

20 facts about racism and discrimination

1 racism

is based on the belief that distinctive human characteristics are determined by race, hence there are superior and inferior races.

2 Race is literally only 'skin deep': there is no scientific evidence that there are genetically different human races.

21 - 28 March European Action Week Against Racism and Discrimination

4 Racism is not only personal attitudes and behaviours but systematic practise of denying people access to rights, representation, or resources based on racial differences.

5 What majority? We have multiple faceted identities, and we belong to more than 1 group. This leads at times to being discriminated on multiple grounds

8 Only 37% Europeans know their rights in case they fall victim to discrimination or harassment. FRA report 2012

3 Racism can be tracked back to 13-14 century at the beginning of the colonisation era and the persecution of Jews in Europe

6 The rise of social networking websites has created an entirely new frontier in the war on racism. Neo-Nazi, misogynistic and homophobic groups have all capitalised on social media's broad reach, easy access and relative anonymity to recruit and indoctrinate a new generation with hate. Whereas earlier generations of hate groups were forced to spread their message in person, the advent of social media websites has provided hate groups with nearly unfettered access to millions of potential sympathizers.

7 FRA report: 2012
Discrimination is still common in EU, the 3 most perceived reasons are ethnic origin (56%), disability (46%), sexual orientation (46%)

NO
HATE

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SPEECH
MOVEMENT

13 Only 20 countries have ratified the Additional Protocol to the Cybercrime Convention on criminalisation of acts of racist and xenophobic nature through computer systems.

12 White supremacy is the belief, or promotion of the belief, that white people are superior to people of other racial backgrounds and that therefore whites should politically, economically and socially dominate non-whites.

9 Roma are widely perceived as a group at risk of discrimination in Europe. FRA report 2012

10 18% of Roma & 18% of Sub-Saharan Africans in EU reported they had experienced at least one 'in-person crime' that they considered to be racially motivated. FRA report 2012

11 The General Assembly of the United Nations declared 21 March the International Day for the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination. This day was implemented as a reaction to the brutal murder of 69 anti-apartheid demonstrators in Sharpeville (South Africa) in 1960. Apartheid was a legal system of systematic racial segregation and inequality enforced by the government of South Africa from 1948 up to 1990.

15 Roma are among the most discriminated in Europe: French authorities forcibly evicted more than 21.537 Romani migrants in 2013, more than double

17 The minority population in Europe is 105 million, which is 14 % of the total European population. There are an estimated 12 million Roma people, an estimated 7 million Black Africans, and about 5 million Muslims living in Europe today

14 Discrimination describes a situation where an individual is disadvantaged in some way because of a 'protected characteristic'. Discrimination has different guises: direct discrimination, indirect discrimination, harassment and instruction to discriminate.

European Commission against racism and intolerance is monitoring the situation on racism and publishes country reports.

16 European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) is a human rights body of the Council of Europe since 1993, composed of independent experts, which monitors problems of racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, intolerance and discrimination on grounds such as "race", national/ethnic origin, colour, citizenship, religion and language (racial discrimination).

18 The Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime criminalises the racist and xenophobic content sent out through computer systems. Only 20 states have ratified the Protocol in Europe.

19 All Different - All Equal was a campaign of the Council of Europe against racism and discrimination realised with young people