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TÄMÄ KYSELYLOMAKE ON OSA YLLÄ MAINITTUA YHTEISKUNTATIEEELLISEEN TIETOARKISTOON ARKISTOITUA TUTKIMUSAINESTOA.

KYSELYLOMAKETTA HYÖDYNTÄVIEN TULEE VIITATA SIIHEN ASIANMUKAISESTI LÄHDEVIITTEELLÄ.

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# QueerDefense Survey

This survey is aimed at lesbians living in Finland.

The survey is a part of the QueerDefense project by Transfeminines NGO. In the survey, we are mapping the hate speech and harassment encountered by both cis-gendered and trans/non-binary lesbians. One of our goals is to see if there are differences in the experiences of these two groups. The responses will be used in a study by Transfeminines NGO which will be used as a basis for advocacy work in Finland.

Filling in the survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, send a message to [email address removed].

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There are 36 questions in this survey.

Do you live in Finland?

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Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

Do you consider yourself a lesbian?

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Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

We start from the premise that lesbianism is primarily a matter of self-definition. For example, EL\*C uses a broad definition of lesbianism to include all non-heterosexual LGBTIQ women. Therefore, you can answer the survey if you find yourself in this definition.

I give my permission to use my responses in the QueerDefense survey. \*

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

## 1. Background questions

## 1.1 Gender

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Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

I am cisgender

I am transgender

Are you cisgender or transgender?

The word cisgender describes a person whose gender identity corresponds to their sex assigned at birth. The word transgender describes a person whose gender identity is different from the sex assigned at birth.

Are you: \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'I am transgender' at question ' [SQ12]' (1.1 Gender )

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Woman

Non-binary

## 1.2 Age

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Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

## 1.3 Are you open about your sexual orientation and/or gender identity?

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Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Never
- Rarely
- Rather rarely
- Rather often
- Often
- Always

#### 1.4 Do you belong to any of the following minorities?

Select all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Ethnic minority
- Language minority
- Religious minority

#### 1.5 Do you have a disability?

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Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

You can describe your disability or disabilities in detail below if you so wish.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [SQ600]' (1.5 Do you have a disability? )

Please write your answer here:

1.6 Which one(s) of the following best describe your current status in employment?

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Select all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Unemployed
- Student
- Blue-collar worker
- White-collar worker
- Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Pensioner or outside of workforce
- Other

## 2. Hate speech toward LGBTIQ people

2.1 Have you encountered or been targeted with any of the following within the last 12 months?

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Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Never	Rarely	Rather rarely	Rather often	Often
<b>References to LGBTIQ people posing a threat to "traditional values"</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>References to "LGBTIQ propaganda" or "woke"</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Humour or jokes that are derogatory toward LGBTIQ people</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>References to LGBTIQ people posing a security risk toward cis-gendered people (e.g. in public toilets or in the changing room)</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>References to trans people's participation in competitive sports being a problem</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>References considering LGBTIQ people to be "unnatural" or mentally ill</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Slurs and name calling toward LGBTIQ people</b>	<input type="radio"/>				

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Rather rarely</b>	<b>Rather often</b>	<b>Often</b>
<b>Calls for violence against LGBTIQ people</b>	<input type="radio"/>				

2.2 Have you encountered or been targeted with any of the following more often or less often than before within the last 12 months? \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<b>More often than before</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Less often than before</b>	<b>I can't say</b>
<b>References to LGBTIQ people posing a threat to "traditional values"</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>References to "LGBTIQ propaganda" or "woke"</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Humour or jokes that are derogatory toward LGBTIQ people</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>References to LGBTIQ people posing a security risk toward cis-gendered people (e.g. in public toilets or in the changing room)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>References to trans people's participation in competitive sports being a problem</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>References considering LGBTIQ people to be "unnatural" or mentally ill</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Slurs and name calling toward LGBTIQ people</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	<b>More often than before</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Less often than before</b>	<b>I can't say</b>
<b>Calls for violence against LGBTIQ people</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.3 Have you encountered anti-LGBTIQ sentiment in the following platforms or environments more often or less often than before within the last 12 months? \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<b>More often than before</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Less often than before</b>	<b>I can't say</b>
<b>Traditional media (e.g. television, press, radio)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Popular culture (e.g. songs, movies)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Social media platforms (e.g. Facebook, Tiktok, discussion forums)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>In-person conversations</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.4 Have you witnessed any of the following persons make anti-LGBTIQ statements in public more often or less often than before within the last 12 months? \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	<b>More often than before</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Less often than before</b>	<b>I can't say</b>
<b>Journalists/reporters</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Politicians, decision-makers</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Celebrities or social media influencers</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Unknown/anonymous persons</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### 3. Harassment based on gender and/or sexual orientation

