EU CITIZENS RECOGNISE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BUT MOST DON’T SPEAK ABOUT IT

1. HOW COMMON IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN?

74%  23%

THINK DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS COMMON  KNOW A FEMALE VICTIM AMONG FRIENDS AND FAMILY

17%  9%

KNOW A WOMAN AFFECTED IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD  KNOW A WOMAN AFFECTED AT WORK OR PLACE OF STUDY

2. DO PEOPLE WHO KNOW A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPEAK ABOUT IT?

12%  7%

SPOKE TO THE POLICE ABOUT SUSPECTED ABUSE  SPOKE TO HEALTH OR SUPPORT SERVICES

3. WHY DO PEOPLE HESITATE TO SPEAK ABOUT IT?

PEOPLE SAID THEY DIDN’T TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM BECAUSE

NONE OF MY BUSINESS  LACK OF PROOF  THE SITUATION WAS UNCLEAR  DON’T WANT TO CAUSE TROUBLE

26%  18%  16%  16%

4. HOW MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT HELP IS AVAILABLE?

74%

KNOW THERE ARE SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

15%

THINK DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A PRIVATE MATTER THAT SHOULD BE HANDLED WITHIN THE FAMILY

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EU CITIZENS' VIEWS ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THE REALITY

1. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

96% SAY IT'S UNACCEPTABLE ALL OF THE TIME
22% HAVE EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE OR BOTH BY A PARTNER

2. FORCING A PARTNER TO HAVE SEX

96% BELIEVE IT'S WRONG TO DO IT
7% HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL VIOLENCE BY A PARTNER

3. CONTINUALLY CRITICISING A PARTNER AND MAKING THEM FEEL INFERIOR

93% BELIEVE IT'S WRONG ALL OF THE TIME
43% HAVE EXPERIENCED PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE

4. PROHIBIT A PARTNER TO SEE FRIENDS AND FAMILY, KEEPING HOLD OF MONEY OR ID CARDS

91% SAY IT'S WROG ALL OF THE TIME
12% HAVE EXPERIENCED ECONOMIC VIOLENCE

5. TOUCHING A COLLEAGUE INAPPROPRIATELY

95% BELIEVE IT'S WRONG ALL OF THE TIME
75% OF SENIOR MANAGERS HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL HARASSMENT

6. SENDING UNSOLICITED SEXUAL MESSAGES

94% BELIEVE IT'S WRONG ALL OF THE TIME
11% HAVE EXPERIENCED CYBER HARASSMENT

7. MAKING SEXUAL COMMENTS OR JOKES TO A WOMAN IN THE STREET

91% BELIEVE IT'S WROG ALL OF THE TIME
24% HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUALLY OFFENSIVE COMMENTS

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EU Fundamental Rights Agency survey on violence against women (2014)

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EU CITIZENS THINK RAPE COULD BE JUSTIFIABLE IN CERTAIN CASES

- 12%: If the woman was drunk or on drugs at the time
- 11%: If the woman went home with someone
- 10%: If the woman failed to clearly say no or fight back during the attack
- 10%: If she was wearing sexy or revealing clothes at the time
- 7%: If the woman was walking alone at night when it happened
- 7%: If she had been flirting with the attacker before it happened
- 7%: If she has had multiple sexual partners in the past
- 2%: If the rapist says he regrets his actions after the event
- 4%: If the rapist says he didn’t know what he was doing at the time
- 1%: If she went home with someone

27%: Say non-consensual sex could be justifiable in certain situations

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