

# Prejudice and Bigotry

New Brunswick Middle School  
Youth In Action

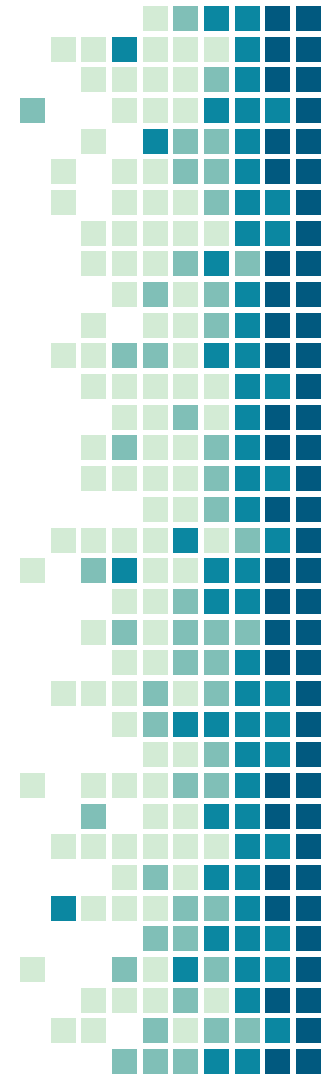


“Our vision is for people to live equally and have a peaceful life.”

*Mission: To help people end prejudice and bigotry by talking to community leaders, students, and making speeches.*

# Group Members

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# Group Ideas

-Original topic=Racism in the Community.

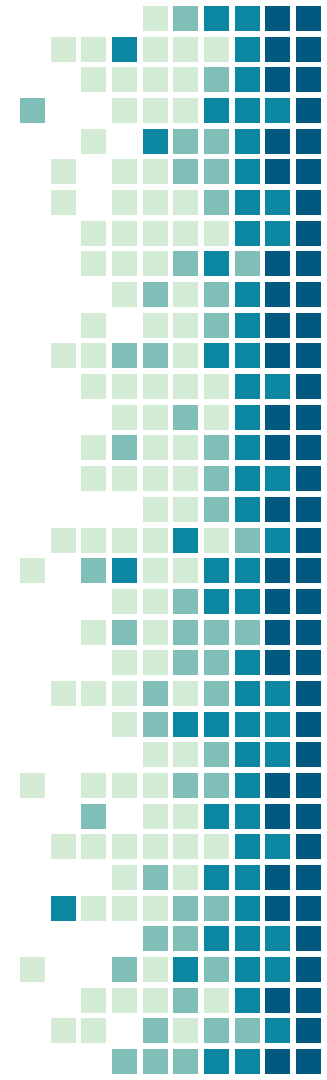
-Changed topic after group members brought up the issue of students calling bilingual students from South American countries "hicks."

"Hicks" = negative term used against people who don't speak English or who might be seen to not be very intelligent.



# Initial Questions

- Why/where do people experience prejudice/bigotry the most in the community?
- How Dangerous can it get if people are prejudiced/bigoted?
- Why are people prejudiced/bigoted to others?
- How can we stop prejudice/bigotry in our community?
- Do kids experience prejudice/bigotry?



# Survey

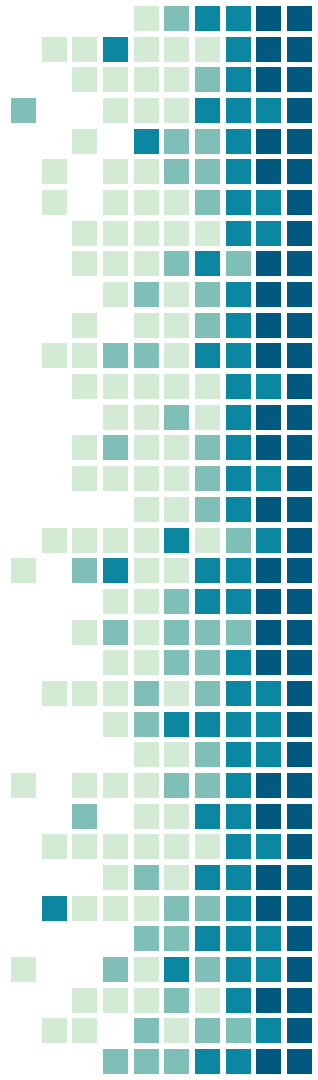
Perspectives on:

