GENDER & ONLINE HATE IN CANADA

A national survey of online hate speech as experienced by women and gender-diverse people aged 16-30.

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Across Canada, 44% of women and gender-diverse people 16-30 report having been personally targeted by hate speech online.

Percentage rate of respondents reporting that they had been personally targeted by online hate.

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50% have personally experienced online hate.

82% have witnessed hate speech online.

63% experienced it monthly or more frequently, with 10% experiencing it daily.

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50% had personally been targeted by online hate.

83% had witnessed hate speech online.

55% experienced it monthly or more frequently, with 5% experiencing it daily.

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45% had personally experienced or been targeted online hate.

87% had witnessed hate speech online.

45% experienced it monthly or more frequently, with 6% experiencing it daily.
40% had personally experienced or been targeted online hate. 85% had witnessed hate speech online. 64% experienced it monthly or more frequently, with 13% experiencing it daily.

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38% have personally experienced online hate.

82% have witnessed hate speech online.

59% experienced it monthly or more frequently, with 10% experiencing it daily.

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70% people with a disability are 70% more likely to experience online hate.

59% 2SLGBTQI people are 59% more likely to experience online hate.

59% Indigenous people are 59% more likely to experience online hate.

53% Black people are 53% more likely to experience online hate.

Groups most likely to be targeted online

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Most common types of online hate experienced are sexist/misogynistic (42%), based on body type or physical characteristics (38%), racist (31%), or homophobic/transphobic (26%).

Most common form of hate speech online is hateful comments (61%). Following that are slurs/insults (51%), and sexual comments or jokes (47%).
Rates of threats of violence, encouragement of self-harm, doxing, stalking, non-consensual sharing of personal images

- 27% report experiencing threats of physical or sexual violence.
- 24% report experiencing stalking behaviors.
- 22% report comments encouraging self-harm.
- 12% report being doxxed (having personal identifiable information shared without consent).
- 17% report having their personal photos shared without their consent.
The time for change is now.

We thank all survivors for sharing their experiences with us.

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