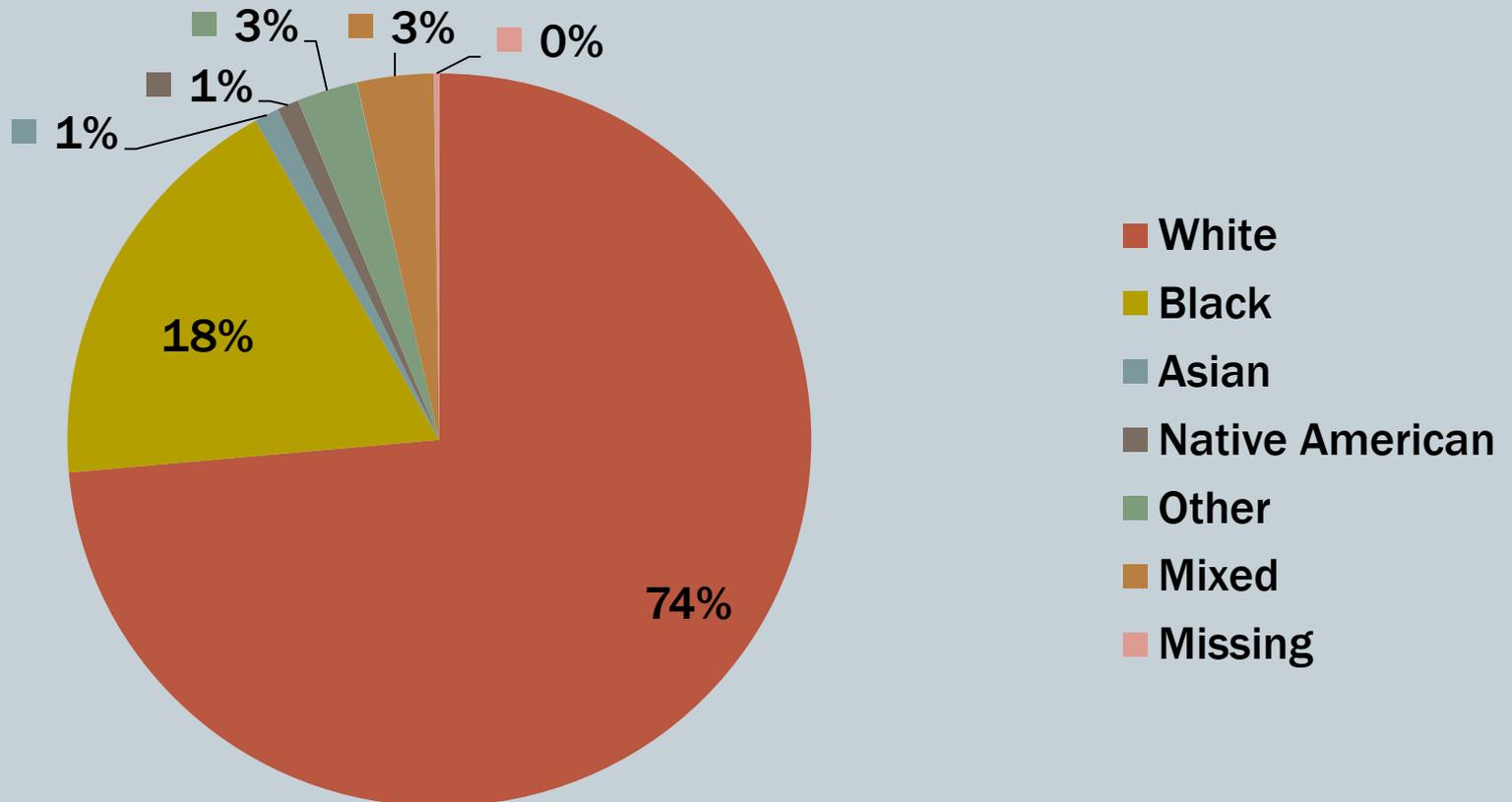


**2013 UA RACIAL
CLIMATE STUDENT
SURVEY:
OPEN-ENDED
RESPONSES**

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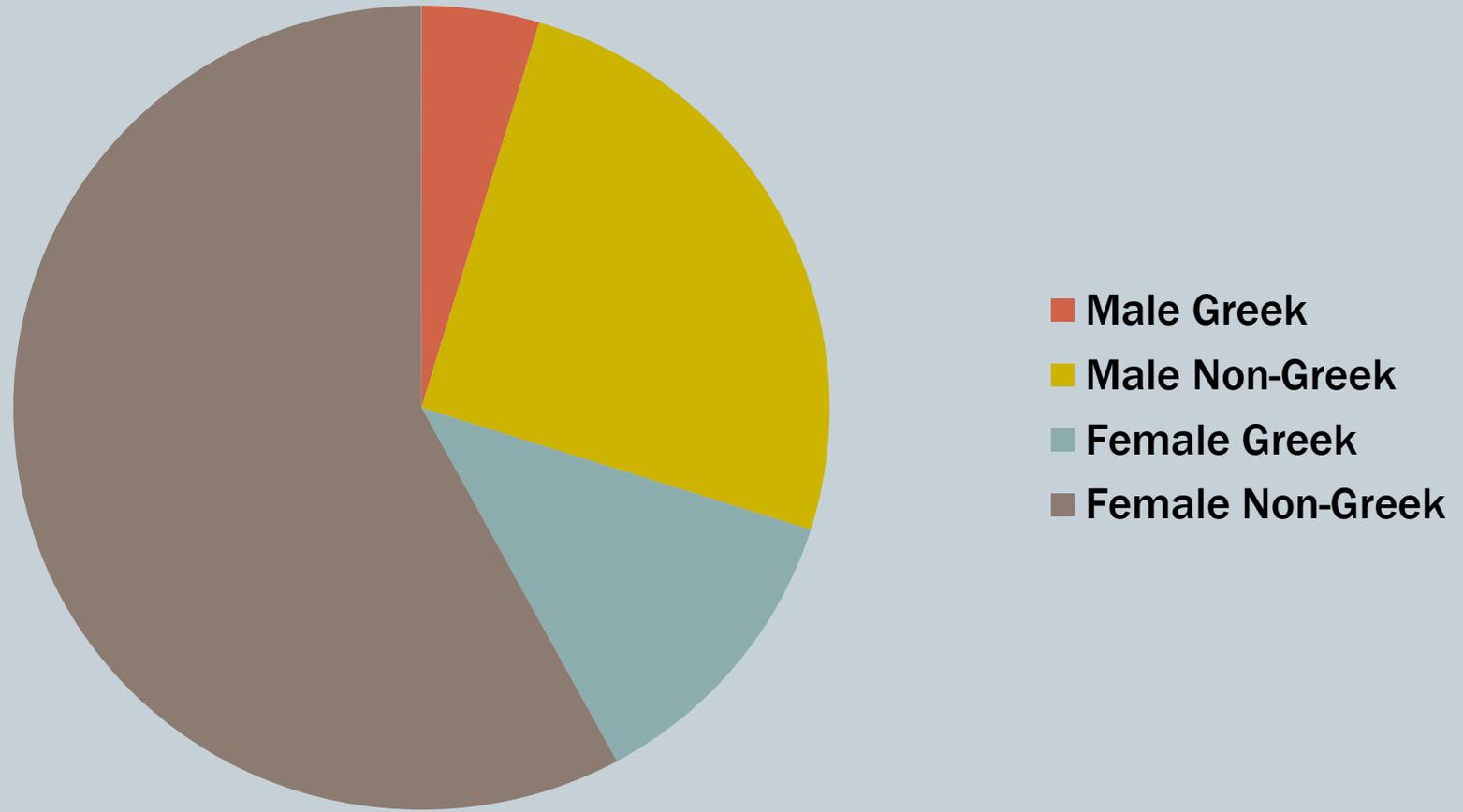
LOOK WHO'S TALKING (RACE)



***1011 out of 4451 students submitted open ended comments: 618 (White), 153 (Black), 9 (Asian) 8 (Native American), 22 (Other), 28 (Mixed), 0 (not reported)**

***About 23% of total respondents**

LOOK WHO'S TALKING (GREEKS)



OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

- These comments all fall under the following categories:
 - Survey critique (design, questions, results)
 - Disclaimer about potential results
 - Reverse racism is discussed
 - Confirmation about the existence of racism
 - Racism is said to not be an issue

CRITIQUE OF THE SURVEY (THE DESIGN)

- The survey (or part of it) is poorly designed/outdated/too long
 - 120 students
 - A lot of these questions aren't as clear cut as the answer choices allow.
- The survey should include more questions about other racial groups
 - 30 students
 - More than two races at UA
- This survey is racist
 - 43 students
 - This survey is kind of racist...towards white and black people.

