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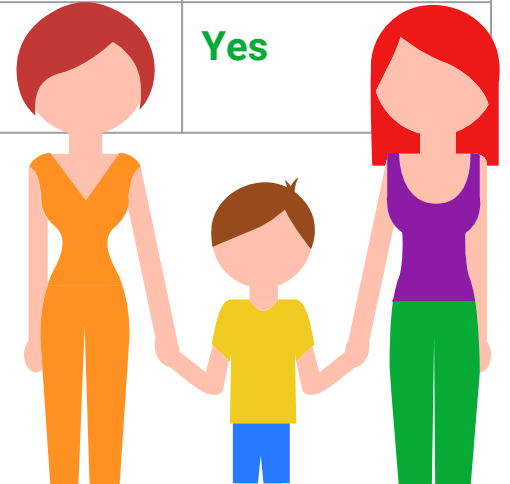
Being LGBTQIA+ in Bulgaria

Political Situation

Legal homosexual acts	Yes (1968)
Anti-discrimination laws	Yes
Law against hate crimes	No
Same-gender marriage	No (prohibited by the Constitution)
Adoption by an LGBTQIA+ person	Yes
Adoption by an LGBTQIA+ couple	No
Service in the army	Not for transgender people
The right to transition	No
In vitro for lesbians	No

Political Situation

Automatic parental rights for both parents after the birth of the child	No
Prohibition of conversion therapy	No
Surrogacy for same-gender couples	No
The right to donate blood	Yes



Social situation

- Constant danger of looking “gay”
- Physical violence. Especially among the youth
- Safe spaces and community centers



Schools - Data from the national research of acceptance of LGBT+ students

48,3%

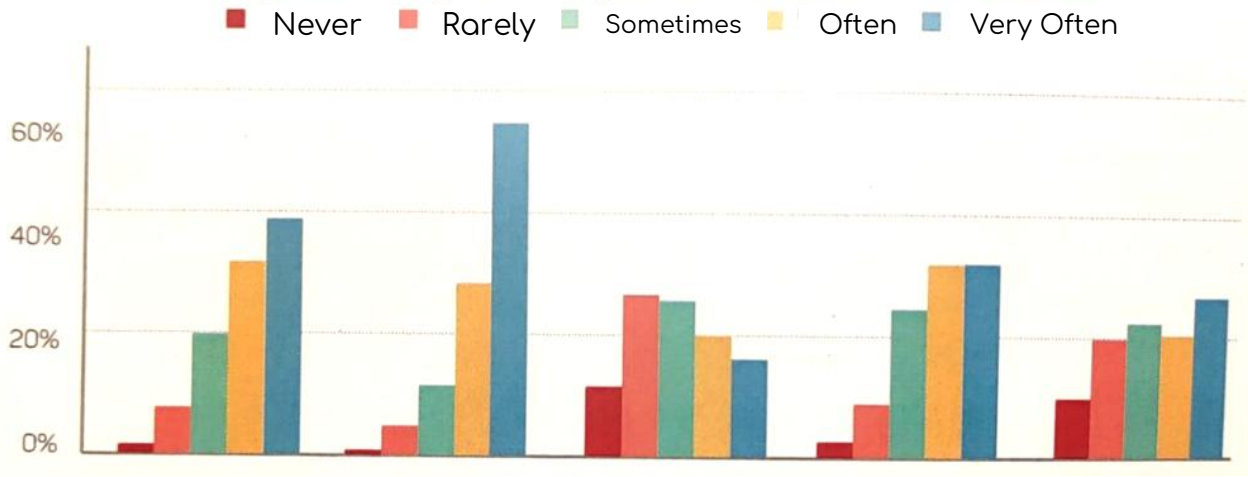
Of LGBT+ students
feel insecure about
their sexual
orientation

31,2%

Of LGBT+ students
feel insecure about
their
appearance and
gender expression



How often do you hear anti-LGBT comments in school?



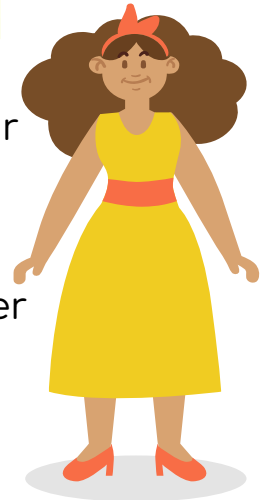
How often do you hear the word gay used in a derogatory way?

How often do you hear homophobic slurs?

