

Summary of process

The street interviews asked four questions:

1. Is 'blackface' OK (a joke, innocent, not a big deal) or is it really not OK and should stop?
2. Are white people racially insensitive?
3. Are black people too touchy, linking everything to race, making a fuss about nothing?
4. Is 'blackface' connected to white privilege and white racial upbringing?

The survey targeted urban people in Johannesburg, Pimville in Soweto and Pretoria. (Additional results from a 'white' dinner party survey conducted by one interested respondent have been included in the story, but not in the below tables.)

First, twelve white people and twelve people of colour were interviewed by two black interviewers. Care was taken to ensure age and gender parity. The survey was then repeated by a white interviewer, but at different places and at a different time.

The below tables first show responses from all interviews together; in the following two tables the responses are specified per interviewer (black or white).

Fig. 1 **Blackface yes or no**

Is 'blackface' harmless and/or funny or should it stop?

General responses

Is blackface OK	Yes/not a big deal	No/should stop	No comment
Black respondents	3	21	0
White respondents	7	16	1

Responses given to black interviewers

Is blackface OK?	Yes/not a big deal	No /should stop	No comment
Black respondents	0	12	0
White respondents	0	12	0

Responses given to white interviewer

Is blackface OK?	Yes/not a big deal	No/should stop	No comment
Black respondents	3	9	0
White respondents	7	4	1

Fig 2 **White people and racial insensitivity**

Are white people generally racially insensitive?

General responses

Are whites racially insensitive?	Yes	No	No comment/ only some
Black respondents	15	2	7
White respondents	8	9	7

Responses given to black interviewers

Are whites racially insensitive?	Yes	No	No comment/only some
Black respondents	10	0	2
White respondents	5	2	5

Responses given to white interviewer

Are whites racially insensitive?	Yes	No	No comment/only some
Black respondents	5	2	5
White respondents	3	7	2

Fig 3 **Blacks and 'touchiness'**

Are black people too touchy or should there be more protest?

General responses

Are blacks too touchy? Is it a fuss about nothing?	Yes	No, protests are justified and there should be more	No comment
Black respondents	6	17	1
White respondents	7	8	9

Responses given to black interviewers

Are blacks too touchy? Is it a fuss about nothing?	Yes	No, protests are justified and there should be more	No comment

Black respondents	2	9	1
White respondents	3	4	5

Responses given to white interviewer

Are blacks too touchy? Is it a fuss about nothing?	Yes	No, protests are justified and there should be more	No comment
Black respondents	4	8	0
White respondents	4	4	4

Fig. 4 **Blackface and racial upbringing/white privilege**

Does blackface originate from whites' racial upbringing and white privilege? Is that why it keeps happening?

General responses

Is blackface connected to white privilege? Is that why it keeps happening?	Yes, it is connected	No, it's not	No comment
Black respondents	18	4	2
White respondents	7	9	8

Responses given to black interviewers

Is blackface connected to white privilege? Is that why it keeps happening?	Yes, it is connected	No, it's not	No comment
Black respondents	9	2	1
White respondents	4	3	5

Responses given to white interviewer

Is blackface connected to white privilege? Is that why it keeps happening?	Yes, it is connected	No, it's not	No comment
Black respondents	9	2	1
White respondents	3	6	3