CRITIQUE OF THE SURVEY (THE QUESTIONS)

- This survey requires me to generalize/stereotype
 - 161 students (biggest response)
 - I don't think it's fair to generalize a race
- This survey made me feel uncomfortable/awkward/offended
 - 55 students
 - This was offensive and as a white male I feel targeted by stereotypes.
- Asking questions like these perpetuates racism/stop talking about it
 - 59 students
 - It was the 60's when Governor Wallace made an issue of race. Drop it, let's move on together.

CRITIQUE OF THE SURVEY (THE RESULTS)

- This is a good survey/thanks for doing this research
 - 61 students
 - I would like to personally thank you for conducting this study! Surveys like this are the first steps in understanding student's perceptions and perspectives of race relations in general and at UA.
- I am interested in the survey results
 - 12 students
 - I'm excited to see the results. The views of racism and race relations need to be evaluated and examined on this campus
- The results will be biased/inaccurate
 - 50 students
 - Most of these questions could depend upon other factors.

DISTANCING

- Distancing themselves from racism at UA
 - 51 students
 - I'm from the far north
 - Alabama is still racist.
 - Coming from a small, white, northern town, I've never really interacted with any minority groups before UA.
- Racism does not just occur at UA (also in community or at other universities)
 - 13 students
 - Most of the racism I see is off campus, like downtown and around the city.
 - UA's racial problems are equivalent to the average American racial issues.

EQUALITY

- All people are human/equal (should be treated equal)
 - 39 students
 - I think all people are beautiful and hope that we can look past our differences and get along. Thank you for this survey.
 - Racism is programmed into all of us. No one group is more responsible than others for prejudice. We should all just learn to see each
- Segregation no longer exists/racism is not an issue
 - 24 students
 - We get along. We aren't Ole Miss.
 - I don't think racial discrimination at UA is a problem, but I definitely think it could be worked on!
 - A large portion of my generation was raised watching South Park so racism is more a form of comic relief than anything else.

REVERSE RACISM

- There is reverse discrimination/racism is caused more by blacks
 - 40 students
 - I think some black people bring racism on themselves, or draw attention to the fact they are black.
- At UA black students receive special treatment
 - 7 students
 - Alabama (and all other schools) discriminate against whites in order to allow less deserving demographics to gain enrollment.
- People should not receive advantages based on race (affirmative action)
 - 62 people
 - It is better to have a small amount of racism, than to overdo programs designed to let in under qualified students

CONFIRMATION

- Shared an example of racism

- 26 students

- I can say that since I have been at The University of Alabama the racial problems have decreased. I have been here since 2010. My freshman year, my friend and I were called a nigger by white students who were passing by in a car while we were walking on campus. There have been many more instances that I can name, but it does seem like the University is making an effort to stop racism from happening.

- There is racism/discrimination in the Greek system

- 83 students

- The only discrimination I've directly witnessed is in Greek life. Both black and white Greeks discriminate.
 - The Greek system needs to be changed. Racism is extremely prevalent here.

CONFIRMATION CONT.

- Racism exists at The University of Alabama

- 88 students

- I never said nigger before I came here. It made me uncomfortable to say it. It says something about the fact that I am completely comfortable using that word in normal conversation with whites now. This school and community has made me intolerant. Although I have to say, the black culture here is much different (more intense) than other places.

- There is still separation between blacks and whites

- 47 students

- There is obvious race division, but whites AND blacks are okay with the separation.

