



# GENDER & ONLINE HATE IN CANADA

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

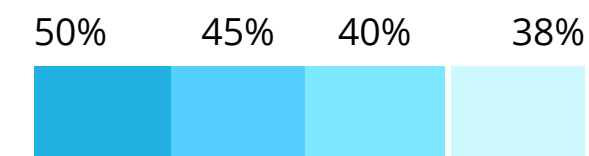
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Across Canada,  
**44%** of women  
and gender-  
diverse people 16-  
30 report having  
been **personally**  
**targeted by hate**  
**speech online.**

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



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# Quebec



50% have personally experienced online hate.

82% have witnessed hate speech online.

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



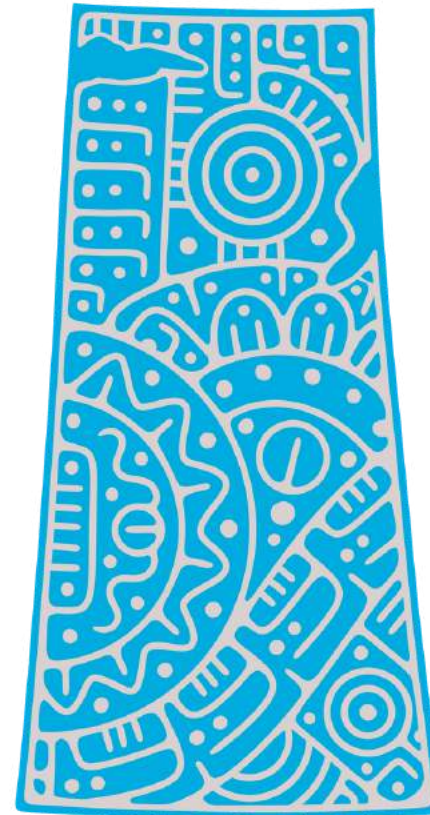
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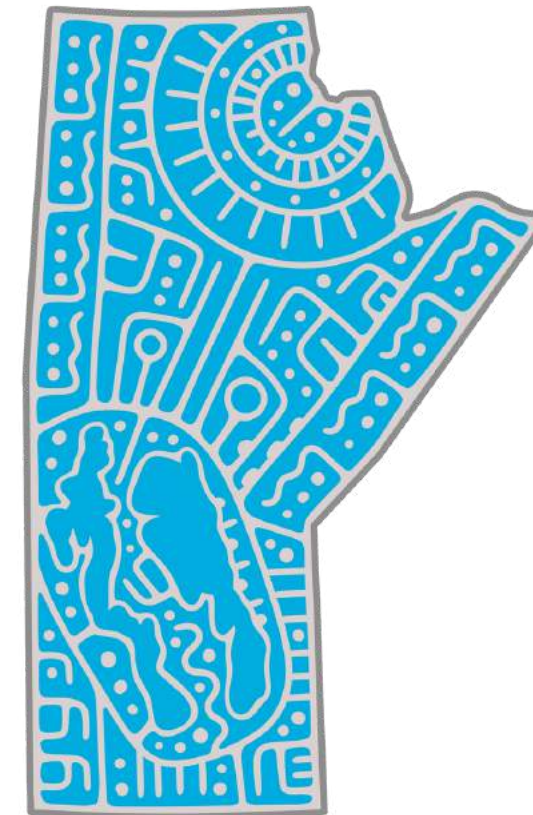
# The Prairies



50% had personally  
been targeted by  
online hate.

