

Erasmus+ Fight for Tolerance

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DISCRIMINATION OF MINORITIES IN ITALY

Civil unions, femicides,
discriminated religions and communities



Civil unions

- In 2001, Holland was the first country in the world to recognize full rights, including adoption, for homosexual couples
- On 11th May 2016, Italian Parliament gave the final go-ahead, after months of litigation and controversies, to the Cirinnà law that introduced civil unions also in Italy. Still today, the adoption to homosexual couples in Italy is not permitted.
- 8,506 lgbt couples got married, of whom 6073 in 2017
- In Italy still many people, including politicians, define homosexual families as "not-families"



Femicide

- Nearly seven million women in Italy have suffered some form of abuse during their lifetime: from domestic violence to stalking, from rape to verbal abuse.
- It is considered a femicide the killing of a woman with whom you have sentimental or sexual ties. More than 82% of crimes committed to the detriment of a woman in Italy are classified as femicides. (over four out of five)
- Slightly lower than in previous years, it proves to be still a widespread crime and a problem that requires a response not only judicial, but cultural and educational.
- In the last 5 years 774 cases of murder of women were recorded, an average of about 150 per year. It means that in Italy every two days (about) a woman is killed.



Religious discrimination

- Some articles of the Italian constitution establish the freedom of worship, including article 8 which states: «All religious confessions are equally free before the law »
- Some religious minorities present in Italy:

Orthodox: more than 1.7 million

Protestants: about 700.000

Jehovah's Witnesses: about 430.000

Mormons: 27.000

Jews: 41.000

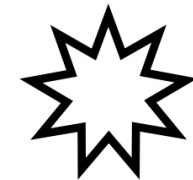
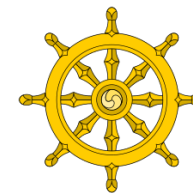
Muslims: 2 million

Buddhists: 293.000

Hindus: 193.000

Sikh: 17.000

Bahá'í: 5000



- Despite intolerance and discrimination based on religion are in fact forbidden by most of the Constitutions and by various international Conventions, the problem appears to be very present today.



Slovenian



Occitan

Discriminated communities



Ladin



Jews



Rom

- By **minority**, we generally mean a human group, whose members perceive or are perceived from the outside as separated from the rest of society
- Some of the ethnic and linguistic minorities present in Italy are: Ladins, Occitans, Albanians, Jews, Slovenians, Kurds, Rumanians and Roms
- The main ethnic minority in Italy is the Rom one. They are often persecuted, harassed and marginalized. Their presence varies from 90,000 to 140,000 people and a large number of them live in the so-called "nomad camps" in the suburbs of the cities