- Admitted Racism/Racist comment

- 8 students

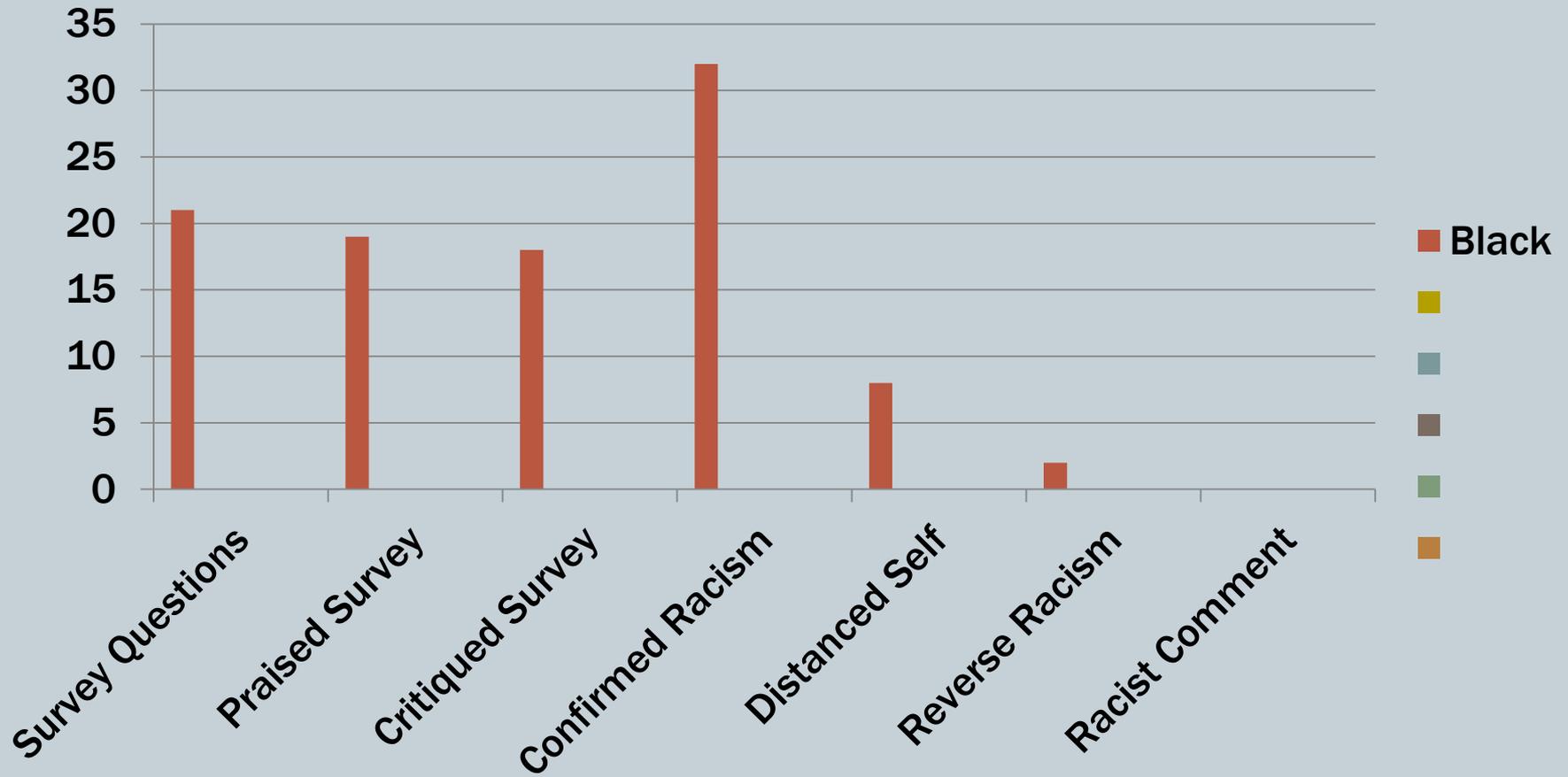
- I believe I'm somewhat racist, but not because I hate African Americans, but because I have been influenced by my family (particularly my grandfather) who grew up in rural Alabama during the 1960's to look down on African Americans