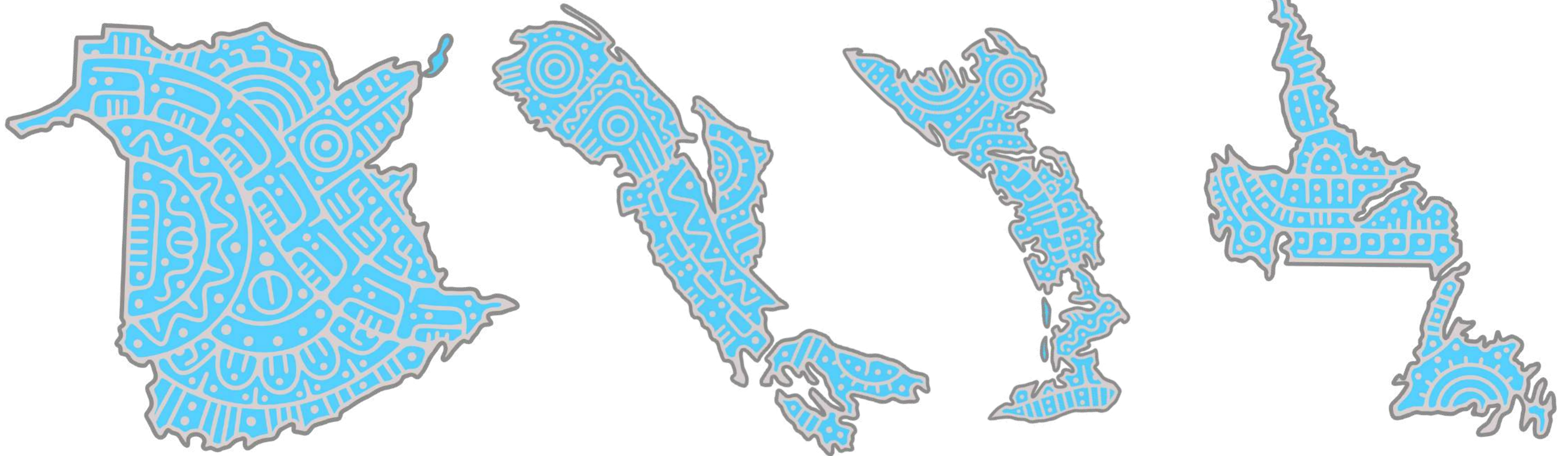


83% had witnessed  
hate speech online.



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

# The Atlantic



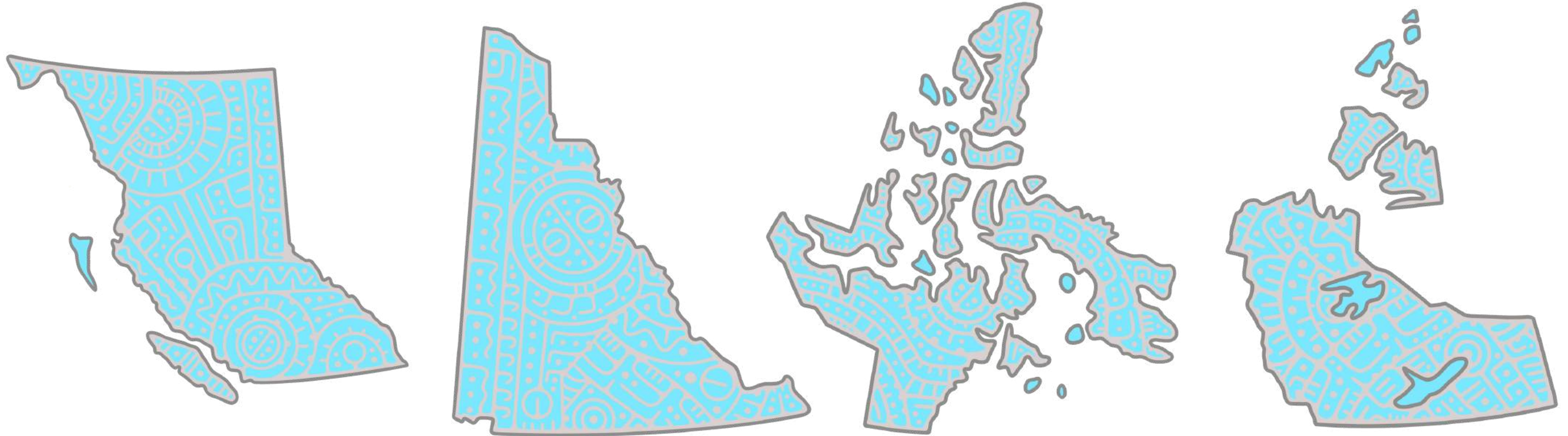
45% had personally experienced or been targeted online hate.

87% had witnessed hate speech online.

45% experienced it monthly or more frequently, with 6% experiencing it daily.



# BC and The Territories



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.

