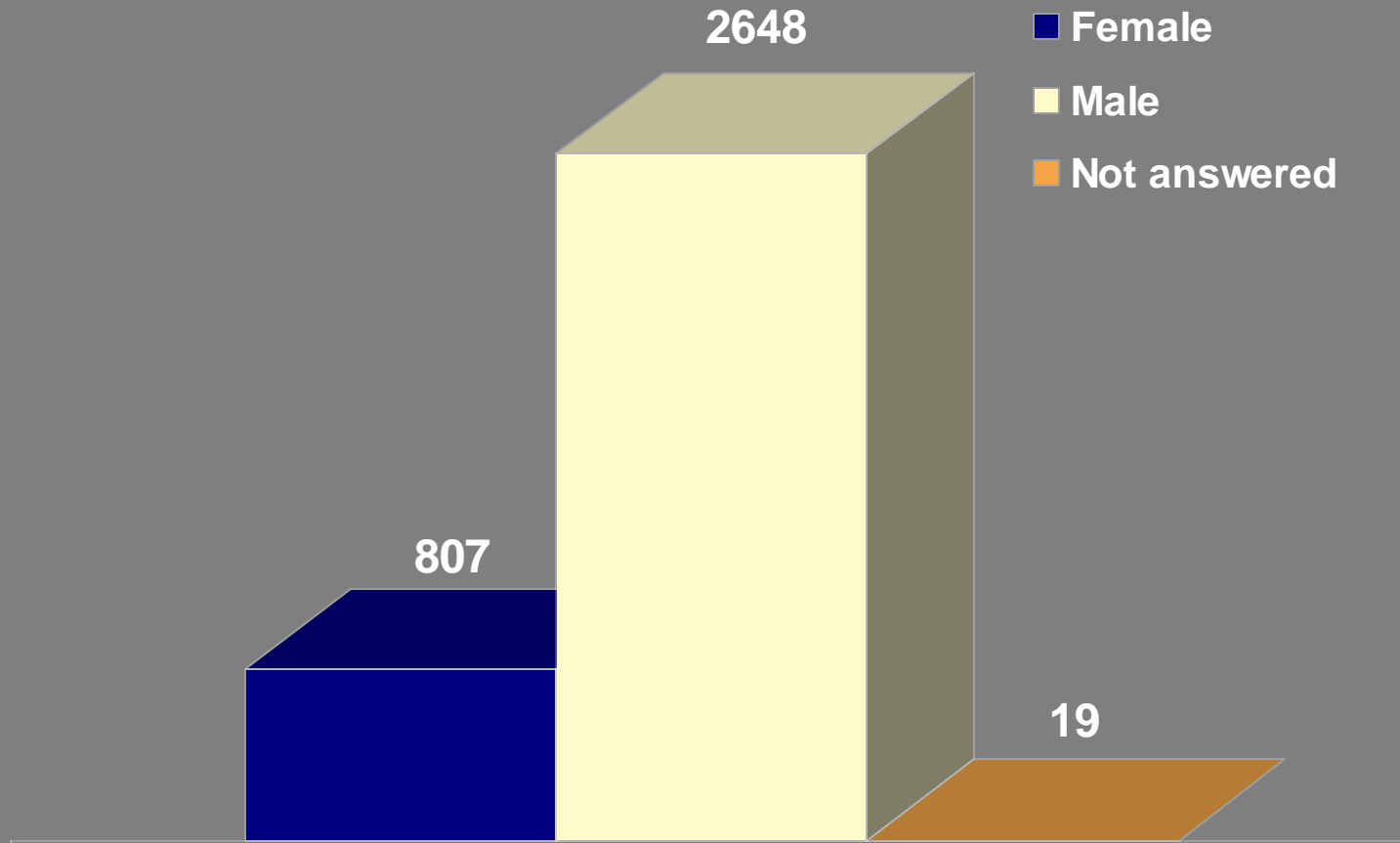




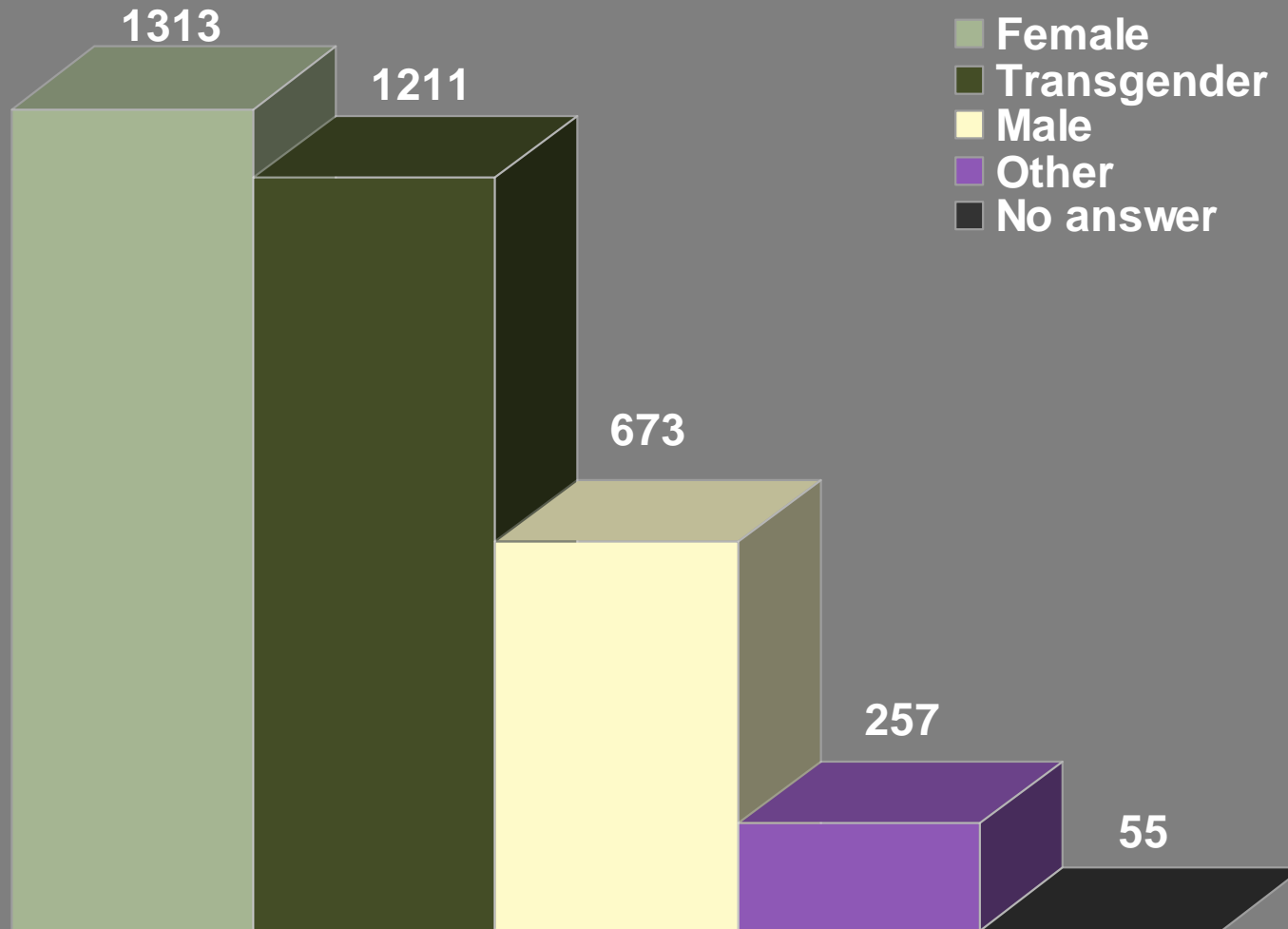
Demographics of the Sample



What was the gender assigned to you at birth?



What is your current gender identity?



