

MISOGYNY, HATE SPEECH AND TOXIC MASCULINITY



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WHAT IS HATE SPEECH?

“Every form of expression written or said (including text messages, images, music, videos, games, paintings, symbols, signs, other forms of art), expressed and disseminated by an individual or group of people, through all forms of electronic digital communication such as media, websites, forums, blogs, social media platforms, emails, targeting an individual or group of people based on a core characteristic of them, in particular on their gender or gender identity, race or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religious affiliation or belief, disability, with the intention to spread hate, harass, threaten and provoke directly or indirectly violence against the specific individuals or members of groups within the societies.”

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IN SHORT:

“Any online content targeting someone’s core characteristics with the purpose of spreading hate, threatening or provoking violence against them.”

Misogyny:

feelings of hating women, or the belief that men are much better than women

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Get back to
the kitchen.

The only thing women
deserve to be doing on the
field is cheerleading for men.

Is it Weight Watcher's
second team?

Should female footballers
even be paid at all?

Who let Peppa Pig
on the pitch?

Women should not be
involved in men's football.

Why is there a women's league in the first
place, it's just a waste of funds that could
be given to the poorest people in the world.

Women shouldn't be allowed to
play sports or vote, it's far too
dangerous to leave in their hands.

The fat b***h needs her
contract terminating
after that.

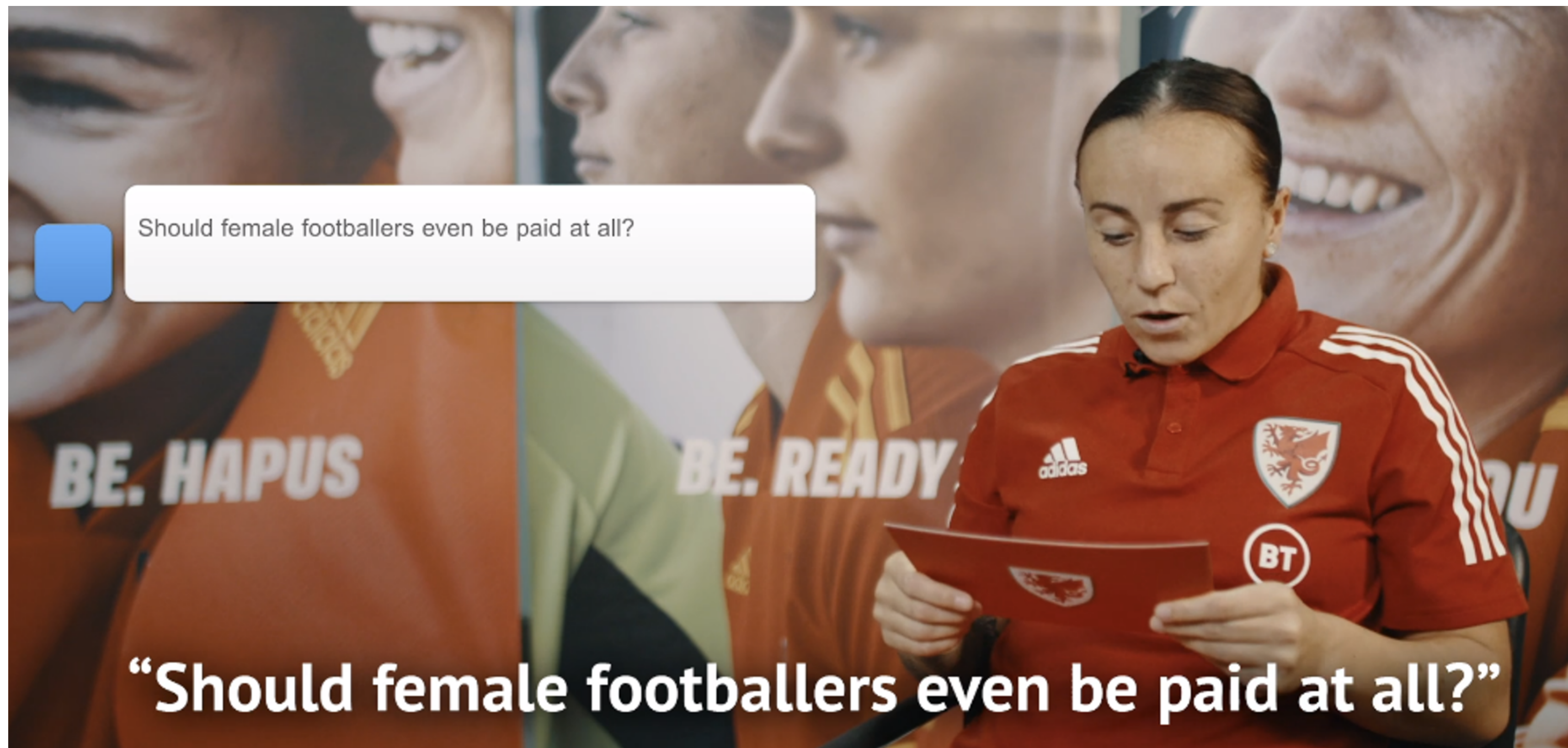
It's obvious she had other
things on her mind like what
Mary Berry cake to eat later.

