

Craze of Novel reading amongst Youths of Bihar: A Survey

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Abstract: This paper is the study about novel reading among youth of Bihar. Study was conducted on 1000 youth from different colleges, universities over many districts of Bihar through a set of questions. 100 students out of 1000 were also interviewed by call. After careful Analysis of data study reveals that 48.9 percent youths of Bihar read English novel. 47.7 percent youth read Hindi novel. 26.1 percent youth read both Hindi and English novels. 14.8% youth wants to read novels written in regional languages like Bhojpuri, Maithili, Magdhi. 27.3% youth face words, sentences, phrases problem and understanding of the plot of a story while reading English novel. 10 % of them are comfortable with English novel. They have no issue of understanding plot story Phrases and words. The youths on which this study was conducted are of Bachelor, Masters, research Scholars, others. Youths chosen randomly from all backgrounds like arts, science, engineering, law, media, vocational, professional's courses.

Key Words: Novel, Bihar Youths, Regional languages, Bhojpuri, Maithili.

1. INTRODUCTION:

Novel reading is becoming like a hobby for youth now a days. Youths are taking interest reading novels like Romance, crime thriller. This is the reason Indian market of book publishing is going to cross 7.39 billion in 2020 according to data published by Association of publishers India, API. Bollywood to Hollywood films are being made based on fictions. That is based on social life or fiction based on Science. EBooks in Kindle version have popularized the novel reading. Kindle is world largest online platform of e-reading. Youths are easily reading novels on a smartphone, laptops, and desktops. Kindle version can be accessed from anywhere, anytime. No need to carry heavy weight of books. Youths while travelling are reading virtual novels. There is a plethora of books available online. This easiest way has attracted and changed the habit of novel reading. Youths are tension free for carrying books in baggage. Whenever they get leisure, they start reading novels through the smartphones. Paperback books novels are also easily available to door step by various online commerce platforms. These services had made youth habits to read novels. Recently new verity of Bihari fiction writers have emerged. Bihari fiction writers are Tabish Khair, Nikita Singh and Amitava kumar.

Tabish Khair novel has been translated in many foreign languages too. So these fiction writers have also given a moral support to youths. They have become icon for youths. Youths have got inspired from them and reading novels. Hindi novel writers have also attracted. So youths have started to read novels. Bihar youths have rocked in almost all the areas like prestigious National level examinations like UPSC, NIIT, SSC, Railway, IIT, NIT and so on. So in the term of reading novel Bihar youths are not less than anyone. Bihar is third largest populated and twelfth largest by territory in India. Bihar border touches with up, Nepal, West Bengal and Jharkhand. Bihar literacy rate is 63.82% according to 2011 Census. Bihar has 10.4 1 crore population. 3crore youths are of age group 15 to 35 years. youth contribute 30% of total population of Bihar. If we talk about the reading habits of novels among youth, it's really mind blowing. 81.8 percentage Bihar youths read novels either in English Hindi or regional languages or both languages of Novel. 48.9% youths read English novel and 47.7 percent you Hindi novel.

81.8% youths of Bihar enjoy reading novel either in English, Hindi, regional languages. 48.9% youth read English novel and 47.7% youths reads Hindi novel. There is 1% gap between English novel readers and Hindi Novel readers in Bihar. It is very appreciable that teenagers 13 years to 19 years of age are also reading novels. 14.8% teenagers are enjoying reading novels. These groups are just testing the Novel reading. If these readers got motivated or habituated to reading novels there will be a good readers and writers in future. Reading Novel is essential for human. Literature is Mirror to correct the society. Novels being a part of literature give pleasure, vision, and developed human resilience to fight critical situations and go ahead.

81.8% educated youths of Bihar read novels in Hindi regional languages. 62.5% youths read all fields of novels like Romance, crime, science fiction. 12.5% youths like reading only Romance. 17% enjoying reading science fiction. 8% youths enjoy reading only crime thriller. 17% readers are of science fiction. It shows that novelist must write

novel based on science fiction. The concept of science should be developed into youths through novels in India. Science fiction is less written with comparison to other genre of novel. Science and Technology is essential in various fields. Science and Technology is the need of the era. Almost all the countries of the world are promoting Science and technology in various fields. ISRO, Department of Science and Technology New Delhi has also taken steps to develop Science and Technology among the minds of young children of the country. India is also ready to solve the social, cultural, defense, political, agricultural and medical fields through Science and Technology application. For this purpose novelist need to write such fiction that can motivate young readers and who can discover new techniques. India still facing social issues like superstitions, domestic violence, communal violence, child abuse, drug abuse, theft, terror attack, rape. Novelist need to write some good features in social field so that young Minds can understand and get rid of such pop set social issues.