## **BIAS,** *Prejudice,* & bigotry

Definitions:

**PREJUDICE:** is when a person negatively pre-judges another person or group without getting to know the beliefs, thoughts, and feelings behind their words and actions. A person of any racial group can be prejudiced towards a person of any other racial group.

**BIGOTRY:** is stronger than prejudice, a more severe mindset and often accompanied by discriminatory behavior including doing or saying negative things. It's arrogant and mean-spirited.

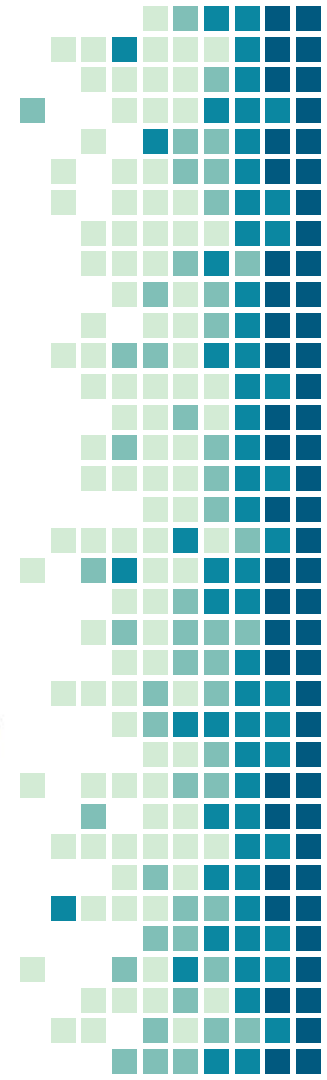
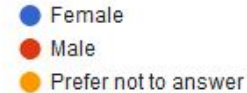
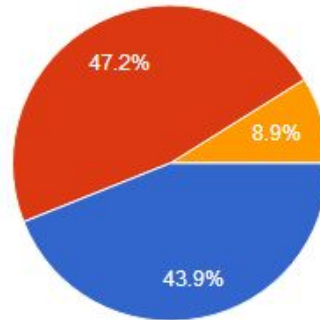
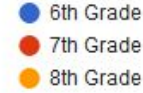
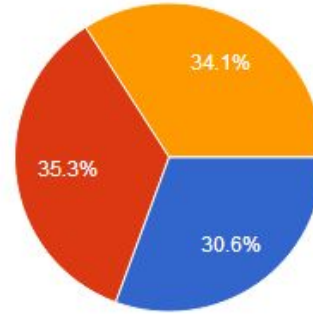


# Survey

-833 students at New Brunswick Middle School took the Survey.

-To gather information about student's opinions and experiences.

-Varied representation of 6th-8th grade students.