Women are not designed to have physical prowess. Estrogen makes you
into a caregiver not a fighter. Watching women kick a football around is
like watching dogs climb trees. The cats are all laughing at you.



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GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

The [UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women](#) states: “For the purposes of this Declaration, the term “violence against women” means any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.”

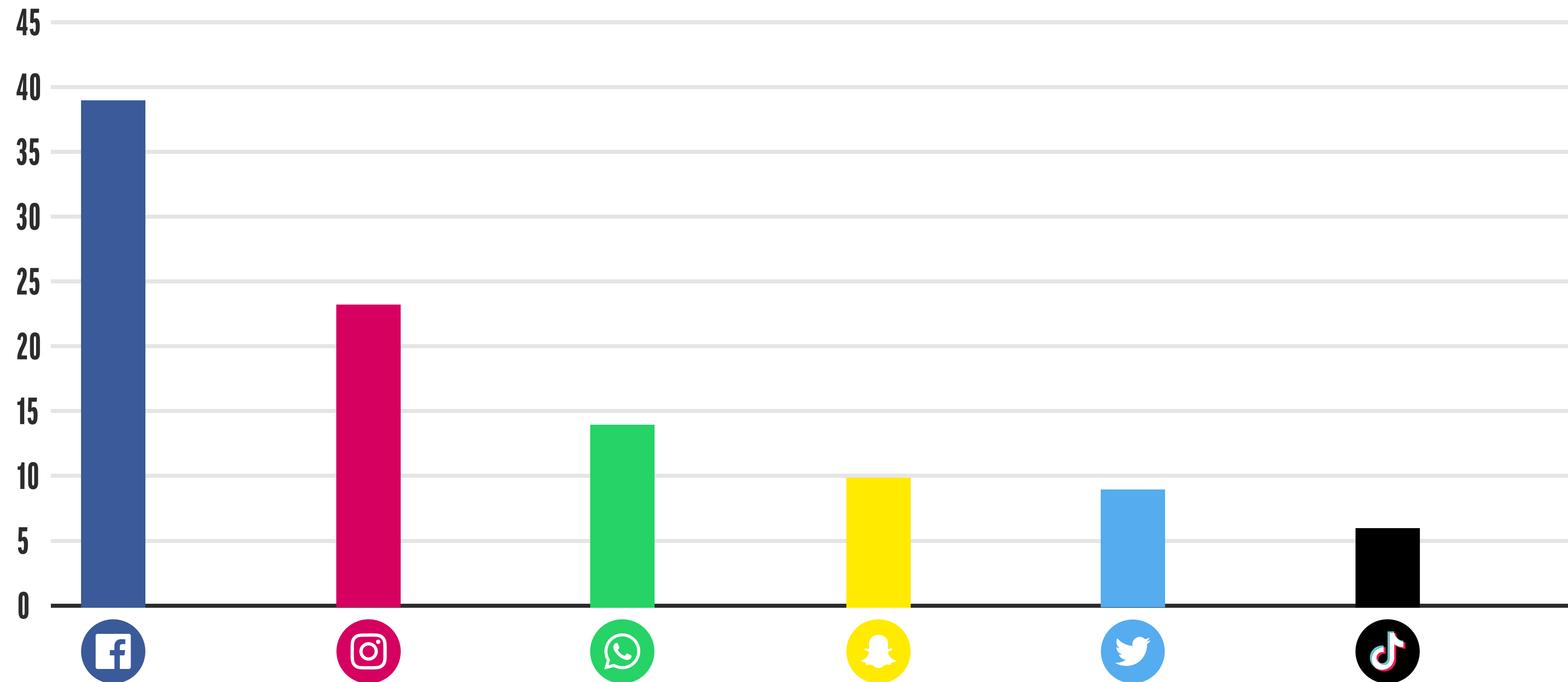
This forms part of the Welsh Government’s [National Strategy on Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence](#).