2. METHOD:

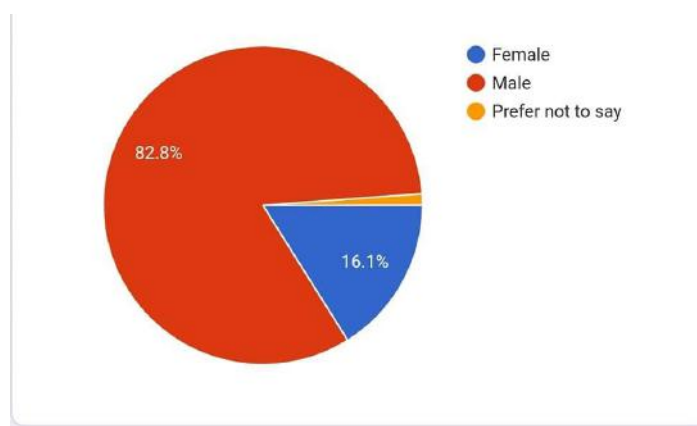
The survey method has been utilized in this study. The survey model based on questionnaire. A set of 8 questions have been prepared and send to respondent through Google form. Google form link was sent to various WhatsApp groups, Facebook pages, and Telegram channels group. A total of 1000 respondents of Bihar from different districts have responded. Out of 1000 youths 100 youths have been interviewed by phone call and video conferencing to get the better understanding of their mind and to know about their interest of novel reading.

Study group

A total of 1000 youths of Bihar in the age group of 15 to 35 years were taken. These groups were further divided into four educational levels like bachelors, Masters, PhD and others.

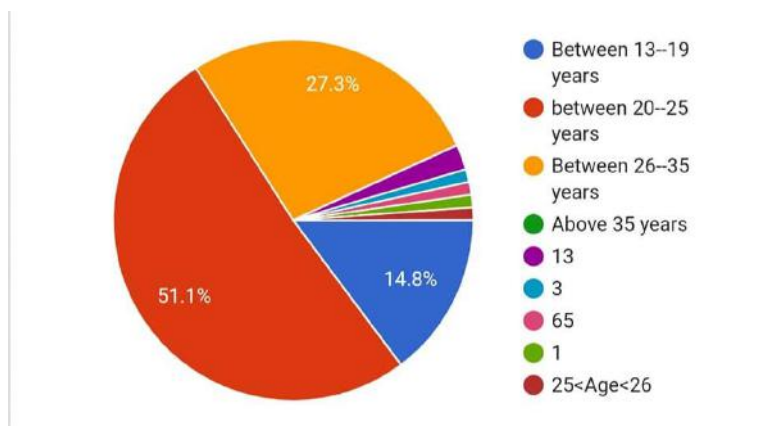
3. FINDINGS:

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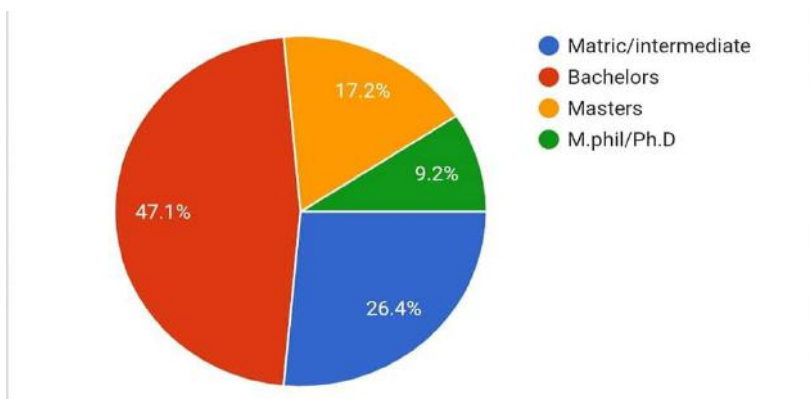
Out of 1000 respondents 828 respondents were male and 161 were female. In other words 82.8 percent male and 16.1% female have responded and filled out the Google form. Very few have chosen prefer not to say. They might be transgender or third genders.

