

The new Teenage – Europe

Manuscript My Opinion about The Greek and Turks CYBC, Cyprus

Presenter: Are the differences between the young people in the present and the future member states as big as somebody thinks? We let our colleagues around Europe ask young people on the street on various subjects. In this item, our colleagues in Cyprus asked young ones about the conflict between the Greek and Turkish parts of the island

Participants:

Anna Spyrou, 17 years old.
Turkish Cypriot, 19 years old.
Michalis Spastres, 17 years old.
Charis Sideris, 14 years old.
Andrea Papazesimou, 17 years old.
T/C student, 18 years old.
Nicolas Moutafis, 15 years old.
Chara Georgiadou, 16 years old.
Nicos Constantinou, 17 years old.
Turkish Cypriot, 18 years old.
Alexia Chrysostomou, 13 years old.
Andreas Charalambides, 19 years old.
Andria Charalambous, 16 years old.
Turkish Cypriot, 19 years old.
Demetris Shemetras, 15 years old.
Turkish Cypriot student, 16 years old.
Sophia Katsamba, 15 years old.
Sophia Katsamba, 14 years old.
Turkish Cypriot, 15 years old.

Note: Unfortunately Turkish Cypriot teenagers wouldn't give their names to the interviewer.

Duration: 4' 01"

Crew:

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Music: T.C.: 1:00-1:22, 1:48-2:57 "An Umbrella over Vosporos"

1:23-1:47 "Halkidon"

3:05-5:01 "Panagia Valoukliotissa"

All musical extracts are compositions of Evanthia Reboutsica

from the film

by Tassos Boulmetis "A TOUCH OF SPICE"

Performed by the Bulgarian Radio Symphony Orchestra,
conducted by Boris Spassov.

Translation

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1:05-1:26 Anna:

Up until now, I hadn't realized that there is another world behind this line. When I faced them for the first time, I thought I could never live with these people. I thought of everything that had happened and came to the conclusion that they don't have the right to live with us...

1:31-1:54 Anna:

I had to actually cross over in order to realize that...behind this line, there's a world, children, people my age, that share the same dreams, the same goals. I started believing that these people are like us. I don't know though if it would be easy to really live together with these people.

1:55-1:58 T/C student:

We can live on the same island, which is Cyprus...

2:01-2:27 Michalis:

I am absolutely certain I can live with the Turkish-Cypriots. I constantly discuss it with my schoolmates, my parents, and they're no soldiers, they're not the extreme Muslims, so we can live together. Let's say as I could live with a Bulgarian, a Romanian. It could be the same way with a Turkish-Cypriot, without problems, the only differences would be the religion and the language.

2:27-2:34 Charis:

I think living together would be insecure in the first few years. But after five years or so, I think we won't have any problems.

2:34-2:48 Andria:

I've been to the occupied territories, my father is from occupied Yerolakkos, and I feel very bad...I believe it will be difficult to live with the Turkish Cypriots. They'll be taking our jobs, our work...

2:49-2:57 T/C girl:

Economically, not enough to live together with Greeks. Because they're richer...

2:59-3:01 Nicolas:

They're not so different from us...

3:01-3:16 Chara:

I went to the occupied territories...we are much more advanced than Turkish Cypriots, our schools, our houses...I don't think we'll manage to live together, unite as one.

3:16-3:18 Nikos:

I think that we (the Greek Cypriots) have more prospects for our future.

3:20-3:23 T/C student:

Our government gives us nothing.

3:23-3:30 T/C:

South Cyprus very problem they have...and north Cyprus they have very problem, no chance, no chance.

3:32-3:39 Alexia:

I believe that there will be problems with the Turkish Cypriots on issues concerning cohabitation...

3:39-3:56 Andreas:

I believe there is the possibility of living together and we feel that the Turkish Cypriots are our friends...The things that keep us apart are interventions from abroad which influence the relations between us and this is very dangerous for the future.

3:58-4:04 T/C:

And this is the time to fix it, and this is the time for a solution and to get a better future.

4:06-4:11 Andria:

I believe we can live in peace and we've proved it many times.

4:11-4:20 Charis:

Of course, there is the military establishment as well, that hinders progress in finding a solution to the Cyprus issue....

4:22-4:27 T/C:

We don't want... all of us that is, we want to stay here...

4:28-4:41 Demetris:

These lands are ours and we can't share them with foreigners (Turks). That's why I believe it would be fairer that we should go back to our land and they should go to theirs.

4:43-4:45 T/C:

I reckon people should live together.

4:48-4:53 Sophia:

If they want it as much as we do, we can live with them...

4:57-5:02 T/C: -I like to live with Greeks. Greeks are better than Turks.