



#3 WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

Forty six participants responded with between 1 and 24 excuses from the 41 choices listed.

11 women listed gender as an excuse

18 men listed gender

35 Listed ethnicity as an excuse:

6 black people

7 white people

7 Hispanic people

15 Asian people

From all respondents:

43% checked "My family expects too much from me."

39% checked "I'm not smart enough."

33% said "I'm shy."

28% checked "My family won't let me _____."

26% said "I come from a different culture."

24% checked "I'm too smart."

20% said "I'm too short."

18% said "I'm poor."

18% checked "No one believes in me."

15.2 said "I've been in trouble with the law."

15.2% checked "I'm too fat."

12% checked "I have to take care of a parent or sibling."

12% said "I'm too thin."

12% said "I have impaired vision."

11% reported "I come from a single parent home."

11% checked "I'm too tall."

11% said "I'm rich."

9% checked "I've been treated for emotional problems."

9% listed "I've had a serious illness."

9% reported "I'm blind." (But evidence indicates they just have impaired vision.)

7% wrote in "work" as an excuse.

7% checked "I've been persecuted for my beliefs."

7% said: "I've been abused." (In accordance with state law students will be interviewed and referred to the SRO.)

4% checked "I'm too ugly."

4% said "I'm adopted."

1% reported:

"I have hearing loss."

"I have a baby."

"I can't speak."

"I'm an orphan."

"I've lost a limb"