# Ontario



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

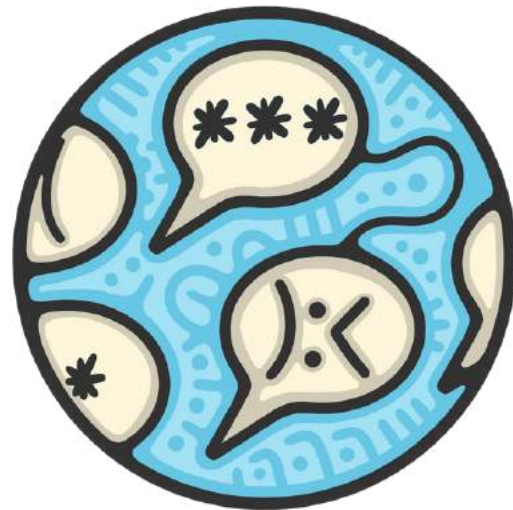
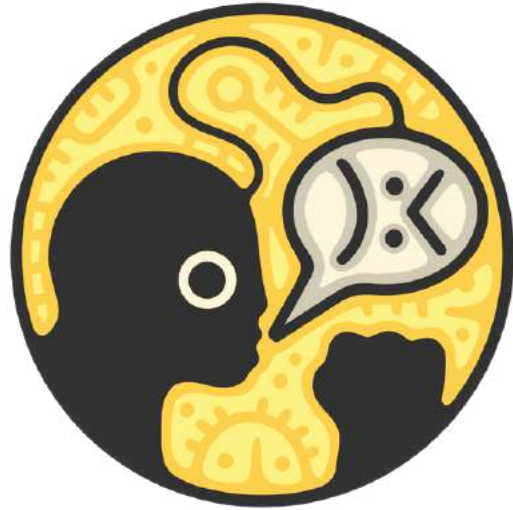


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# Most common forms of hate speech experienced



- 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%).

**27%**

report experiencing threats of  
physical or sexual violence.

**24%**

report experiencing stalking  
behaviors.

**22%**

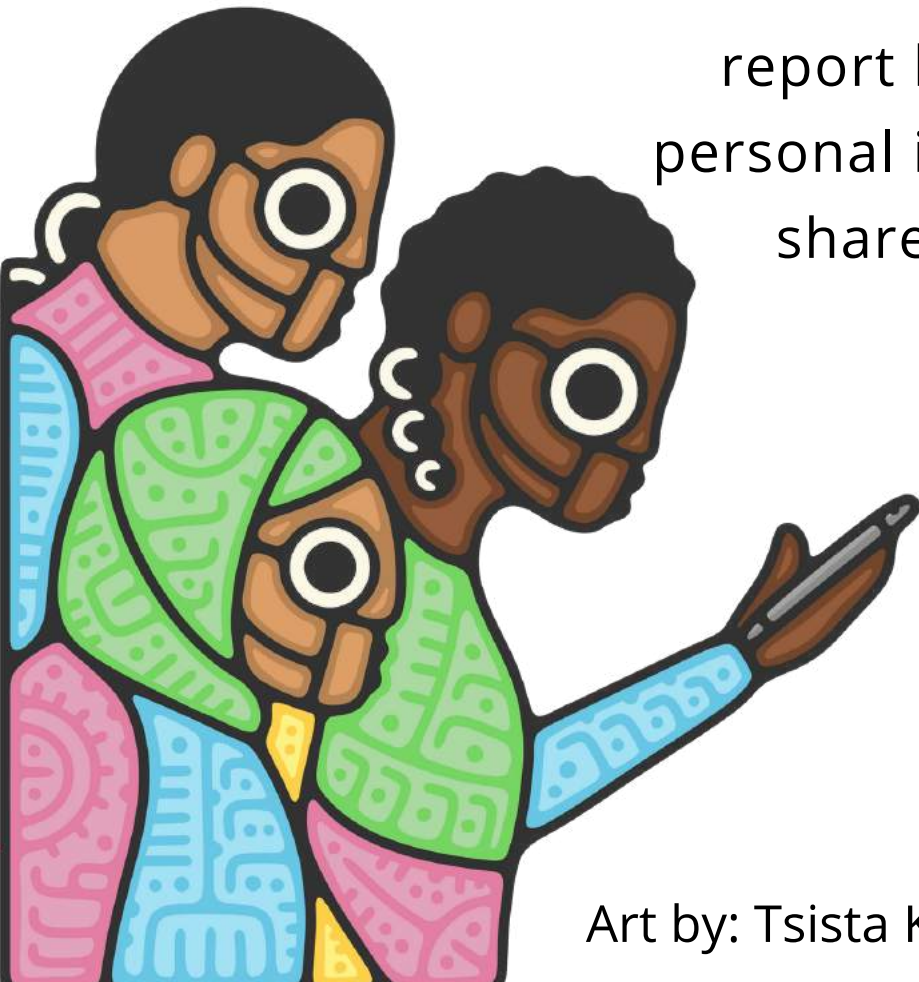
report comments  
encouraging self-harm.