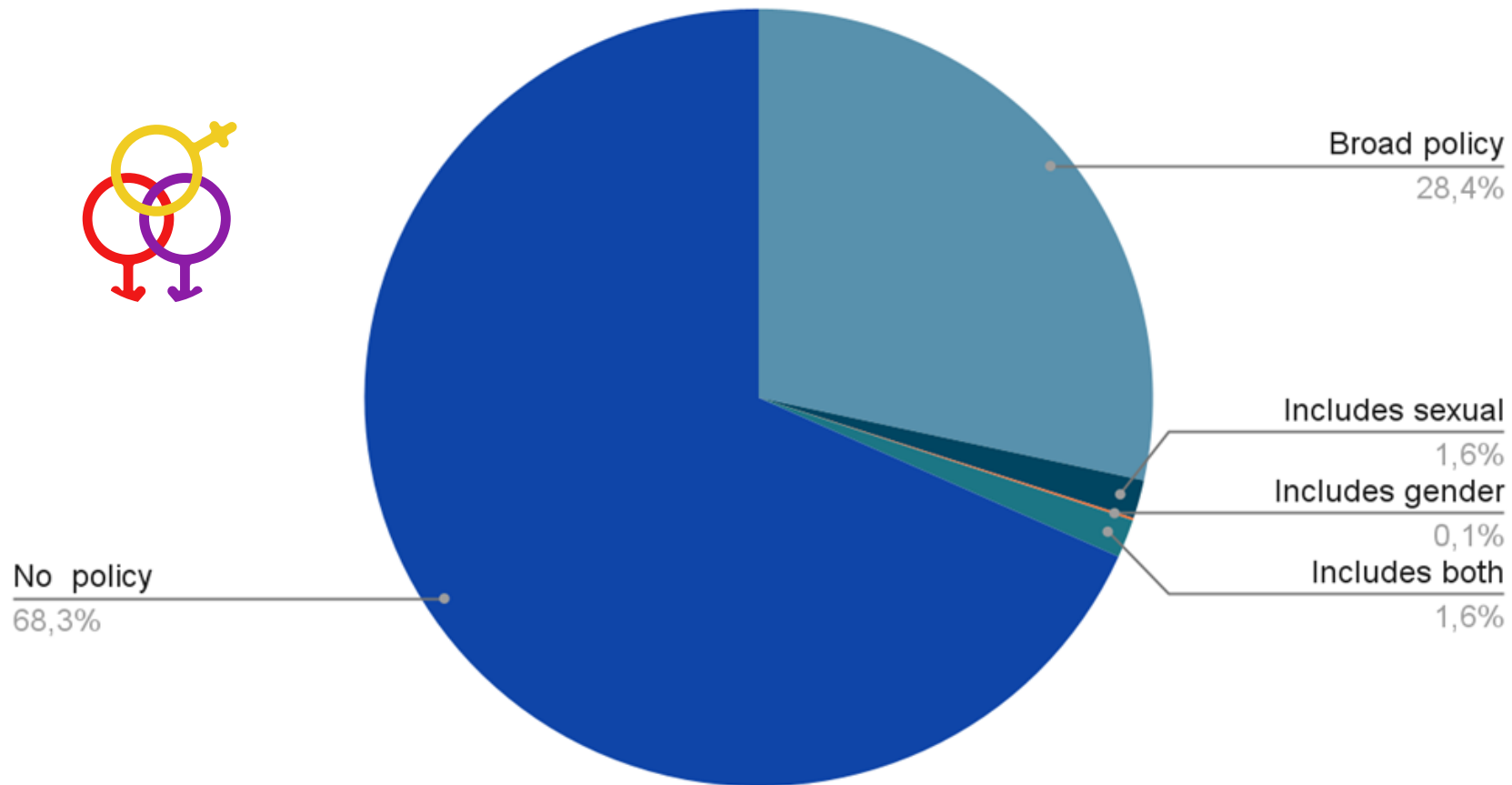
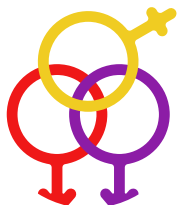
How often do you hear that a female student doesn't act feminine enough?

How often do you hear that a male student doesn't act masculine?

How often do you hear negative comments about transgender people?



Schools policies on bullying



Schools and Universities

Teachers' perspective

Not enough safe spaces and education. Close-minded parents and teachers.

Small recent improvements

Students' perspective

Discrimination

Safe spaces and support

Universities

More accepting in some places but discrimination exists



Pride

- Sofia Pride- 12 000 people
- Increased violence
- Counter Pride



There is hope!

- Rainbow Hub, Bilitis, Glas foundations and Deystvie
- Queer spaces - The steps
- Spaces that support queer people - Bibliofemme, Fabrikata





Thank You!