Age



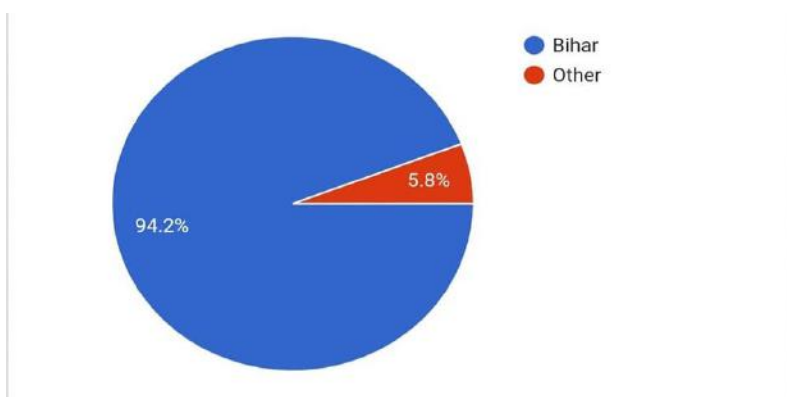
Age was divided into four groups in Google form for collecting the data. These four groups were as Teenagers between 13-19 years of age. Adults groups between 20-25 years of groups. Age group 26-35 years and above 35 years. The graph shows that age group 20-25 has 51.1%. It means this age group youths are more curious of reading novels. Second most readers are of the age group of 26-35 years. They have responded a 27.13%. These age groups youths read novel little bit more than half of the age group 20-25 years. Those who are above 35 years of age are reading fewer novels. They read only 14.8%.

Education



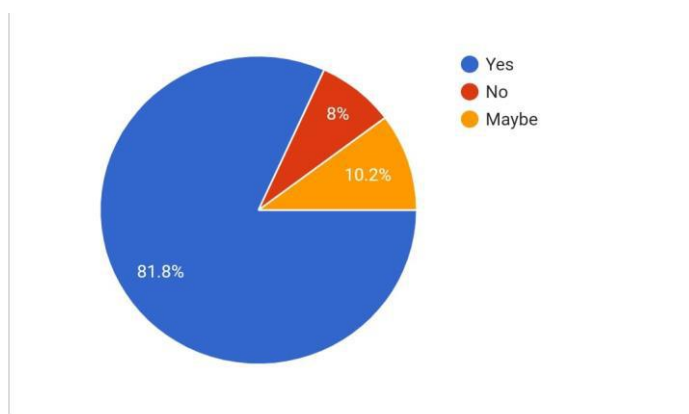
Respondents were given four level of education choice. Matriculation to intermediate, bachelors, masters and MPhil/PhD. Data shows that bacher’s level of students read more novel than rest three categories of education. Bachelor level students read novels contributes 47.1%. Matriculation to intermediate level students comes on second place in terms of novel reading.17.2 percent youth of master’s level read novel. 9.2 percent MPhil/PhD level youths read novels.

State



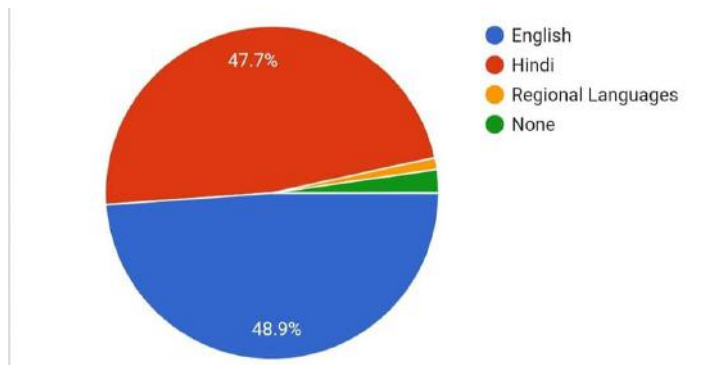
Out of 1000 respondents 94.2 percent respondents are domicile of Bihar have responded. 5.8 percent respondents are studding in any university of Bihar or doing job in Bihar but they are domicile of other states. It means 942 respondents are from Bihar domiciled and 58 are of from other states.

