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The problem of understanding base change for p -adic groups forces one to consider a certain generalization of base change for finite groups. I will give an introduction to base change, and give a partial description of this generalization. (Received August 05, 2008)