

they have to drop out. This is one of the reasons that the Indian is--

(Well, that's what I want to find out--like why do they drop out?)

Well, you can find out that the Indian has a lot just a drop-out rate.

But why? Sure, why is a big question. Course their reasons are, that

they have to go to work. Support a family and usually Indian families are more than one or two children. It's got somethin' to do with seven,

eight or nine. The parents are usually about the age. Maybe middle age.

And they go out and provide a subsistence for their rest of the family.

They always--usually the boys. The oldest boy's always out working,

tryin' to do something for his little brothers and sisters. Now the

older boy will always let go of his education just to see that his little

brothers and sisters will get an education. This is something--this is

one reason that you'll find among the Indian students, Indian young people

today, that they'd rather give up their education just as long as they

let their brothers and sisters get their education. You see what I mean?

I mean if I had little brothers and sisters now. Well, if I was a

semester away from my college degree, or something like that, then I'd

drop out. Just so I could see that they get everything that--

(In other words, you feel like that is why we--we are seeing this high-

drop-out rate, because the older children are dropping out so they can

acquire a job. So that they can help the little ones go on.)

I feel that this is one of the main reasons.

(Well, why do they have to do that? White people don't do that.)

White people don't have the large families like Indians do.

(Sometimes they do.)

Sometimes they do but it's very seldom that you see them dropping out.

If they drop out, they won't even start to school at all. I mean how

many--

(Do you think employment has anything to do with it for Indian fathers?)