- **Do you read novel?**



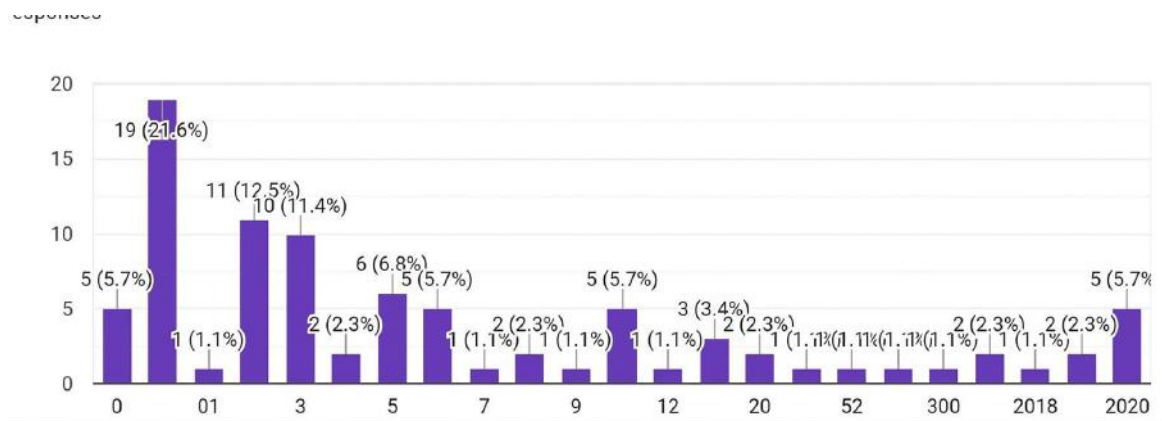
The above graph shows that 81.8% youths of Bihar read novels in all languages. 1000 students participated and at least 81.8 have said YES. It means 8 youth out of 10 read novel. 8 said no. it means 8 youth don't read any novel in any language. They are reluctant to read novels. 10.2% said, maybe. It means they are not reading but in future they are curious to read novels.

• **In which language do you read novel most?**



According to above bar graph, 48.9% youths read English novel. 47.7% youths read Hindi novels and very few read in regional languages. It means regional language novel are read by only of few youths.

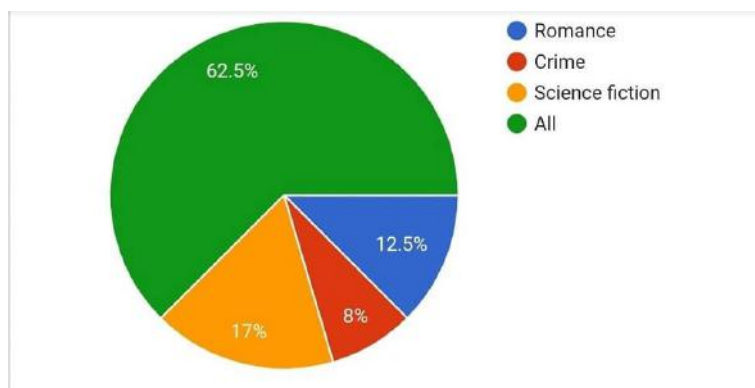
• **How many English novels do you read in a year?**



Average= Total no of English novels read by each respondents/1000=8.775

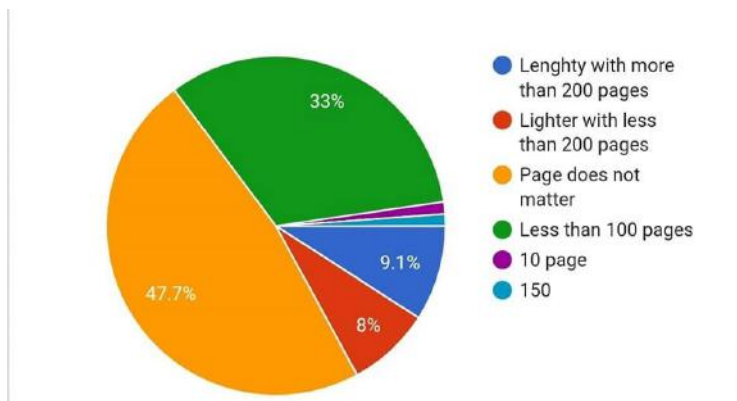
When I add all numbers of English novels read by all 1000 respondents and divided it from 1000. I got 8.775. It means each youth read average 8 English novels a year.