### 3.1 Have you experienced any of the following due to being LGBTIQ?

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Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Never	Rarely	Rather rarely	Rather often	Often
<b>Somebody denying your sexual orientation or gender identity</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Somebody using your deadname on purpose. A deadname is the name that a transgender person was given at birth and no longer uses upon transitioning. If this is not relevant for you, choose "Never".</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Somebody misgendering you on purpose (e.g. calling you a girl/boy or woman/man contrary to your gender identity)</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Intimidation, slurs or name-calling</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Offending or threatening gestures or staring</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Somebody following you or loitering in a threatening manner</b>	<input type="radio"/>				

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Rather rarely</b>	<b>Rather often</b>	<b>Often</b>
<b>Receiving offending or threatening emails or messages</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Somebody spreading offending or threatening content about you online, e.g. in social media</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Somebody spreading your private information (e.g. contact details, health information) online without your consent</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Somebody threatening you with violence</b>	<input type="radio"/>				

3.2 Have any of the following harassed you in ways described in the previous question?

\*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Never	Rarely	Rather rarely	Rather often	Often	Not relevant for me
<b>Someone providing services (e.g. waiter, salesperson)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Someone at school, college or university</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Someone at work (e.g. colleague, customer, patient)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Medical professional (e.g. nurse, doctor)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Police officer or border guard</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Other public official or civil servant</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Someone appearing to have connections to extremist movements or extremist ideologies (e.g. racist or far-right movement)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Acquaintance or friend</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Family member or relative</b>	<input type="radio"/>					

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Rather rarely</b>	<b>Rather often</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Not relevant for me</b>
<b>Partner or former partner</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Someone else</b>	<input type="radio"/>					

3.3. Have you experienced types of harassment described in question 3.1 in any of the following places?

\*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Never	Rarely	Rather rarely	Rather often	Often	Not relevant for me
<b>Street, square, park or other public place</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Public transport</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Café, restaurant, night club, bar</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>School, college, university</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Your workplace</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Healthcare setting</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Internet, virtual communities (e.g. social media, video games)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Private setting (e.g. your home, someone else's home)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					

3.4 Besides being LGBTIQ, do you believe that you have encountered harassment described in question 3.1 due to other personal qualities? \*

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

What qualities?

\*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [G04Q36]' (3.4 Besides being LGBTIQ, do you believe that you have encountered harassment described in question 3.1 due to other personal qualities? )

Select all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

Belonging to a ethnic/language minority, immigrant background

Sex (female)

Skin color

Age

Religion or belief

Disability

Other:

## 4. Sexual harassment

#### 4.1 Have you experienced any of the following?

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Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Never	Rarely	Rather rarely	Rather often	Often
<b>Catcalling, inappropriate staring in a sexual manner</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Inappropriate and disturbing comments and/or jokes of sexual nature, incl. commenting on your physical appearance</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Inappropriate questions and inappropriate curiosity, e.g. regarding genital surgery or your intimate parts</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Receiving non-consensual comments, messages, pictures and/or videos of sexual nature online</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Non-consensual approaches of sexual nature, e.g. someone asking you out repetitively or asking to be a "third wheel"</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Non-consensual exhibitionist actions</b>	<input type="radio"/>				

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Rather rarely</b>	<b>Rather often</b>	<b>Often</b>
<b>Filming or photographing you in secret</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Sharing or threatening to share intimate pictures or videos of you</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Non-consensual touching or groping, e.g. embraces, placing hand on lower back</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Non-consensual touching or groping or suggesting them to "check" your gender, e.g. non-consensual groping of your intimate areas</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Pressure into sexual contact</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Making threats or jokes about "fixing" your sexual orientation or gender identity by sexual coercion</b>	<input type="radio"/>				
<b>Forced sexual acts</b>	<input type="radio"/>				

4.2 Have any of the following sexually harassed you in ways described in the previous question? \*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Never	Rarely	Rather rarely	Rather often	Often	Not relevant for me
<b>Someone providing services (e.g. waiter, salesperson)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Someone at school, college or university</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Someone at work (e.g. colleague, customer, patient)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Medical professional (e.g. nurse, doctor)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Police officer or border guard</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Other public official or civil servant</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Someone appearing to have connections to extremist movements or extremist ideologies (e.g. racist or far-right movement)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Acquaintance or friend</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Family member or relative</b>	<input type="radio"/>					