Lesbian

“Troubling Terminology”

Intersex

Gay

Two-spirit

Pre-op

Tranny boy

Man loving men

Asexual

Bisexual

Butch

Cross dresser

Questioning

Same gender loving

Queer

Transgender

Boi



Gender Queer

Androgynous

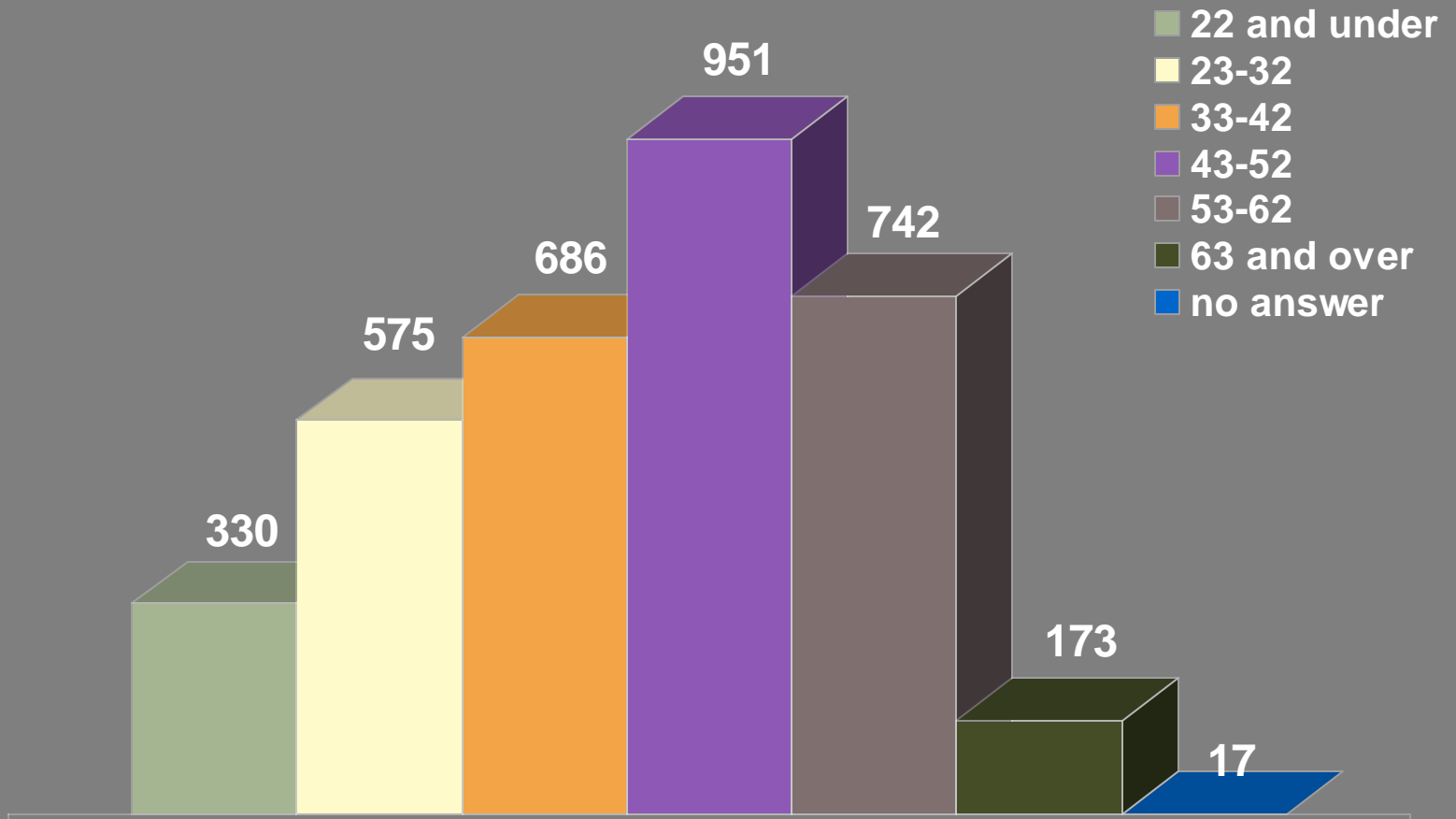
Bigender

Woman loving women

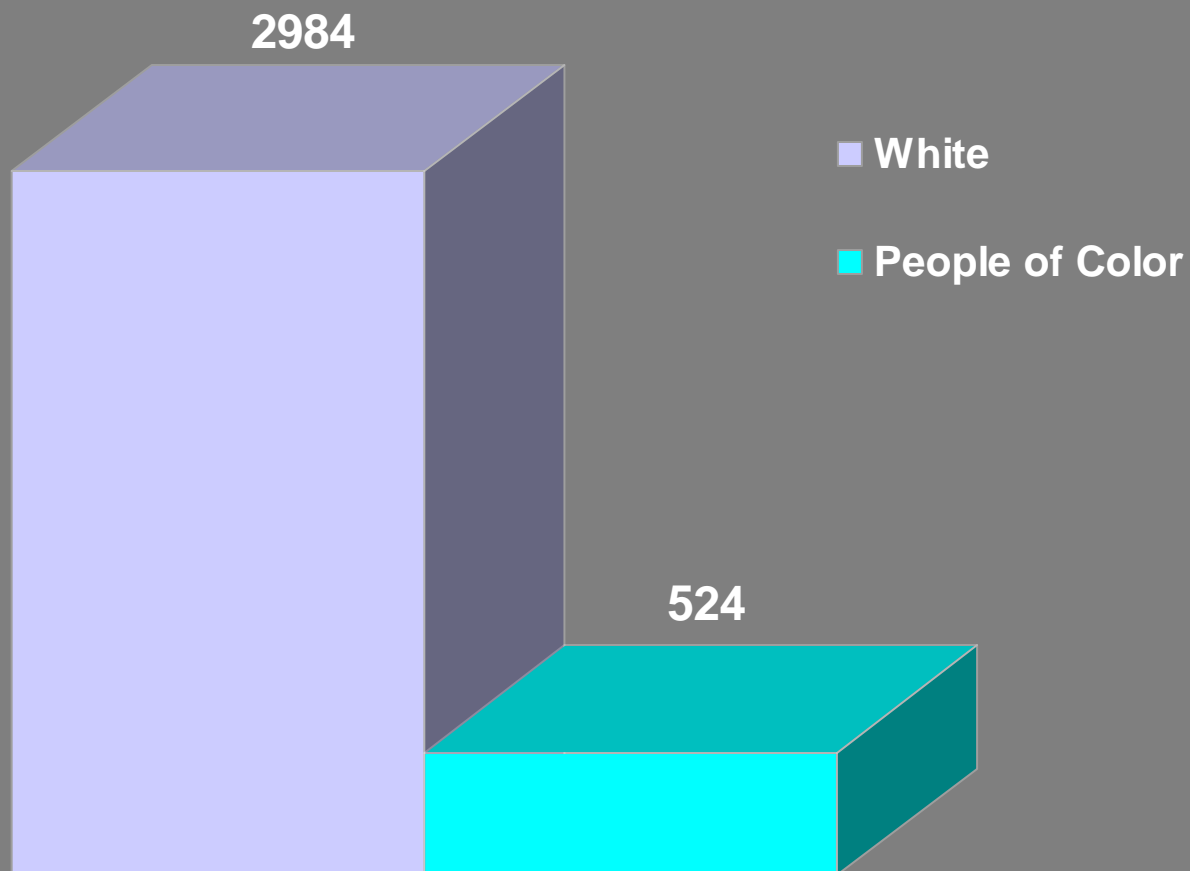
Man who loves men

Pansexual

What is your age (n)?