LOOK WHO'S TALKING II

Race Breakdown

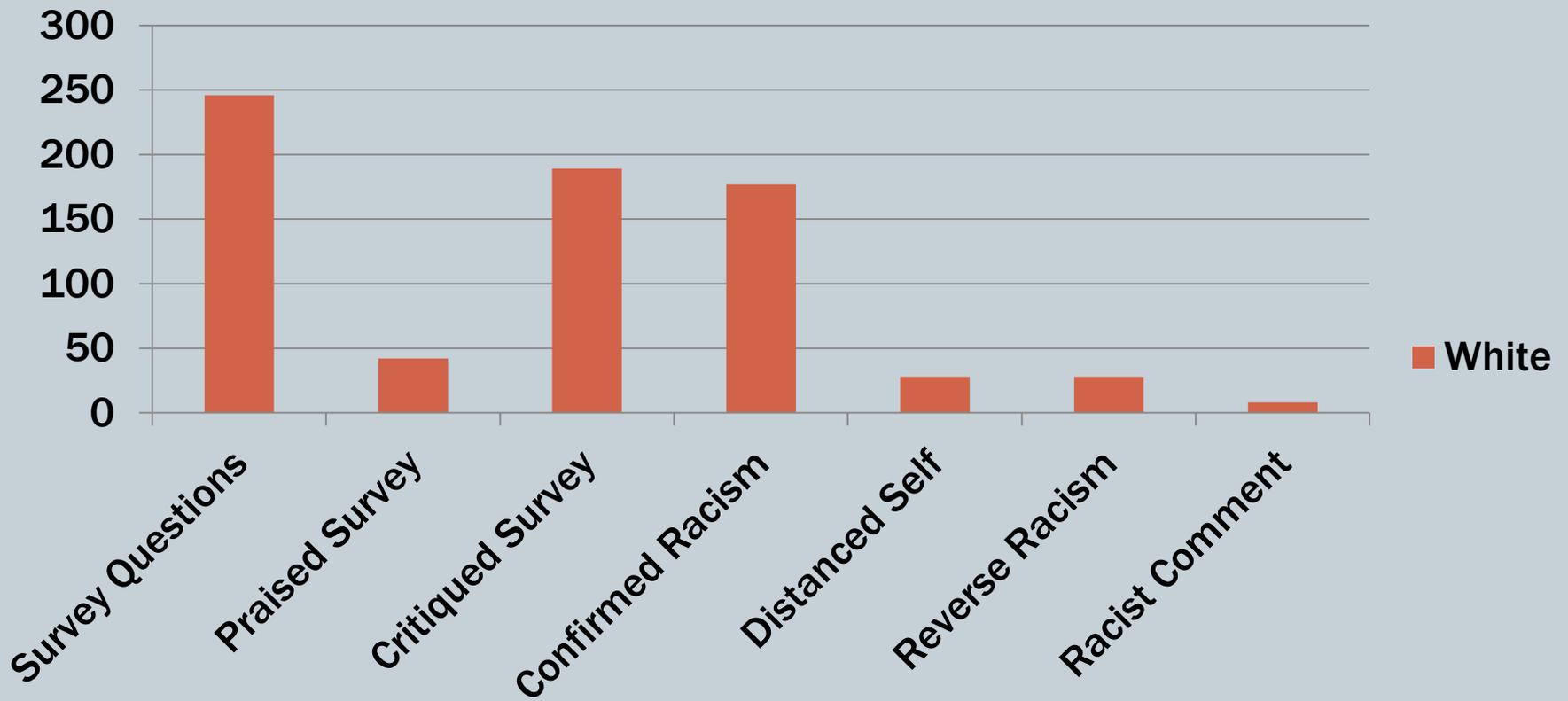
	Black	White	Asian	Native American	Other	Mixed
Survey Questions	30	246	1	4	13	8
Praised Survey	27	42	3	4	0	2
Critiqued Survey	26	189	0	2	10	7
Confirmation of racism	47	177	5	4	3	11
Distancing	12	28	3	0	3	8
Reverse Racism	3	28	4	1	2	3
Racist Comment	0	8	0	0	0	0
Total Responses	145	718	16	15	31	39

