

Educational Issues In the Philippines

From the Viewpoint Of School Drop-outs

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1. OBEJECTIVE

In developing countries like the Philippines, there are many children who can't go to school, or even if they can, they drop-out of school for various reasons. I would like to research the reasons why students drop-out from school, and the educational issues that can be seen from it.

2. METHOD

- Fieldwork period: September 25th – October 2nd
- Survey Respondents:
 - Mangaldang Public School: 61 students aged 13-17
 - La Salette Private School: 37 students aged 12-18
- Interview cooperators:
 - People living at the dump sites (2 families)
 - people living in slum areas
 - people running business (car dealer, lawyer)
 - public school students
 - villagers in Sual

Survey Questions

- Do you have a job you want to do in the future?
- Why do you go to school?
- Are you planning to go to university? etc

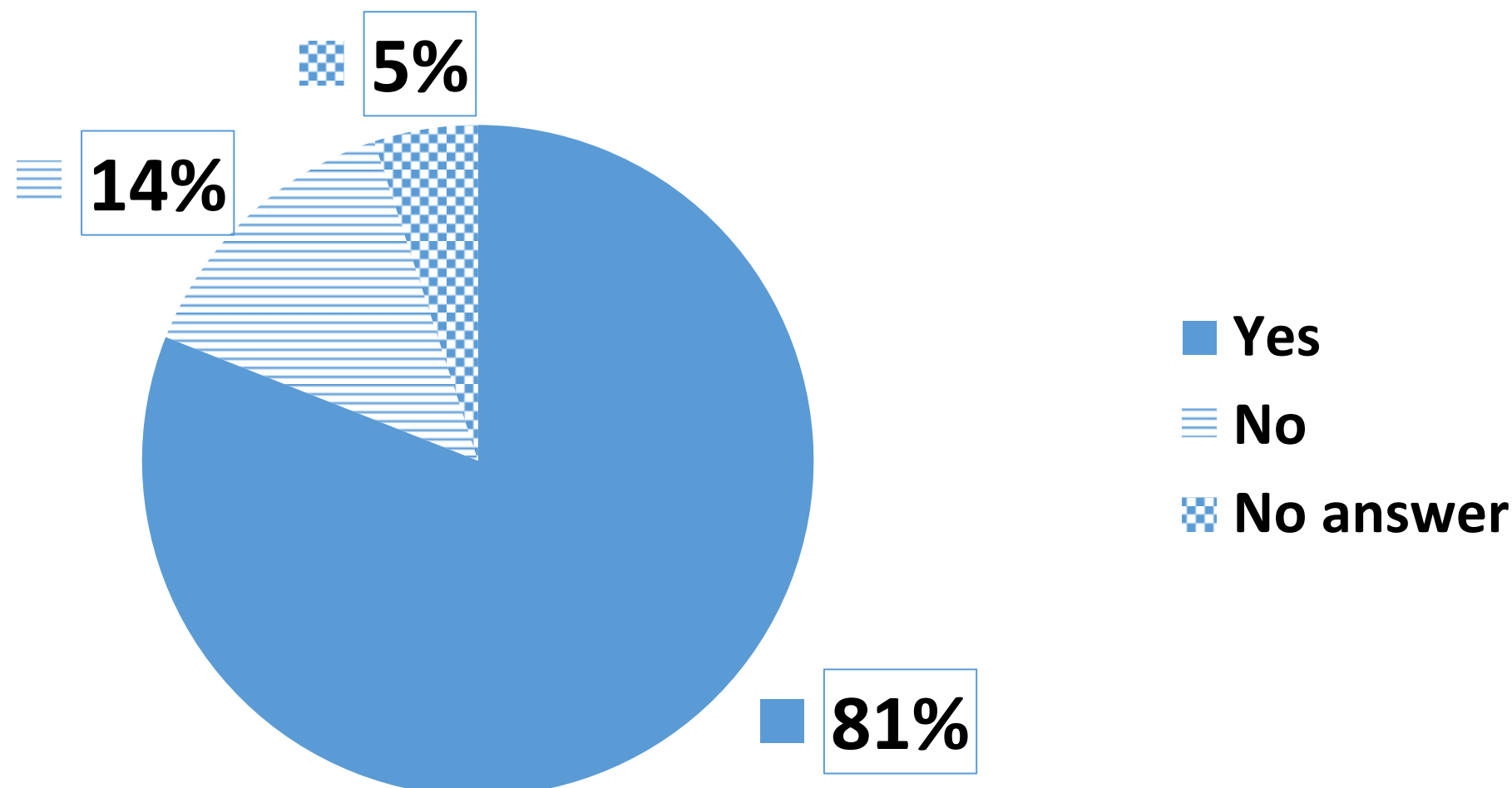
Interview Questions

- Until when did they go to school (high school, university, etc.)?
- What are some reasons students drop-out from school ?
- What did you learn at school ?
- Do / Did you have dream? etc

3. RESULT OF RESEARCH

● SURVEY RESULT

Do you have a dream for the future?



