Discrimination and online hate speech in Europe

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

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In the last five years, a quarter of all respondents to a survey of LGBT people said they had been attacked or threatened with violence because of their sexuality, with almost half reporting discrimination*

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Up to 1 in 5 of the 93,000 LGBT people surveyed across the EU said that their last harassment was online*

15%

As many as 15% said their most serious incidence of harassment was on the internet*

50%

Close to half of Europeans believe that discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation is widespread in their country**

MINORITIES

56%

of Europeans think that discrimination on grounds of ethnic origin is widespread

European Commission (2013) Discrimination in the EU in 2013

21%

of survey respondents had personally experienced at least one incident of anti-Semitic verbal insult or harassment, and/or a physical attack in the past 12 months

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (2013) Survey on discrimination and hate crime against Jews

GENDER

21%

Up to 21% of young women have received unwanted sexually explicit emails or text messages

Up to 28% have been the target of offensive propositioning on social networking sites or internet chat rooms

All from EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (2013) Report of violence against women

HATE SPEECH ONLINE

78%

of respondents to a Council of Europe survey have encountered hate speech online.

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have (personally) felt attacked or threatened.

* EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (2013) EU LGBT survey

About half of Roma surveyed said that they have experienced discrimination in the past 12 months because of their ethnic background.

EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (2013) The situation of Roma in 11 EU Member States

Three out of four Europeans think of the Roma as a group of people at risk of discrimination.

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Council of Europe (2012/13) Survey on young people's attitudes and experience of online hate speech.