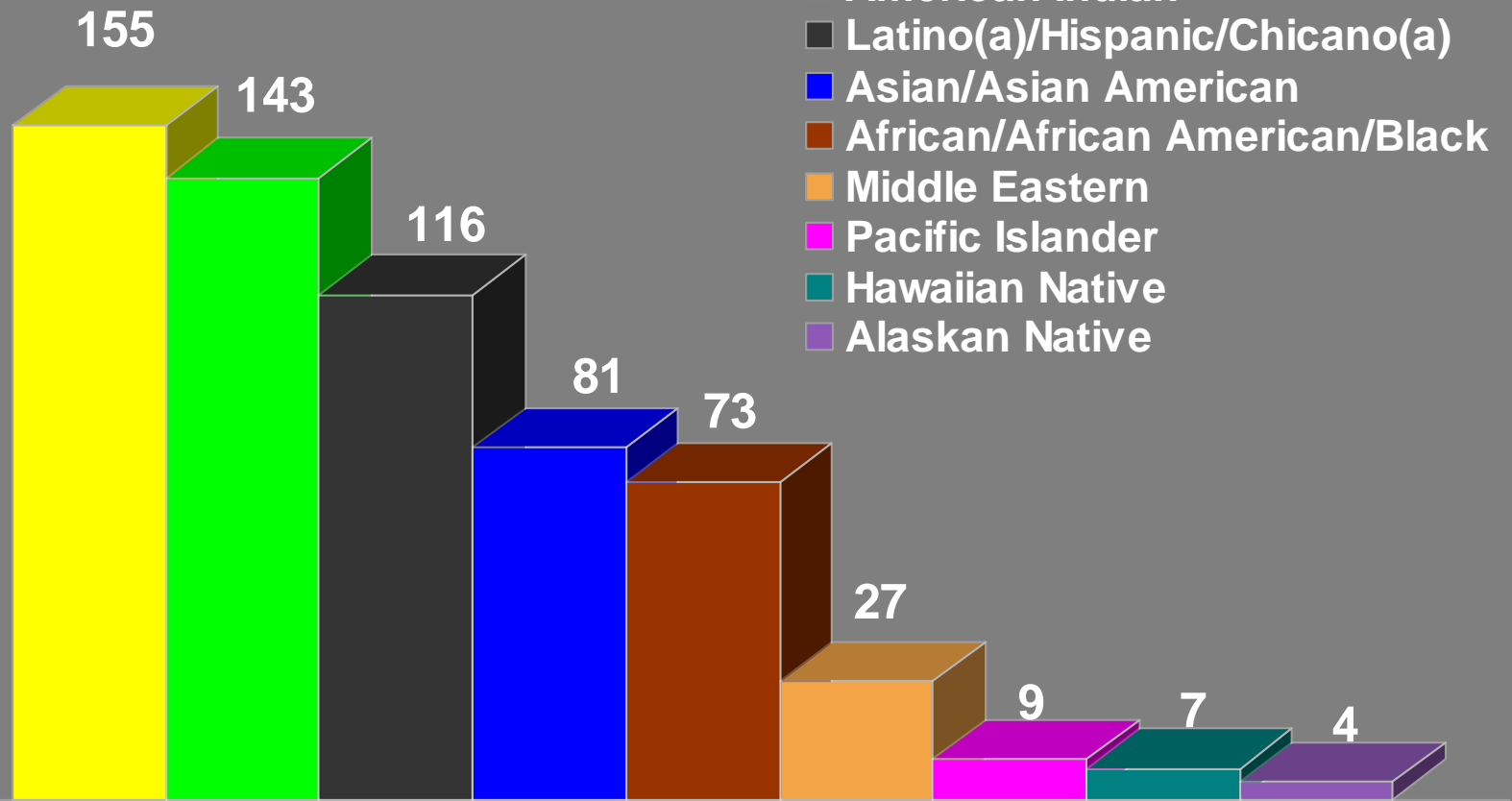


What is your race (n)?