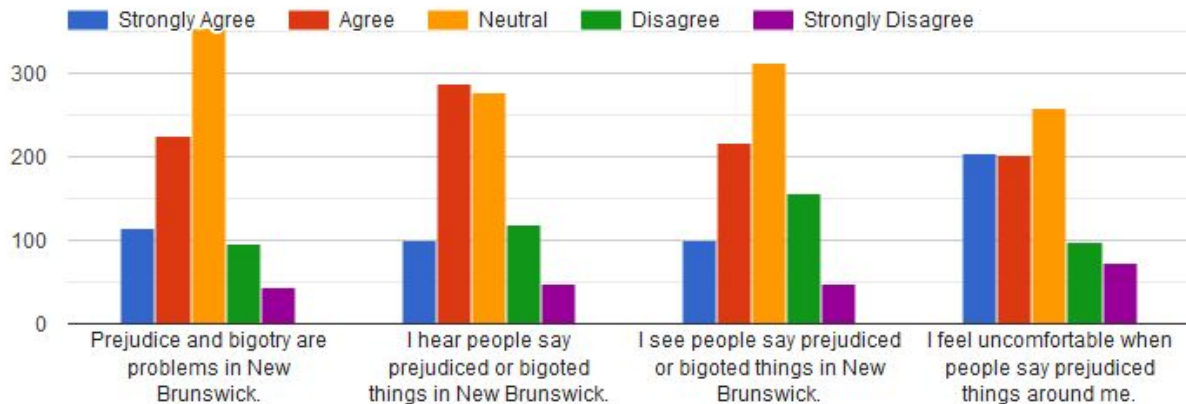


# In the New Brunswick Community

-To review data, we decided to use the “Neutral” option as a boundary and to mainly review the information to the right and left sides of the graph.

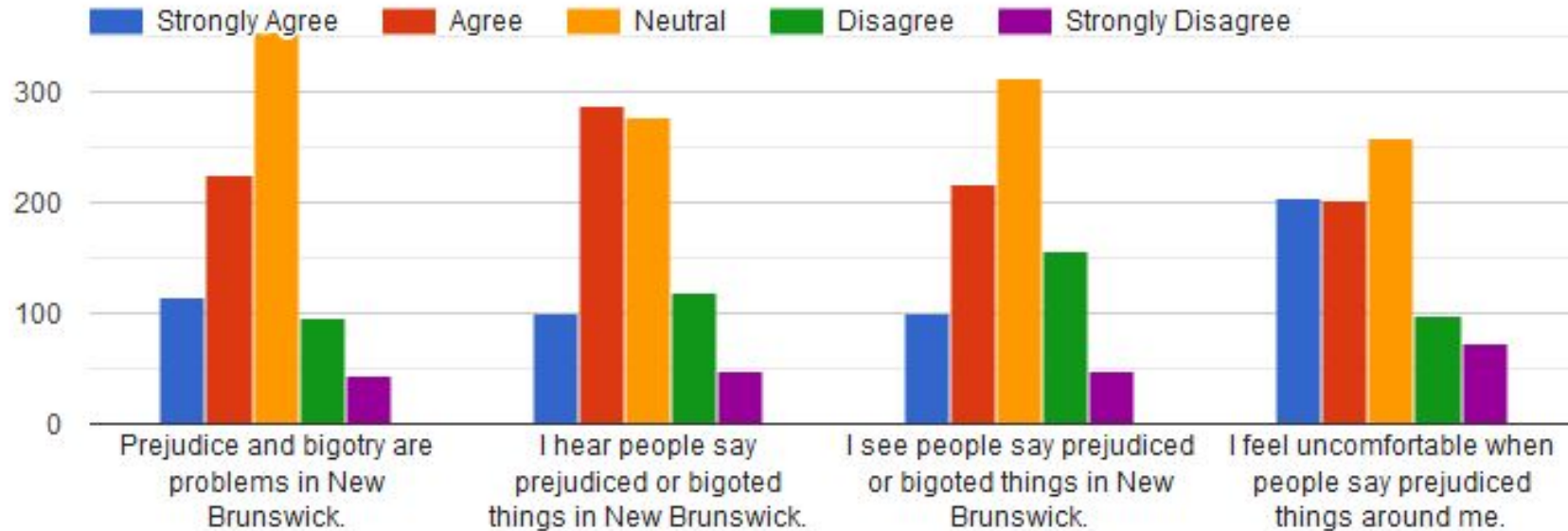
\*\*Due to answers, we decided that “Neutral” should not have been given as an option.

