

## **The age of 65 and above approves the restriction**

In the study conducted with 120 elderly people with an average age of 68, the elderly were asked what they think of the restriction ban applied. In the research, it has been revealed that 60 percent of the elderly approve application of the isolation process to vulnerable groups and the elderly.

Prof. Dr. İsmail Tufan, founder of Tazelenme University which is the Turkey's first and only university of the elderly and provide education without profit making purpose and Gerontology Science, conducted a research with Lect. Gerontologist F. Sila Ayan from Istanbul Gelisim University School of Health Sciences. According to the research conducted with the participation of 120 students of Tazelenme University with an average age of 68, 56 percent of the elderly consider the curfew applied to them as a right decision. According to the research, only 27 percent believe that there will be a decrease at elderly deaths, while 52 percent of the elderly agree that the curfew decision set for them is fair.

### **27 PERCENT BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE A DECREASE AT ELDERLY DEATHS**

Sila Ayan who shared the details of the research said: "While approximately 33 percent believe that the curfew will have negative effects on the perception of older people in the society, about 42 percent think that it will have a positive effect on the perception of the elderly. 52 percent of the elderly who participated in the research agree that the curfew decision set for them is fair. On the other hand, only 27 percent believe that it will cause a decrease in elderly deaths."

### **50 PERCENT IS SATISFIED WITH THE SUPPORT**

Stating that the collaboration with Vefa groups (supporter group in the coronavirus pandemic process) has positive effects on the elderly, Ayan spoke: "We see that they do not feel dependent even when more than 50 percent of our elderly overcome the deficiencies resulting from isolation with social solidarity and even they are satisfied with the support."

### **THEY TRY TO ADAPT TO THE NEW AND CHANGING WORLD**

Saying that according to the latest data of TURKSTAT, internet use has increased almost three times among the elderly in the last 15 years, Ayan stated: "We see that a generation that we define as digital immigrants and try to adapt to digital developments can now fulfill the need to socialize from home through a number of applications, smart phones and video calls. They are trying to adapt to the new and changing world. As a society, we need to update ourselves."

### **40 PERCENT IS INDECISIVE**

According to the results of the research, Ayan stated that 40 percent of the people were acting indecisive and said as follows:

"The indecisive group is also very high. In particular, nearly 40 percent were hesitant to answer questions whether they were right or wrong. It is possible to say that we are in the transition period now and the studies on this subject should be increased and intensified. Currently, there is a source of stressors, and our elderly are in the process of adopting an attitude to adapt and manage it. WHO states that this process may be prolonged when this process gradually becomes a lifestyle."

### **WE NEED TO AWARE MORE**

Indicating that society should act more consciously for people over 65, Ayan said: "We need to be more conscious. We need to avoid panicking at such crisis points and do not think as the weakest link, and evaluate the opportunities of aging rather than isolating them. Because this is a solvable and manageable process. Our elderly generally think that the decision is right. They improve individual efforts to develop adaptation mechanisms for this right decision."

### **Children using the Internet are at risk of abuse**

The video channel called "Gerçek Hikâyeler (True Stories)" on Youtube, which is an internet video platform, has recently drawn massive reaction due to its inappropriate content.

The titles of the videos in the channel give the shivers. The titles of some of the videos prepared to attract the attention of children are as follows: "My father makes me beg for money in the street to get money." "My parents left me to die in the hospital." "I stole my sister's baby because she was a horrible mother." "I bought myself a girlfriend." "I adopt my father's illegitimate child." "My boyfriend can't take his eyes off my mom." The rating numbers of each of the videos prepared as animated cartoons vary between one hundred thousand and one million. The channel, contains many videos that are prepared as animations to attract the attention of children, has 516 thousand subscribers. It is estimated that children constitute a large part of the audience due to the fact that all the contents were prepared as animated films.

Following the growth of reactions to these content on social media, the Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services made a statement that the videos on the Youtube channel were found to contain statements that violate the family and community pattern and that are against the general moral rules and contain child abuse, announced that an application has been made to the relevant institutions and the prosecution office.

Immediately after the Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services, the General Directorate of Security announced that this and similar content affecting the psychosocial development of children is removed from the internet and is closed down the channels.

The report published by the Internet Watch Foundation in 2019 was examined 72 million websites worldwide. In this report, it was emphasized that the images constituting sexual abuse of the children were identified on 132 thousand 730 websites. The fact that 89 percent of the websites that contain child sexual abuse content are based in Europe attracted attention. The fact that 89 percent of the websites that contain child sexual abuse content are based in Europe attracted attention.