People of Color (n)

- Other
- American Indian
- Latino(a)/Hispanic/Chicano(a)
- Asian/Asian American
- African/African American/Black
- Middle Eastern
- Pacific Islander
- Hawaiian Native
- Alaskan Native



Subsequent Interview Participants



301 people by email

109 by telephone

9 face-to-face

Age of the Phone Interviewees

Range 20-73, mean age of 45 years old

**Genderqueer/Transgender
(7%)**

- **Mean = 27 years old**

**Female-Presenting
Crossdressers, T-girls
(16%)**

- **Mean = 53 years old**

Age of the Phone Interviewees

**Women, MTFs,
Trans Women
(half of sample)**

- **Mean = 47 years old**

**Men, FTMs, Trans
Men (23%)**

- **Mean = 40 years old**

Milestone Similarities

Feeling gender different from a young age and seeking to express this difference through dress and behavior

Repressing or hiding these feelings in the face of hostility and/or isolation

Recognizing that there are transgender people

Getting to know about and know other transgender people

Milestone Similarities

Deciding on a
specific
identity

Overcoming
denial and
internalized
genderism to
accept oneself
as transgender

Having one's
presentation
match one's
identity

Deciding
whether/when
to tell others
and developing
new
relationships
after disclosure

Developing a
sense of
wholeness
within a
gender
normative
society

Did you know other trans people like yourself when you began to identify as transgender?

Yes: 98 (34%)

No: 193 (66%)

By age

18-22 years old: 69% yes

23-32 years old: 38% yes

33-42 years old: 35% yes

43-52 years old: 34% yes

53+ years old: 26% yes

Changing Nature of Body Modification Hormones

Female, MTF, Trans Woman (n = 60)

**Currently on
hormones**

• **48 (80%) 6+ years**

**Planning or about
to begin**

• **4 (7%)**

**No longer on
hormones**

• **1 (2%)**

**Never been on
hormones**

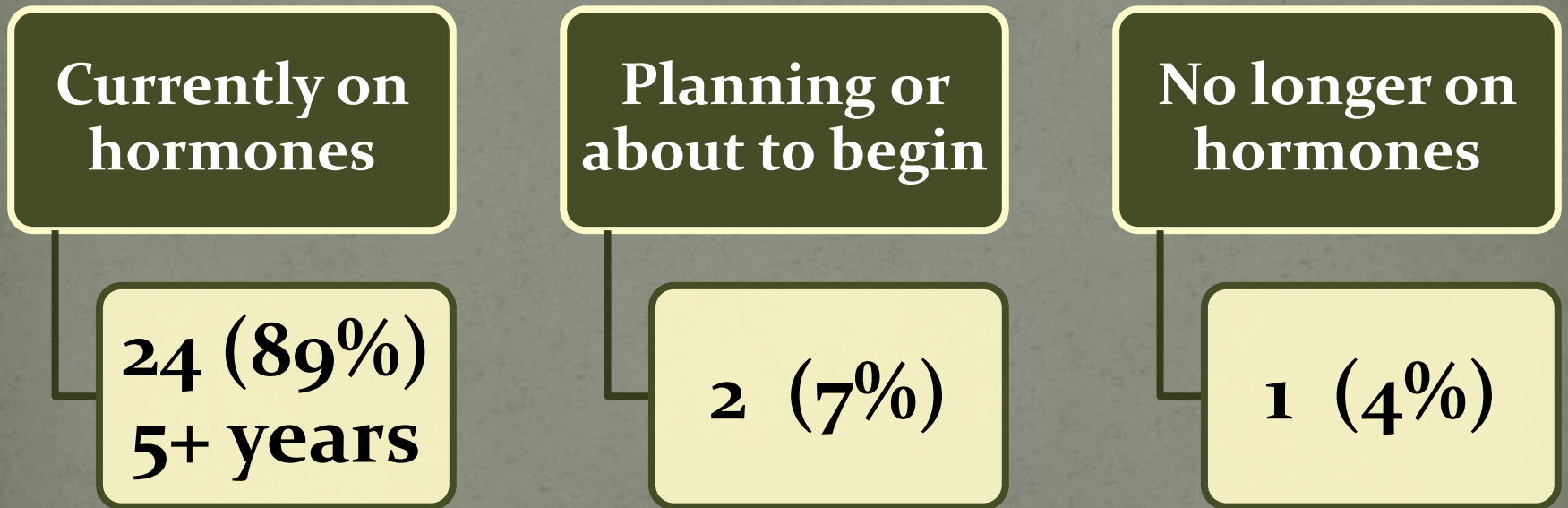
• **6 (10%)**

Considering

• **1 (2%)**

Changing Nature of Body Modification Hormones

Male, FTM, Trans Man (n = 27)