• **Which type of novel do you read?**



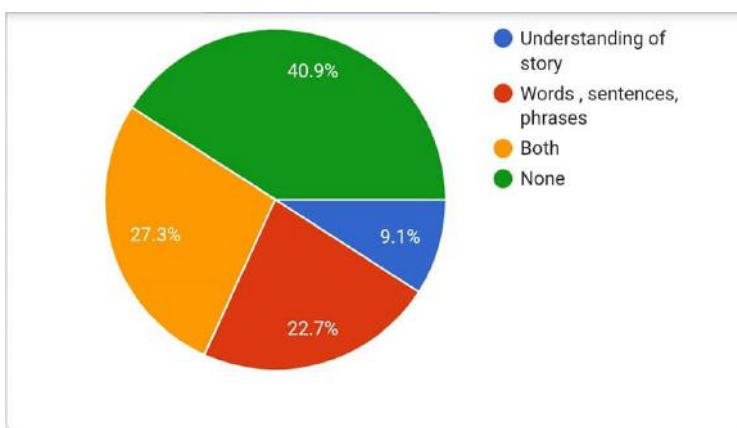
If we talk about which genre of novel is read most by youths of Bihar or which type of novel is best liked by youths of Bihar. The answer will be science fiction. The second place is of romance and third place is of crime. It means youth of Bihar like romance and science fiction, very few like crime theme of novels. If we talk about the overall reading of novel 62.5% of Bihar youths read all types of novels like science fiction, romance, and crime.

• Which type of novel do you prefer most to read?



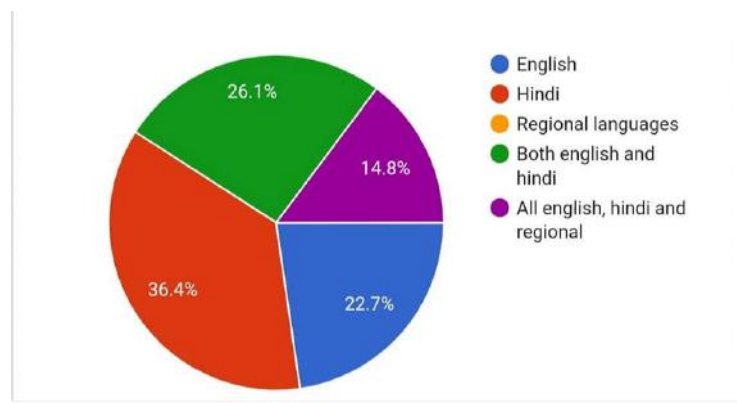
This bar chart have revealed very surprising clue that youth like theme and story of novel. 47.7 percent respondents have responded that page doesn't matter. They like and love the story. On the other hand 33% have responded that they want to read or like reading those novels which have less than 100 pages. It means novella and novelty are liked by 33 percent of youths. 9.1 percent responded that they read novel which has lengthy pages more than 200. 8 have responded that they like reading novel those less than 200 pages.

• Which type of problems do you face reading novel?



40.9 percent youth face no problems reading novel. 27.3 have problems of understanding of story and words, phrases, sentences. These problems are faced by 27.3 youths. 22.7 percent face only words, phrases and sentence problems. It means they have problems to understand a particular phrase, words and sentences. 9.1% don't understand the plot of the story. They are facing problems of not understanding that are written by novelist.