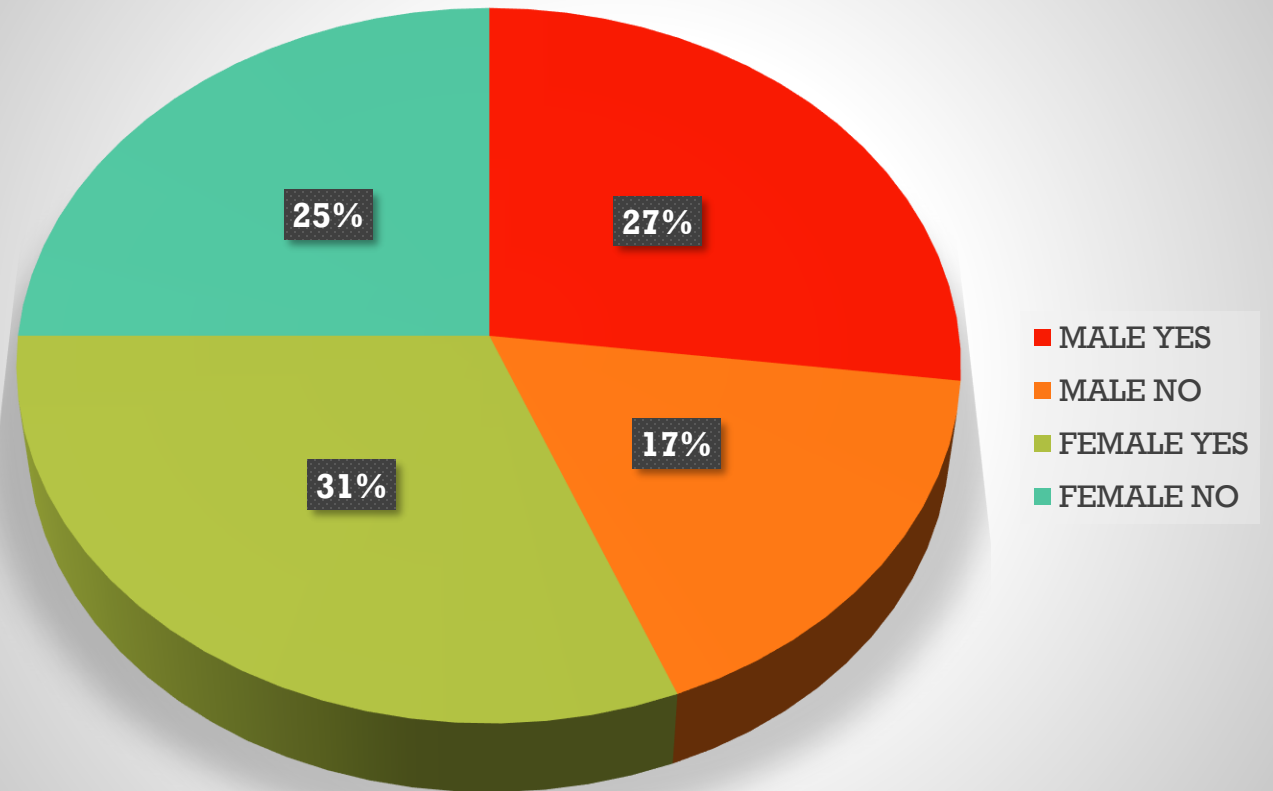
Survey in our school

- We did an anonymous survey in the fourth and fifth grades (students' age between 17 and 19) of our high school to understand the level of discrimination in our school and what our schoolmates think
- We asked five questions:
 - 1. Do you believe in someone/something? If yes in who/what?**
 - 2. Do you have prejudices towards other religions?**
 - 3. If you think about Islam, do you think about terrorism?**
 - 4. If you think about the Rom community, do you think about theft?**
 - 5. In your opinion, is anti-Semitism still present in Italy?**