**12%**

report being doxxed (having  
personal identifiable information  
shared without consent).

**17%**

report having their personal  
photos shared without their  
consent.



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**Rates of threats of violence,  
encouragement of self-harm, doxing,  
stalking, non-consensual sharing of  
personal images**

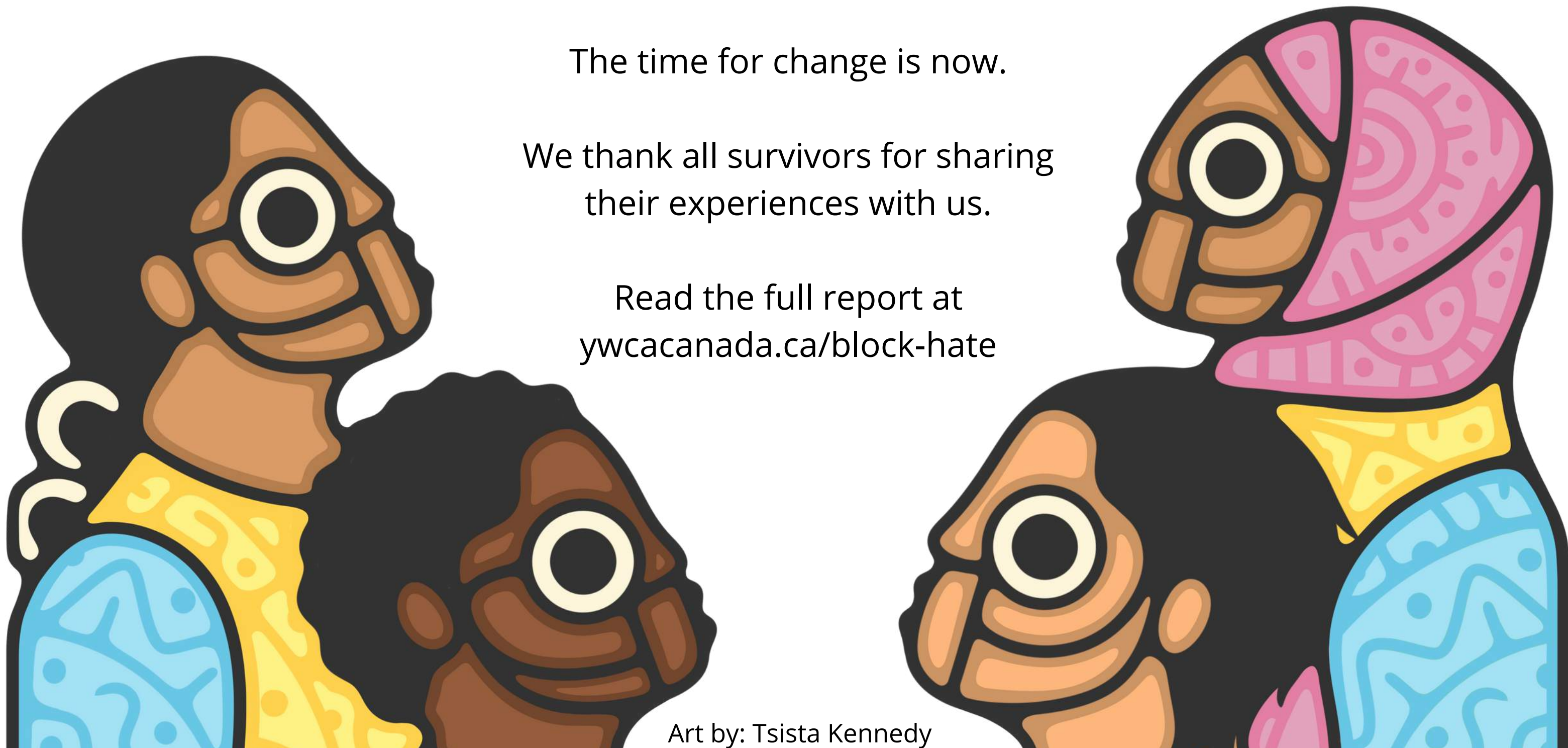


The time for change is now.

We thank all survivors for sharing  
their experiences with us.

Read the full report at  
[ywcacanada.ca/block-hate](http://ywcacanada.ca/block-hate)

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