

## RESULTS OF ANNONIMOUS QUESTIONAIRE

### 30 homosexual persons

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- Majority of respondents (18) survived some sort of violence outside of home, including psychological harrasment, stoning, rape and beating. Four cases of domestic violence were recorded, of which one was rape. Not a single case was reported because of fear from outing. One respondent specifically stated that he only feels safe in his room.
- Majority of respondents (18) lived thourgh some form of discrimination at school, univeristy and from the police. Several respondents mentioned blackmail, threatening letters and telephone calls, none of which were reported to the authorities.
- Only a minority (4) do not hide their sexual orientation.
- Majority believes that reasons for homophobia are ignorance, fear and insecurity, especially in one's sexual identity.
- Majority considers that people who support LGBT population are educated, self assured, without prejudices and that they are more often women.
- Half of respondents has not felt or heard of maltreatment from the police, whereas the other half reported to have felt the maltreatment (5) or to have heard about maltreatment of other homosexual people (3), like the case of threatening the human rights activist, and the blackmailing case in Niksic.
- Several respondents noted offensive behavior from teachers and professors. While conducting a research, one professor talled HRA's volunteer that he would „burn all such people“. One case of sexual harrasment at the working place was reported.
- When asked what 3 things would they like to change in Montenegro, the vast majority said that they longed for the society to accept them „as they are“. They also called for a general education of people that homosexuality is not a desease, for equality. Many would also like to have a gay club to go to.
- Noone has ever contacted the Ombudsman. The majority do not have trust in the institution, but believe that it should do more to promote the equality of rights for the LGBT community.
- More of half of families of the respondents (18) knew about their sexual orientation. Of those families the majority accepted it (12), although mothers are always cited as more tolerant parents. Other respondents (12) stated that they hide their sexual identity as their families would never accept it.