Results of the survey

*Do you believe in someone/something?
If yes in who/what?*

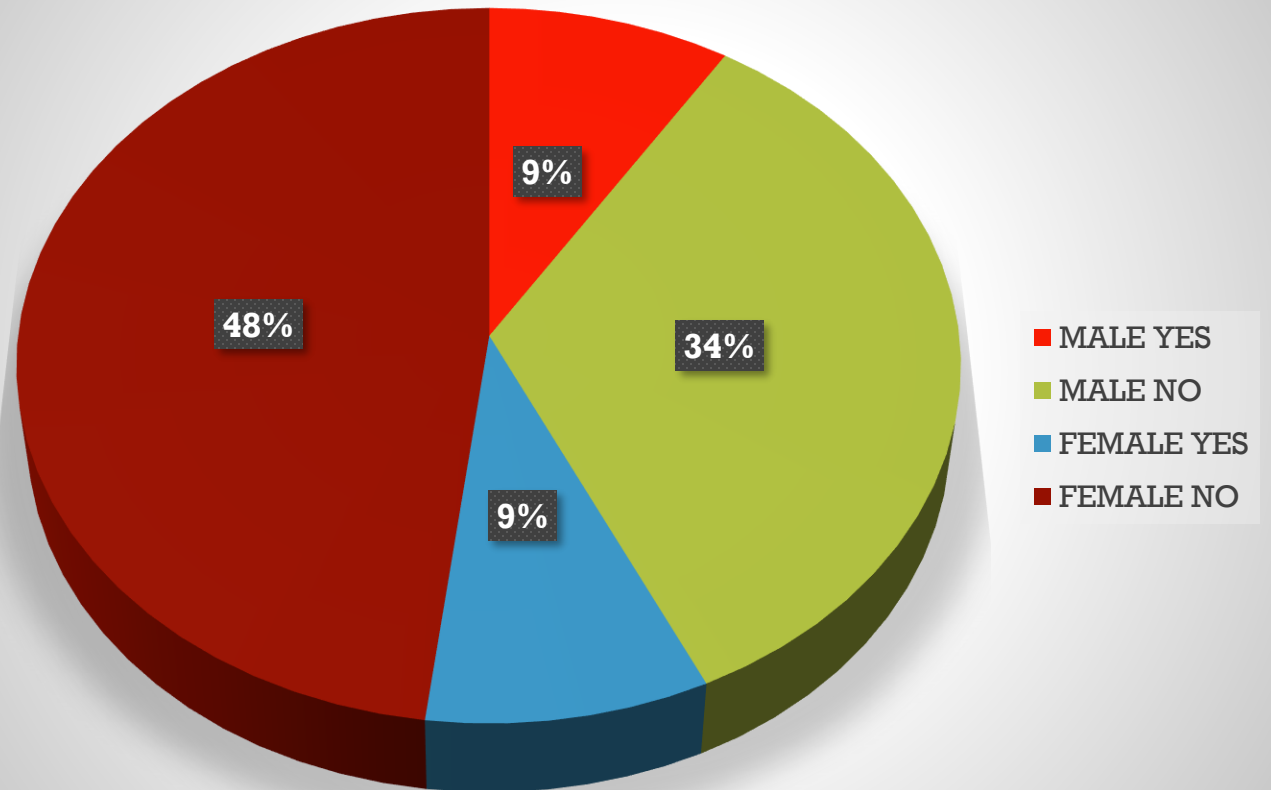
QUESTION 1



Results of the survey

Do you have prejudices towards other religions?

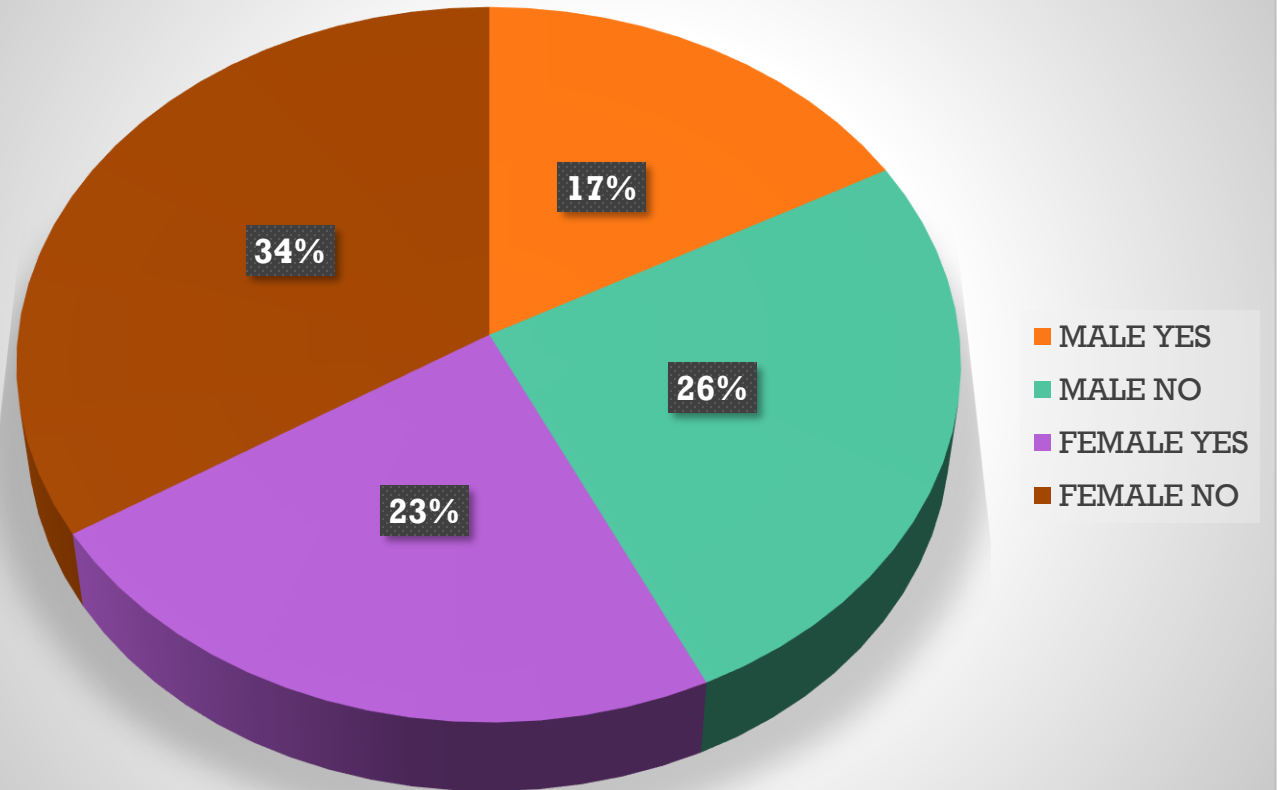
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Results of the survey

