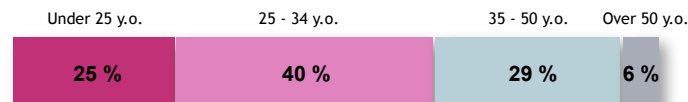


Respondents profile

Age : mostly 25-34 y.o.



Geographical area : Urbanites and Parisians

59 % declare to live in Paris (32 %) or in Paris suburbs (27 %) 18 % in other major cities

Profession : 3 dominating categories

33 % Employees / 23 % Executives / 18 % Students or pupils

Marital status (11 % did not answer to this question)

Among the answers : 60 % declared to be in couple / 22 % declared to be single

Consequences in your life

Concrete consequences :

You broke up with some of your relatives	19 %
Issues in your school	8 %
Impact on your career	7 %
You had to move	5 %
You lost your job	3 %

Psychological consequences :

You experienced depressive periods	19 %
You are stressed	13 %
You had to visit/consult a psychological support	11 %
You withdraw into yourself	11 %
You have difficulties to accept your homosexuality	10 %
You feel guilty	7 %
You tried to commit suicide	5 %

Your point of view regarding lesbophobia

If 64% among the respondents think that "mentalities are changing" in these areas, 24% "still find it difficult".

Means to fight against lesbophobia :

Lesbians' visibility throughout media	66 %
Legislation against Lesbophobia	56 %
Everyday solidarity	52 %
European legislation harmonisation	48 %
Association actions	46 %
Individual visibility	44 %
Political commitment	30 %
Other	7 %

Why a survey ?

Lesbophobia is far from being a marginal phenomenon. However, very little data are available as far as we know. There is no existing quantitative survey and on our phone listening service, only 1 call out of 5 comes from a lesbian.

Our target is to fill this lack of information to be more efficient in our action !

Victims from lesbophobia ?

Among the 57% who answered "yes" to the question "have you ever been a victim of lesbophobia?", the profile most likely to declare herself as victim from lesbophobia are :

- Parisians
- Lesbians in couple

There is not one age and one profession more exposed than the others.

An under-evaluated phenomenon

Though only 57% of the respondents answered "yes", some who answered "no" reported experiencing lesbophobia in other areas of the questionnaire (family, daily life, workplace...).

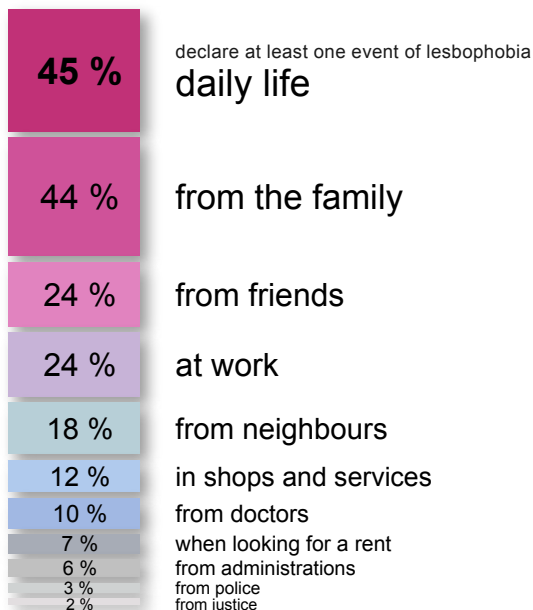
If we take these answers into account, we can say that, **63 % of respondents declared themselves victims of lesbophobia.**



A survey on Lesbophobia

1793 analysed questionnaires

57 % of the lesbians who answered declare having experienced lesbophobia.



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45 % daily life

You have been insulted or harassed :

in the street	35 %
in a public place	13 %
in public transportation	12 %
leaving a club	12 %

In the street, public places and public transportation, youth, couples and Parisians more often experience lesbophobia.

In clubs, the young and Parisians more often experience lesbophobia.

According to you, what are the reasons ?

because you were in couple	33 %
your look	14 %
your behaviour	9 %

« In couple » was the most frequent answer for women under 34 y.o. who reported being in a relationship at the time of filling out the survey.

Forms :

insults	30 %
threats	9 %
violences	5 %

Almost all women who selected a form have been concerned by insults (96%).

44 % from the family

Actors :

mother	22 %
father	16 %
sisters and/or brothers	10 %
less close family	10 %

Forms :

non-understanding	35 %
reject	21 %
insults	13 %
threats	5 %

69% of women who declare themselves victims of lesbophobia in general mention family context.

8% of women declared not being a victim mention lesbophobia in a family context.

When the lesbophobia in family is evoked, it is often for more than a single situation.

No specific socio-demographic profile is more concerned by lesbophobia in family.

24 % from friends

1 out of 4 women reported experiencing lesbophobia from friends.

Forms :

non-understanding	20 %
reject (rejection)	14 %
harassment	1 %

“Risk profile” : under 25 y.o., outside Paris area.

Strong correlation between friends and family :

if a woman declares lesbophobia in family, she more often declared lesbophobia from friends and vice & versa.

24 % at work

Actors :

colleagues	15 %
superiors	7 %

Forms :

rumours	14 %
jokes	13 %
rejection	6 %
insults	6 %

Among forms specific to work places :

refusal of a promotion	3 %
persons sidelined	2 %

When lesbophobia at work is mentioned, it is often for more than one single situation.

Homosexuality perception at work :

suspected	47 %
known	38 %
neither suspected neither nor known	15 %

If homosexuality is known, women victims of lesbophobia at work are more likely to be insulted or transferred.

If homosexuality is suspected, they are more exposed to rumours and jokes.

No specific socio-demographic profile is more affected by lesbophobia at work.

18 % from neighbours

Forms :

insults	12 %
defamation	5 %
threats	4 %

Psychologic violences were reported above physical ones : day to day, recurring and hard to endure.

Other forms mentioned : indifference, lack of politeness, pets tortured or killed...

12 % in shops and services

Places :

shops	3 %
banks	2 %
taxi	2 %

Forms :

reluctant attitude	8 %
refusal of products/services	3 %

10 % from doctors

Actors :

gynaecologist	4 %
blood drive	3 %
psychologist/psychiatrist	2 %

Forms :

examinations refused, scamped examinations, issues with life partner during visits, inappropriate questions, reluctancy to lesbian pregnancy...

7 % when looking for a rent

Actors :

landlord	3 %
estate agent	2 %

Forms :

renting refusal	4 %
discrimination	2 %

Less risky profile :

young, Parisians, single women, pupils / students.

6 % from administrations

Actors :

other administrations	2 %
school	1 %
public transports	1 %

Forms :

discrimination	3 %
service refusal	2 %

3 % from police

refusal to report a complaint, to register an action.. 2 %

It is traumatising not to be able to find support from the police, denying a victim status.

2 % from justice