

SURVEY REPORT: EVALUATING RACISM IN THE TRNC

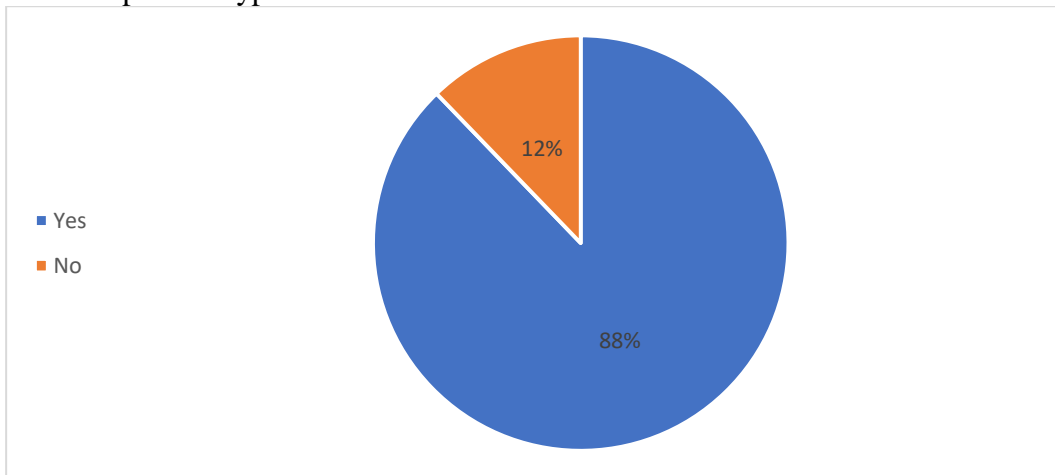
This is a summary report for a survey conducted by VOIS Cyprus in June, 2020 titled “Evaluating Racism in the TRNC”. The survey was conducted in response to the apparent need to highlight the existence of racism/racial discrimination in the northern part of Cyprus as part of the ongoing #BlackLivesMatter movement.

The survey was completed by 524 respondents and consisted of five multiple-choice questions and two open-ended questions – in which respondents were asked to suggest possible solutions to racism and recant some of their personal experiences.

The questions that were asked included the following:

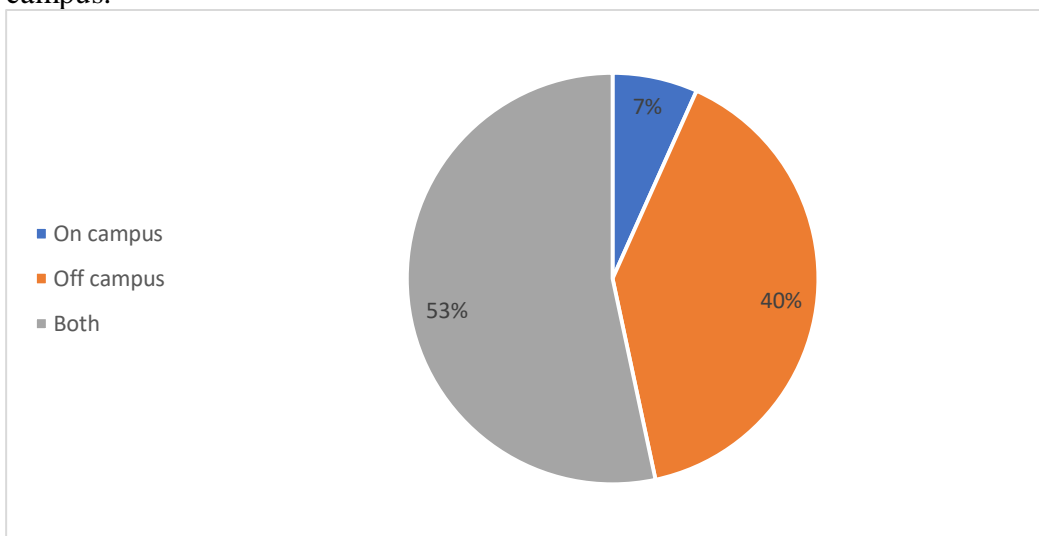
1. Have you ever been a victim of racial discrimination in the TRNC?

88% of respondents indicated that they had been victims of racism in the northern part of Cyprus.



2. Where did this occur?

While 7% and 40% indicated that this had occurred on campus and off campus, respectively, the majority (53%) said they had experienced racism both on and off campus.

