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Suppose G is a finite group of automorphisms of a modular curve X . The modular forms of a given even weight associated to X form a complex representation of G . This talk concerns whether the character of this representation takes rational values. More generally, we consider G -covers $\pi : X \rightarrow Y = X/G$ of smooth projective curves over a field of characteristic 0. We determine geometric conditions on π which are equivalent to the statement that for every coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on Y , the trace function of the G -equivariant Euler characteristic of $\pi^*\mathcal{F}$ takes only rational values. (Received July 19, 2007)