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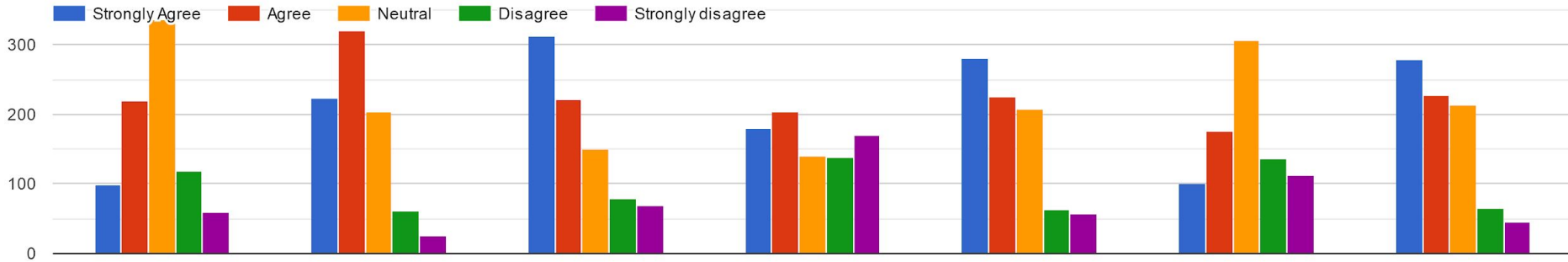
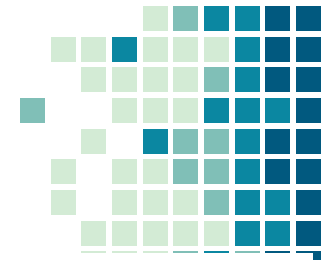




# In the New Brunswick Community



# In New Brunswick Middle School.



Prejudice and bigotry are problems in the Middle School.

Prejudice and bigotry can lead to dangerous situations between students.

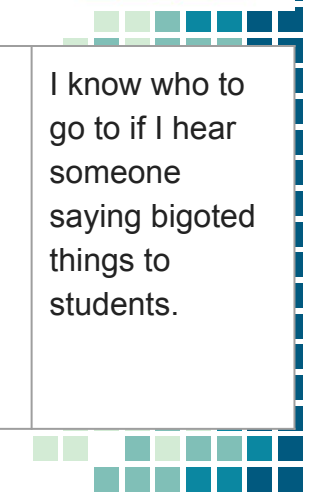
I have heard kids calling other kids "hicks" in school.

I, or someone I know, have called someone a "hick" in school.

Calling others words like "hick" has negative effects on students.

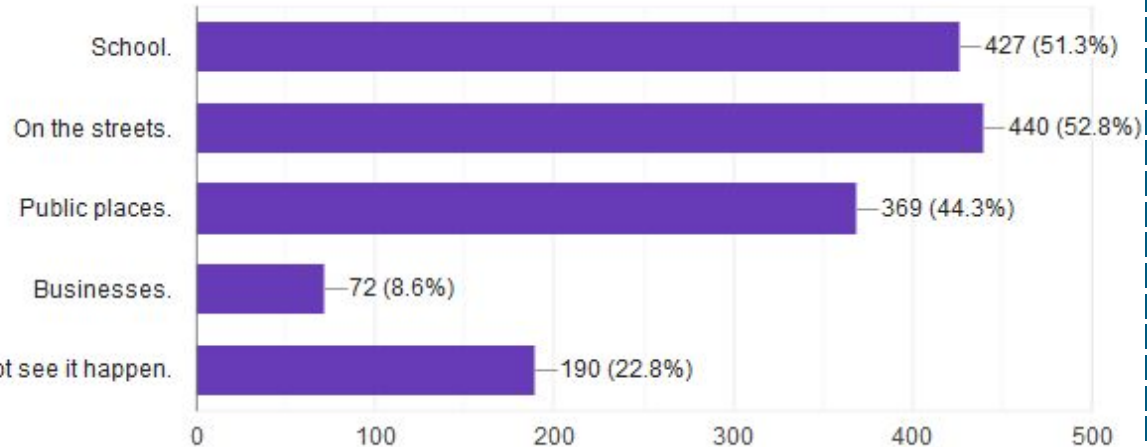
I have told people that their words or actions are prejudiced or bigoted.