● INTERVIEW RESULT

- I infer that even if students have a dream, they drop out of school because of the following reasons.
- Even if students graduate from high school, or even university, there's no guarantee that they will be able to get a job. Therefore, students think that it does not matter whether you go to school or not
- Financial reasons
- Getting bad influences
ex. Alcohol, smoking, gamble, etc.
- A research conducted by Sasaki Ken supports the idea that even if students graduate from high school, or even graduate from university, it's not a guarantee that they will get a job.
- In his research, he states that even if students graduate from each educational level, it is difficult to get a job. He also states that according to a famous newspaper company, Manila Bulletin (2010.3.22), "only 3 out of 10 university graduates can get a job"
【フィリピン・ケソン市における初等・中等教育の質の課題 by 佐々木謙 (2010)】
- The research conducted by Sasaki supports my study that students drop-out from school, because even if they want to study, and get a good job, the job situation in the Philippines is difficult. Therefore, only a minority of people can get a job.

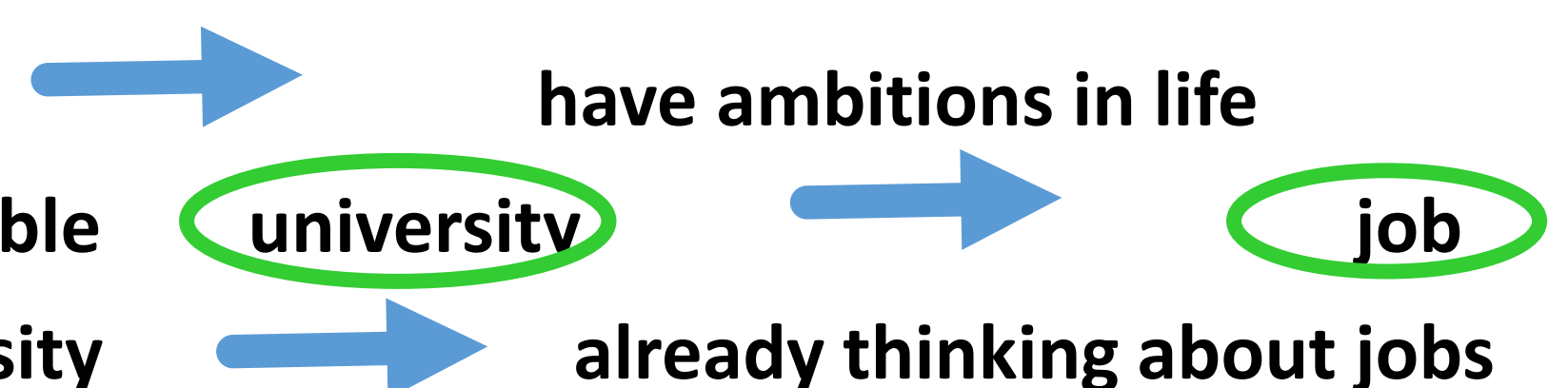
Why do you go to school? Public School: 61 students aged 13-17	
To go to a good university	10
To be able to get the job you want to do	22
To achieve your dream	10
To get smarter	1
To develop human relationships	1
Majority of the people around me proceed to higher education	1
Others	2
No Answer	14

Why do you go to school? Private School: 37 students aged 12-18	
To go to a good university	1
To be able to get the job you want to do	13
To achieve your dream	19
To get smarter	1
To develop human relationships	0
Majority of the people around me proceed to higher education	0
Others	2
No Answer	1

Both public and private school students have dreams for future

Public school students: going to a good university is not always possible

Private school students: under normal circumstances to go to university



4. CONCLUSION

From this research, I was able to find out the educational issue in the Philippines and why students drop out from school. To help make this situation better, I think that an improvement in the students' career role and an increase in employment at companies are needed.