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Rather rarely</b>	<b>Rather often</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Not relevant for me</b>
<b>Partner or former partner</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Someone else</b>	<input type="radio"/>					

4.3 Have you experienced sexual harassment described in question 4.1 in any of the following places?

\*

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Never	Rarely	Rather rarely	Rather often	Often	Not relevant for me
<b>Street, square, park or other public place</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Public transport</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Café, restaurant, night club, bar</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>School, college, university</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Your workplace</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Healthcare setting</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Internet, virtual communities (e.g. social media, video games)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Private setting (e.g. your home, someone else's home)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					

4.4 Do you believe that you have experienced sexual harassment due to any of the following personal qualities?

Select all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Being LGBTIQ
- Belonging to a ethnic/language minority, immigrant background
- Sex (female)
- Skin color
- Age
- Religion or belief
- Disability
- Other:

## 5. Reporting

5.1 Have you reported the most recent incident of harassment or hate speech that you experienced to the officials?

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

Who did you report to?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [G15Q23]' (5.1 Have you reported the most recent incident of harassment or hate speech that you experienced to the officials? )

Select all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

- Police
- National human rights institution/ Ombudsman for Equality or Gender Equality
- LGBTIQ organisation
- General victim support organisation
- Hospital or other medical service
- Someone in organisation/institution where it happened (at work, service provider)
- Media
- Other:

If you reported to the police, to what extent were you satisfied with how the police acted?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question ' [G01Q24]' (Who did you report to?)

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- I can't say
- Very dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Very satisfied

Did the police proceed with the case?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:  
Answer was at question ' [G01Q24]' (Who did you report to?)

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

### Why did you not report?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'No' at question ' [G15Q23]' (5.1 Have you reported the most recent incident of harassment or hate speech that you experienced to the officials? )

Select all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

- It never occurred to me
- I took care of it myself
- I didn't think it was serious enough
- I didn't think I would receive help
- I don't trust the system
- I feared there would be consequences for me
- Shame, I didn't want anyone to know
- I was too emotionally upset
- I was afraid of a homophobic or transphobic reaction
- Immigration status
- I was/am engaged in sex work

Other:

## 6. Consequences

6.1 Have the hate speech or harassment you have encountered or the fear of them made you behave in any of the following ways?

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Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Never	Rarely	Rather rarely	Rather often	Often	Not relevant for me
<b>Avoiding public places, public transport or walking alone in the dark</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Avoiding certain social settings, e.g. parties, events, virtual communities, social media</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Preparing for a threat when meeting new people, e.g. sharing your location with someone you know</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Preparing for a threat when alone in public, e.g. holding keys in your fist, pretending to be having a telephone conversation</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Lying or remaining quiet about your relationship status or highlighting it</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Lying or remaining</b>	<input type="radio"/>					

	<b>Never</b>	<b>Rarely</b>	<b>Rather rarely</b>	<b>Rather often</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Not relevant for me</b>
<b>quiet about your sexual orientation and/or gender identity</b>						
<b>Reducing or avoiding participation in public discussions and/or politics, avoiding certain topics</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Changing your behavior, e.g. trying to blend in or to not "stick out"</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Changing your gender expression (e.g. dressing, hair, makeup, way of talking, way of walking)</b>	<input type="radio"/>					
<b>Avoiding or quitting hobbies</b>	<input type="radio"/>					

6.2 Have you changed schools/college/university or quit your studies because of harassment and hate speech or their threat?

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Never
- Yes, once
- Yes, more than once
- Not relevant for me

6.3 Have you changed jobs or resigned because of harassment and hate speech or their threat?

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Never
- Yes, once
- Yes, more than once
- Not relevant for me

6.4 Have you interrupted your military service because of harassment or hate speech or their threat?

Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- No
- Yes
- Not relevant for me

## 7. Lastly

If you wish, you can describe your experiences of hate speech and/or harassment below.

Please write your answer here:

What do you think could be done to prevent harassment, hate speech and violence against LGBTIQ people?

Please write your answer here:

What do you think could be done to make it easier for LGBTIQ people to approach officials (e.g. police), services (e.g. healthcare) or NGOs (e.g. LGBTIQ, mental health, combatting gender-based violence)?

Please write your answer here:

Thank you for filling in the survey!

We will keep you informed about the next steps of the QueerDefense project in our social media channels during 2025.

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Submit your survey.

Thank you for completing this survey.