I know who to go to if I hear someone saying bigoted things to students.



# Where do you see prejudice and Bigotry?

833 responses



-Most see it in the school, the streets, and also public places.

-More than half the students see it in places when there are students present.

-Where does this issue come from?

# Impressions

What did we think when we found the answers?



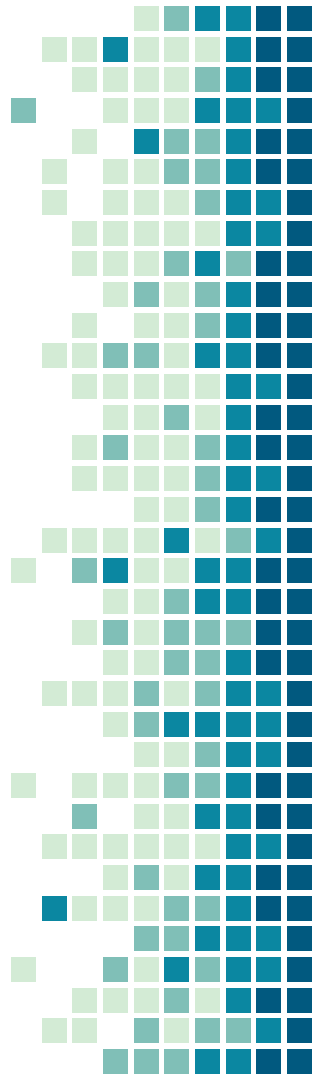
# Analia Albuja Visit

- Master of Sciences, PhD Student at Rutgers.
- Research: How does discrimination affect bicultural and biracial people?
- Scientific research: very similar ideas as ours.



# Analia Albuja Visit

- Helped us to answer one of our initial questions:
- Why are people prejudiced?
  - Fear is a leading emotion driving prejudice.
  - Society: Humans naturally identify, categorize, and compare ourselves and others.
  - Favor people who are similar to them.



# Shooter Bias

- Test with limited time to decide if a picture depicts a danger.
- More likely to accidentally shoot unarmed Black vs. White target
- More likely to accidentally FAIL to shoot armed White vs. Black target



# Reducing Prejudice

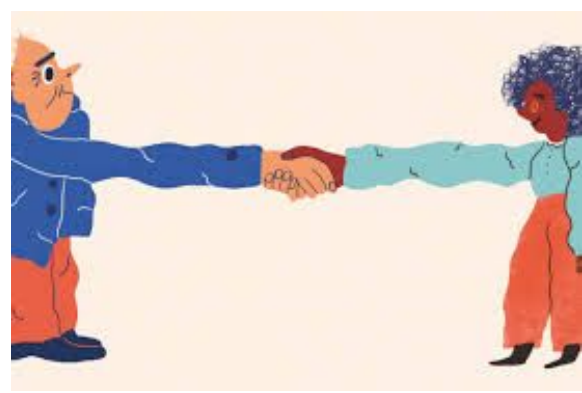
- Change laws/rules.
- Changing behavior changes attitudes.
- Contact with members of other groups breeds acceptance.
- Motivate people to think more deeply about their actions.





# Goals for the School Year

- Share findings with staff and students.
- Create posters and presentations.
- Contact community leaders for assistance/ideas.



# In New Brunswick Middle School.

- Majority say that Prejudice and bigotry are problems in the Middle School.
  - 318 say Yes, 179 say No
- Majority Prejudice and bigotry can lead to dangerous situations between students.
  - 544 Say Yes, 86 say No.
- Majority I have heard kids calling other kids "hicks" in school.
  - 533 say Yes, 149 say No.
- More than half have know someone, who has called someone a "hick" in school.
  - 384 say Yes, 308 say No.
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- If we would include the neutral answers, we would likely have more who agree.
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