### **"INTERNET USAGE MUST BE SUPERVISED"**

Mehmet Başçillar, Lecturer at Istanbul Gelisim University Social Service Department, said in his assessment of the subject as follows: "The phenomenon of child abuse is handled with physical, sexual and emotional abuse aspects. The fact that internet usage is extremely common among children leads up to abuse to happen online. The danger on the Internet can often be ignored by caregivers. Our recent experiences have shown us how vital it is to control children's internet use by parents."

### **"ONLINE CONTROLS MUST BE CONTINUED ON 7 DAYS 24 HOURS"**

Continuing his assessments, Lecturer Başçillar said: "In a study conducted with internet users in the USA, it was revealed that 47 percent of the participants encountered abusive content at least once on the internet. In order to be fully implemented the legal guarantees and the child's best interest

principle given in the Convention on Children's Rights, to which the Constitution of the Republic of Turkey and Turkey itself are also parties, not only the parents but also from the public institutions to the non-governmental organizations have great responsibilities. The online controls should be maintained 24/7 by multidisciplinary teams, including social workers and other professionals, to be created under the leadership of the Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services."

### **University promotions moved to digital media: helps to focus on the exam**

Universities have started to make their promotion days both face to face and online. Speaking about the promotional days taking place in digital environment, Guidance Expert Elif Alu Gulen said that the promotions will help to focus on the exam.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, university promotions have also held online this year. After the date of Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS) was updated as June 27-28, 2020, universities have started preparations for prospective students. Speaking about the "Online Promotion Days" held at Istanbul Gelisim University every day at 16:00, Guidance Specialist Elif Alu Gulen said: "Changing the exam date caused some students to be distracted. The promotion days are actually part of the process of focusing on the exam." Vice Rector of the University Prof. Dr. Nail zta, on the other hand, pointed out that students who will prefer university and departments should apply to reliable sources.

### **RESPONSE TO ANY QUESTION INSTANTLY**

Stating that there is a serious digital transformation, Prof. Dr. Nail zta said: "We are now in a period where the answer to every question is desired and expected, where everything is presented in the transparency. We have prepared 2 content for this. We follow 2 different ways. The first one is non-interactive documents, the documents and so on, and the second one is livestream every day on a weekly basis."

### **STUDENTS MUST APPLY TO RELIABLE RESOURCES WHEN MAKING PREFERENCES**

Saying "There are a number of reliable resources that students who will make preference for university should definitely apply.", zta spoke: "We will do shopping and we can decide based on the comments of people we do not know on the site. This is not healthy and rational. My advice to students and their parents should look at the outcomes of the programs, the outcomes of the department, that is, the learning outcomes. The campus, program, course and classroom limits of the universities of the future are completely removed, have completely been changing, so they will be replaced by student's gains. Diplomas and transcripts will take on a very different format in the very near future. It is necessary to look at what a university's program is committed to providing to the student who will prefer the course. It is necessary to look at the ranking; it is necessary to look at the accreditation documents."

### **SAVING FROM TIME**

Stating that it is a different feeling to go and see the place in the university preference, Prof. Dr. zta said: "They definitely have positive or negative effects on you when getting to the university atmosphere, meeting with a teacher face to face. The promotion and preferences in digital media also have an advantage: Now you can use the time you spend to go from one campus to another campus in a place like Istanbul, to see laboratories, workshops, and classrooms of that university,

even in digital media. You are a person who is at peace with the digital world, this can get much faster.”

#### OUR AIM IS TO GIVE THE INFORMATION TO THE STUDENT IN THE BEST WAY

Stating that students have the opportunity to visit many universities during the day with this system, Elif Alu Gulşen reminded that approximately 800 thousand students transfer to other universities every year.

Gulşen articulated: “Students transferring may not like the department they go to, the university. So they are going to make a change on this. Our aim here is to provide the student with the best information and to try to eliminate these kind of preference mistakes. Since it is a digital indexed generation, it can actually affect them even more.”

#### STUDENTS WILL RECOGNIZE THEIR LECTURERS

Guidance Specialist Gulşen talked on the lives streaming at 16.00 every day as follows: “Our academics will talk about their departments. There will be a different department every day, so there will be faculty deans and school principals in the programs. Students will also have the opportunity to see the lecturers one to one. They can also ask their questions during the live broadcast.”

#### PROMOTIONS ARE A PART OF THE EXAM FOCUSING PROCESS

Saying there is distraction with the changes experienced in students, Gulşen spoke: “The promotion days are actually a part of the process of focusing on the exam. As they get to know the departments, they can focus more to the exam. This is a very good opportunity for students who have been focusing on their studies recently, trying to clarify their dreams and goals. If there is a department that s/he does not want, s/he eliminates it, if s/he encounters a new department, s/he gets information on it and s/he focuses more, which causes her/him to study more. It allows her/him to focus more on her/his target.”