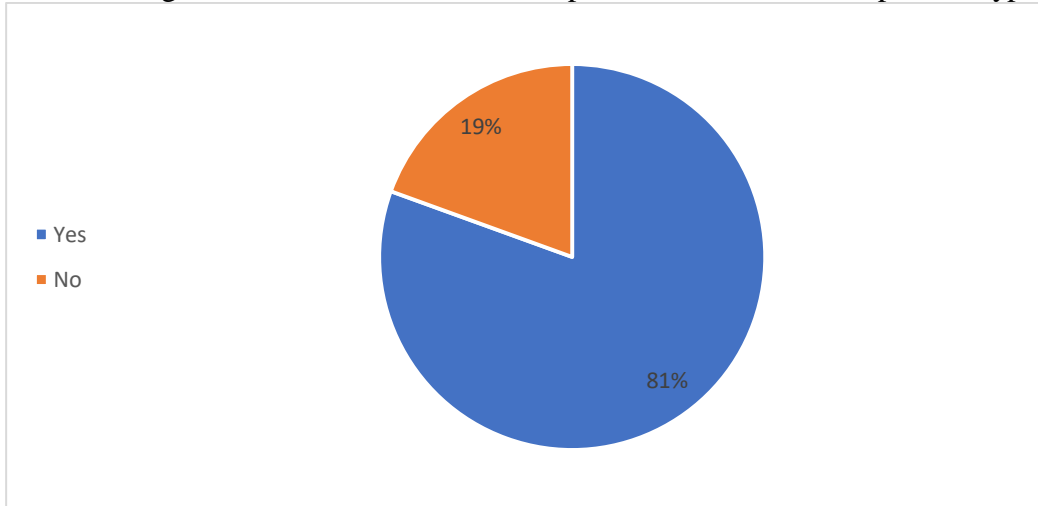


3. Who was the person that discriminated against you?

In terms of those responsible, responses were quite varied and included house owner (33.4%), restaurant/cafe/bar (35.2%), leisure places (26.6%), police officers (19.1%), and random strangers (57.3%).

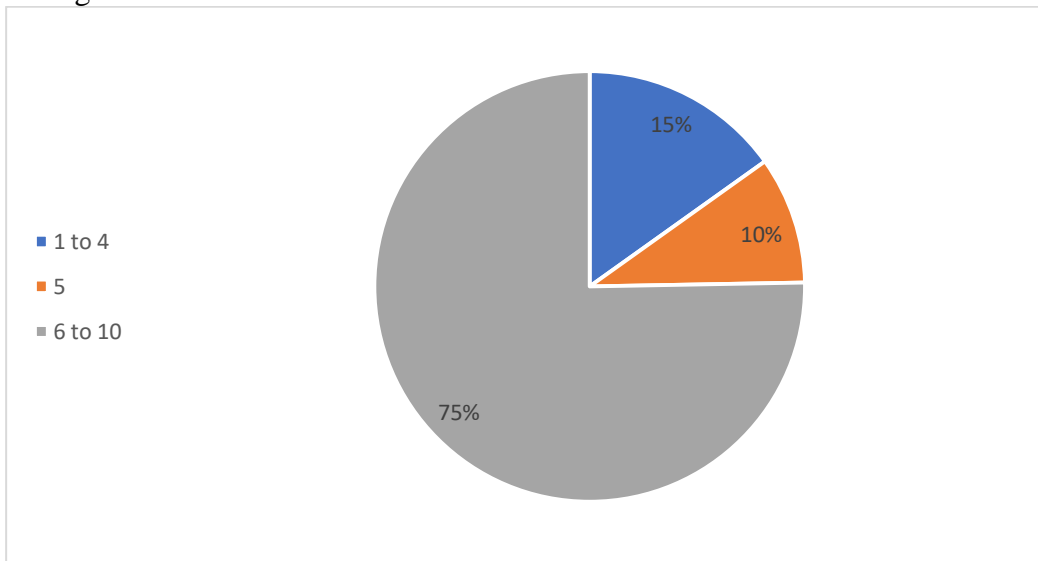
4. Do you think racism is a serious problem in the TRNC?

81% agreed that racism was a serious problem in the northern part of Cyprus.



5. On a scale of 1-10, how pervasive do you think racism is in the TRNC?

When asked to rate racism in the northern part of Cyprus on a scale of 1-10, the majority of respondents (75%) rated it between 6-10, with only 10% rating it an average 5 out of 10.



Summarily, the results of this survey provide evidence that racial discrimination is in fact prevalent in the northern part of Cyprus. More so, it appears not to be restricted to any on particular group of individuals or even outside the presumably 'safe' university environment.

Respondents' suggestions for tackling the issue majorly centred along two lines: educating locals on the negative impact of racism/encouraging dialogue between foreign students and locals, and instituting anti-discrimination laws both in university bye-laws and local laws.