If you think about Islam, do you think about terrorism?

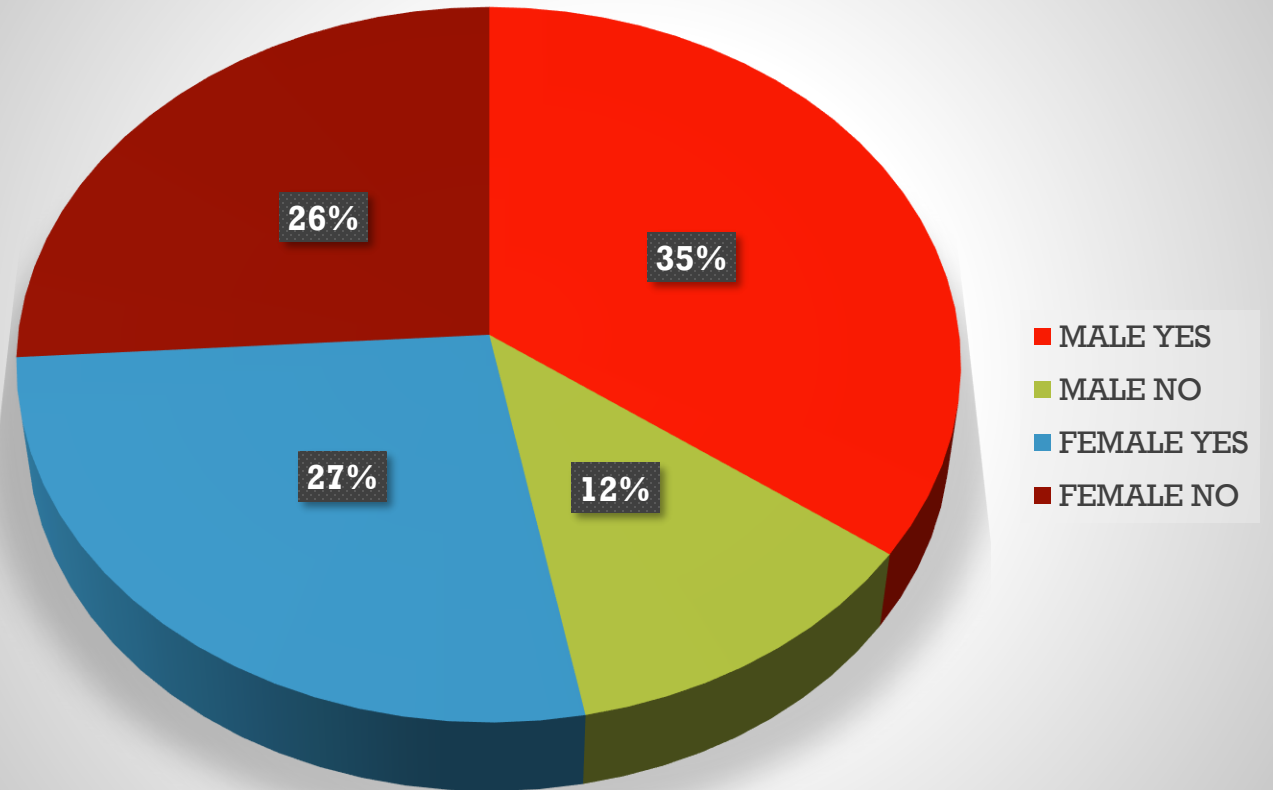
QUESTION 3



Results of the survey

If you think about the Rom community, do you think about theft?

QUESTION 4



Results of the survey

In your opinion, is anti-Semitism still present in Italy?

QUESTION 5