#### **The number of our international accredited programs is now 60**

Istanbul Gelisim University has announced that the number of programs accredited by international accreditation organizations has increased to 60 in the university.

Stating that they have started their accreditation studies since 2017 and they are proud of their accreditations, IGU Chairman of the Board of the Trustees Abdulkadir Gayretli said: “According to the results of the ‘University Impact Ranking (2020)’ conducted by the prestigious international higher education ranking agency Times Higher Education (THE), we are among the top 100 universities in the world in the SDG 4 ‘Quality Education’ category, which is among the sustainable development goals of the United Nations (UN). We became 1st from Turkish universities. We raise our sights in the international field. With the accreditation of Gastronomy Program, Gastronomy Program in English at the School of Applied Sciences and Recreation Program at the School of Physical Education and Sports; the number of our international accredited programs became 60.”

#### “ACCREDITED PROGRAM NUMBER IS 5 PERCENT IN TURKEY”

Saying that Istanbul Gelisim University has achieved great success in becoming a world university, Gayretli spoke: “According to 2017-2018 higher education statistics; there are university students more than 7.5 million in total as associate, undergraduate, graduate and doctorate students. However, the number of accredited programs is 5 percent as a result of university quality audits.

Under the leadership of Head of CoHE Prof. Dr. Yekta Saraç, we have collaborated with international accreditation organizations to ensure that students receive education at international standards, and we have increased the number of accredited programs by international accreditation organizations to 60. We are now among accredited higher education institutions and we are the most accredited university in Turkey with 60 programs accredited from Europe and America.”

#### WHAT ACCREDITATION MEANS?

Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş responsible for Accreditation and Quality shared the following information about accreditation: “Having accreditation for universities means documenting the quality of education. Universities have their education approved in terms of "quality" by applying to both national and international institutions. CoHE also added accreditation knowledge of the universities' programs to the preference guide in order to facilitate the preferences of prospective students who will make preference for university and to enable them make more conscious preferences.”

Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş responsible for Accreditation and Quality listed accredited programs as follows:

#### FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (AQAS)

- Economy and Finance Pr. (English)
- Economy and Finance Pr.
- Public Relations and Publicity Pr.
- Aviation Management Pr. (English)
- Aviation Management Pr.
- English Language and Literature Pr. (English)
- Business Administration Pr. (English)
- Business Administration Pr.
- Psychology Pr. (English)
- Psychology Pr.
- Radio, Television and Cinema Pr.
- Political Science and Public Administration Pr.
- Political Science and International Relations Pr. (English)
- Political Science and International Relations Pr.
- Sociology Pr.

- Tourism Guidance Pr.
- Turkish Language and Literature Pr.
- International Business and Trade Pr.
- International Logistics and Transportation Pr. (English)
- International Logistics and Transportation Pr.
- International Trade Pr. (English)
- International Trade Pr.
- New Media Pr.
- Management Information Systems Pr.

#### SCHOOL OF APPLIED SCIENCES (AQAS)

- Banking and Insurance Pr.
- Public Relations and Advertising Pr.
- Aviation Management Pr.
- Business Information Management Pr.
- Logistics Pr.
- Media and Communication Pr.
- Social Work Pr.
- Aircraft Body-Engine Maintenance Pr.
- International Trade Pr.
- Gastronomy Pr.
- Gastronomy Pr. (English)

#### SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES (AHPGS)

- Nutrition and Dietetics Pr. (English)
- Nutrition and Dietetics Pr.
- Child Development Pr. (English)
- Child Development Pr.

- Ergotherapy Pr.
- Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Pr. (English)
- Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Pr.
- Nursing Pr. (English)
- Nursing Pr.
- Audiology Pr.
- Health Management Pr.
- Social Work Pr. (English)
- Social Work Pr.

#### FACULTY OF FINE ARTS (AQAS)

- Gastronomy and Culinary Arts Pr.
- Interior Architecture Pr.
- Interior Architecture and Environmental Design Pr.
- Cinema and Television Pr.

#### SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS (AQAS)

- Coaching Education Pr.
- Exercise and Sport Sciences Pr.
- Sports Management Pr.
- Recreation Pr.

#### FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE - ENGINEERING (ABET)

- Computer Engineering
- Mechatronic Engineering
- Industrial Engineering

SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES (PEARSON)