Changing Nature of Body Modification Surgery

Female, MTF, Trans Woman (n = 60)

Had complete GCS

• 14 (23%)

Had an orchiectomy

• 4 (7%)

Planning or hoping to have GRS

• 15 (25%)

Not actively considering surgery

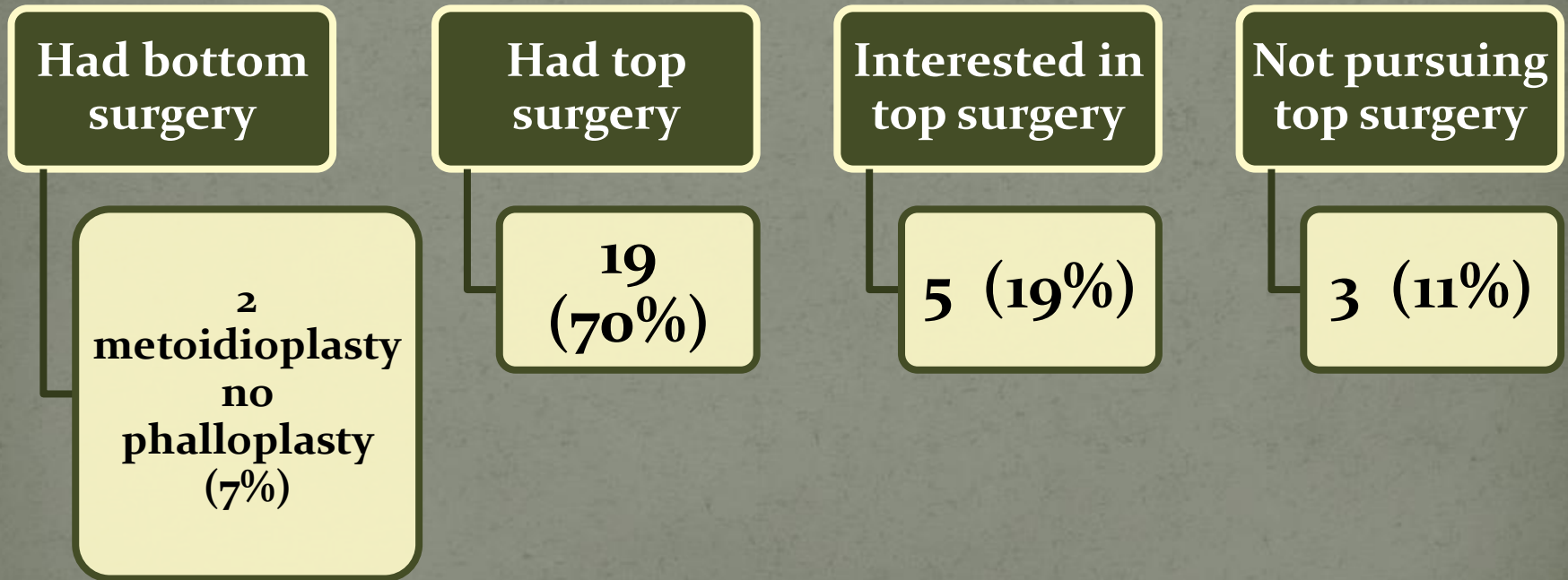
• 26 (43%)

Not sure

• 1 (2%)

Changing Nature of Body Modification Surgery

Male, FTM, Trans Man (n = 27)



Questions..?



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