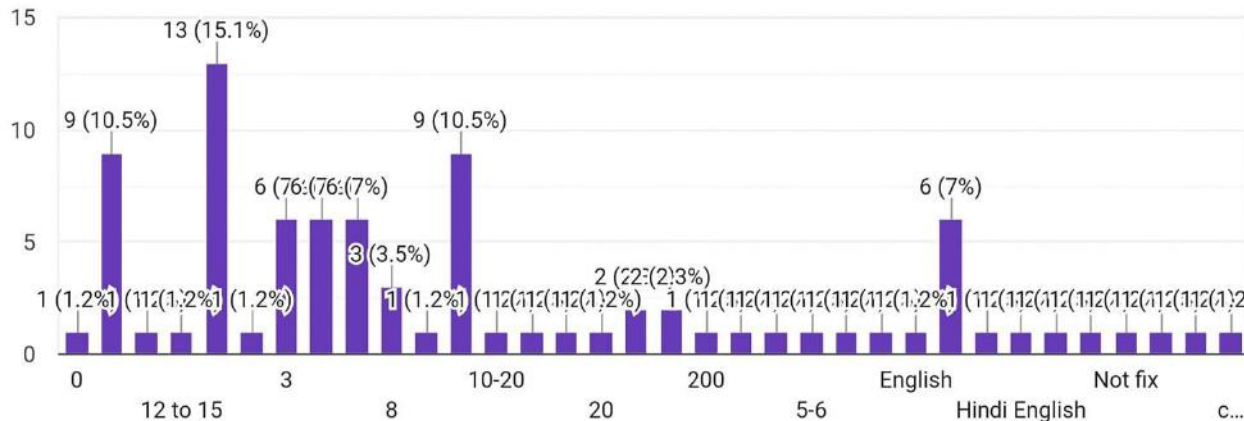
• In which language do you enjoy reading novel?



According to given chart 36.4% youths read only Hindi novel. 22.7% youths read only English novel. 26.1% youths read both Hindi and English novel. 14.8 % read all Hindi, English and regional language novel. In Bihar mostly people read write in Hindi, English. But few people read wrote in regional language. It is also fact that regional languages have fewer authors and so less no f novels. Maithili have some novels but in Bhojpuri, there are few novels which can

be counted on fingers. Although Bhojpuri speaking people are more in numbers. But those who speak Bhojpuri cannot write or read Bhojpuri. So regional language readers of novel are few.

• **How many novels do you read in a year including all languages?**



Average= Total no of novels read by each respondents/1000=10.125

When I add all numbers of novels read by all 1000 respondents and divided it from 1000. I got 10.125. It means each youth read average 10 novels a year.

4. RESULT:

Question1. **How many youths of Bihar read Novel in all languages?**

Answer: 81.8%

Question2. **How many youth of Bihar read English novel?**

Answer: 48.9%

Question3. **How many youth of Bihar read only Hindi novel?**

Answer: 47.7%

Question4. **How many youth of Bihar read regional language novel?**

Answer: 4%

Question5. **What type of problem faced by youths while reading Novel in English?**

Answer: understanding of story and words, phrases, sentences.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Readers should always increase your volume of vocabulary, words, and phrases.
- Readers should always learn grammar to get clear understanding of sentences used in novels by novelist.
- Novelist should mention critical on popular newborn words, Phrases and their meaning in a separate chapter. This will be very helpful for youngest readers to understand the story.
- Novelists need to write more and more science fiction so that young minds be motivated and do some miracle in future.

6. CONCLUSION:

After seeing research methodology, data interpretation, web Come to the conclusion that 81.8 % you are enjoying reading novels written in English, Hindi and regional languages overall. It means that youths from matriculation to Ph.D. level read novels and it contributes 81.8% of all educated youths. These youths read at least two Noble approximately a year. 48.9% educated youth read English novels and 47.7% youths read Hindi language Novel. There is 1% difference between these two sister languages. Bihar as state of Bhojpuri, Maithili Magadhi dominated state. It is most appreciable that 48.9 percent youths read English novel. Hindi is spoken in almost all towns of Bihar but Hindi is not spoken in villages. Apart from this 47.7% youths are reading Hindi language novels. Reading novel is

best habit. Novel gives immense pleasure, vision, and developed human resilience to get more and achieve more even in critical conditions. Youths of Bihar face little bit problems while reading novel. These problems are not understanding the story clearly, not understanding some words, phrases, sentences to get rid of these problems. Youths of Bihar need to increase their vocabulary, grammar rules, phrases, new words. These things will really help them to enjoy understanding Novel fully. it is also advisable to novelist to mention the meaning of critical words, sentences, phrases in separate chapter of novel so that readers may understand the story fully and get pleasure of reading that Novel.

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