CATEGORIES OF OPEN ENDED FOR BLACKS

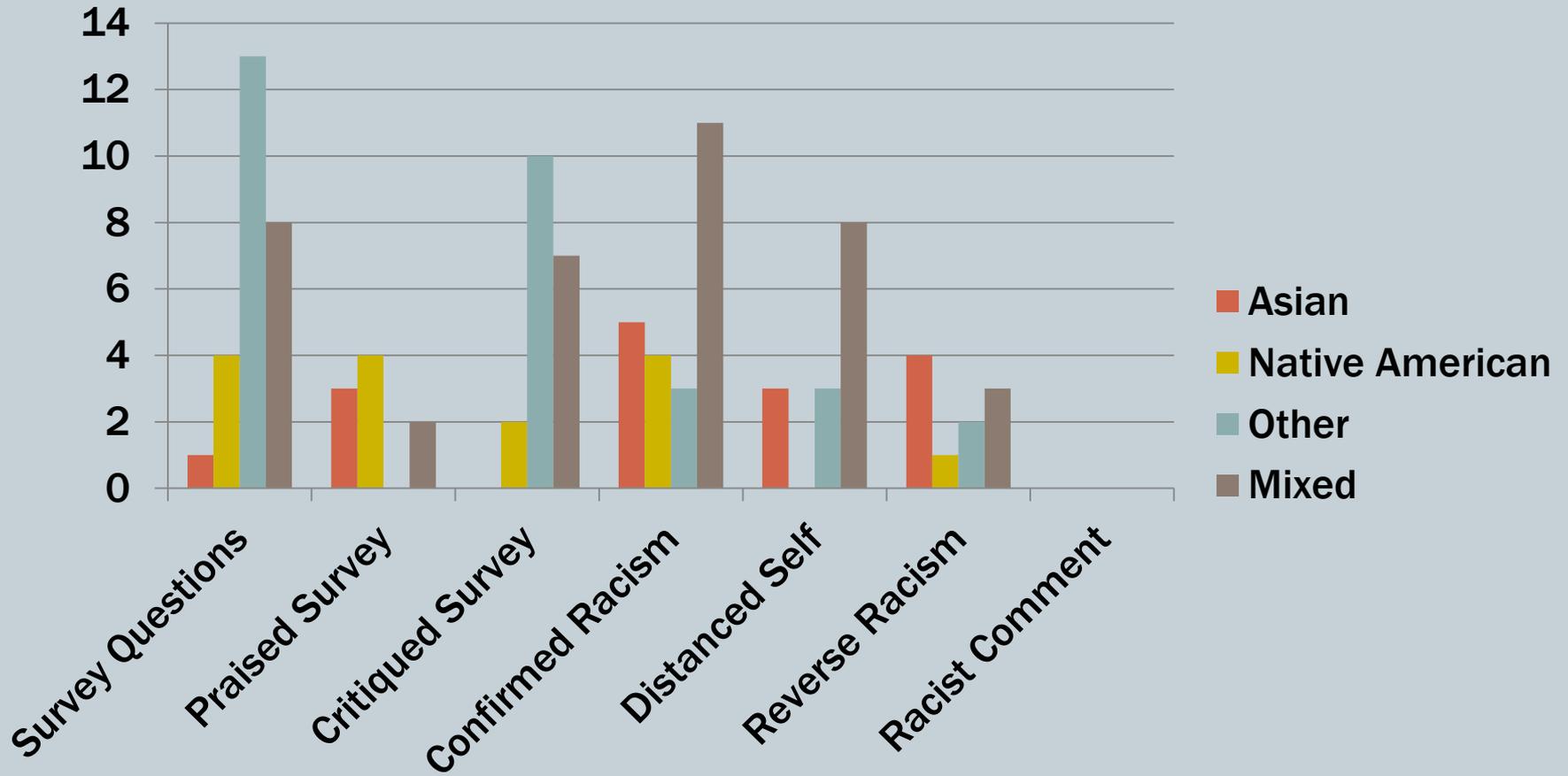


CATEGORIES OF OPEN ENDED FOR WHITES

White



CATEGORIES OF OPEN ENDED FOR ALL OTHER GROUPS



Thank You