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GIRLS 15-25 SUFFERING HARASSMENT BY PLATFORM



[Source: Free To Be Online?, Plan International](#)

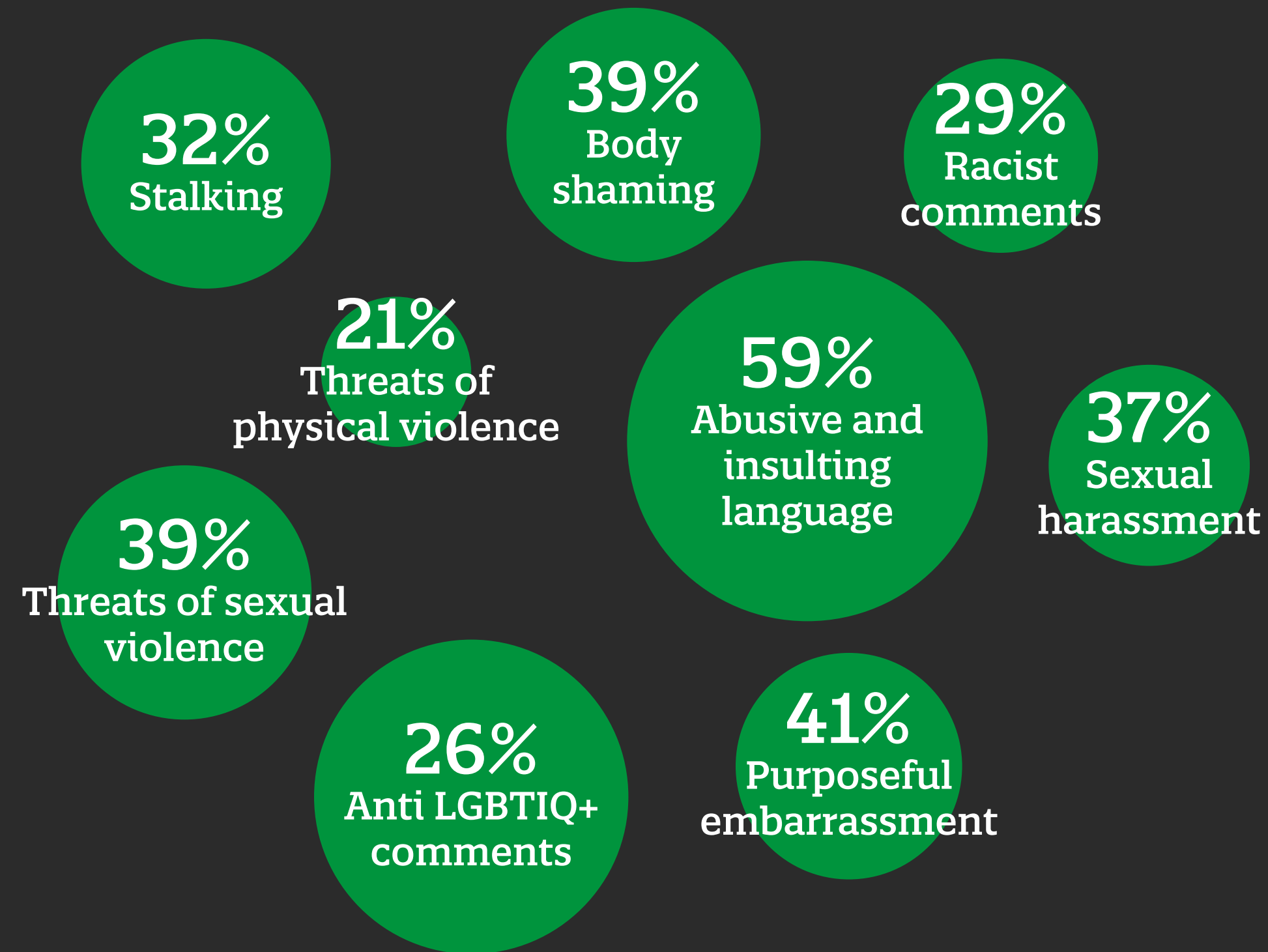


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PERCENTAGE OF GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN FACING DIFFERENT TYPES OF HARASSMENT



Of the girls who have been harassed, 47% have been threatened with physical or sexual violence.

[Source: Free To Be Online?, Plan International](#)



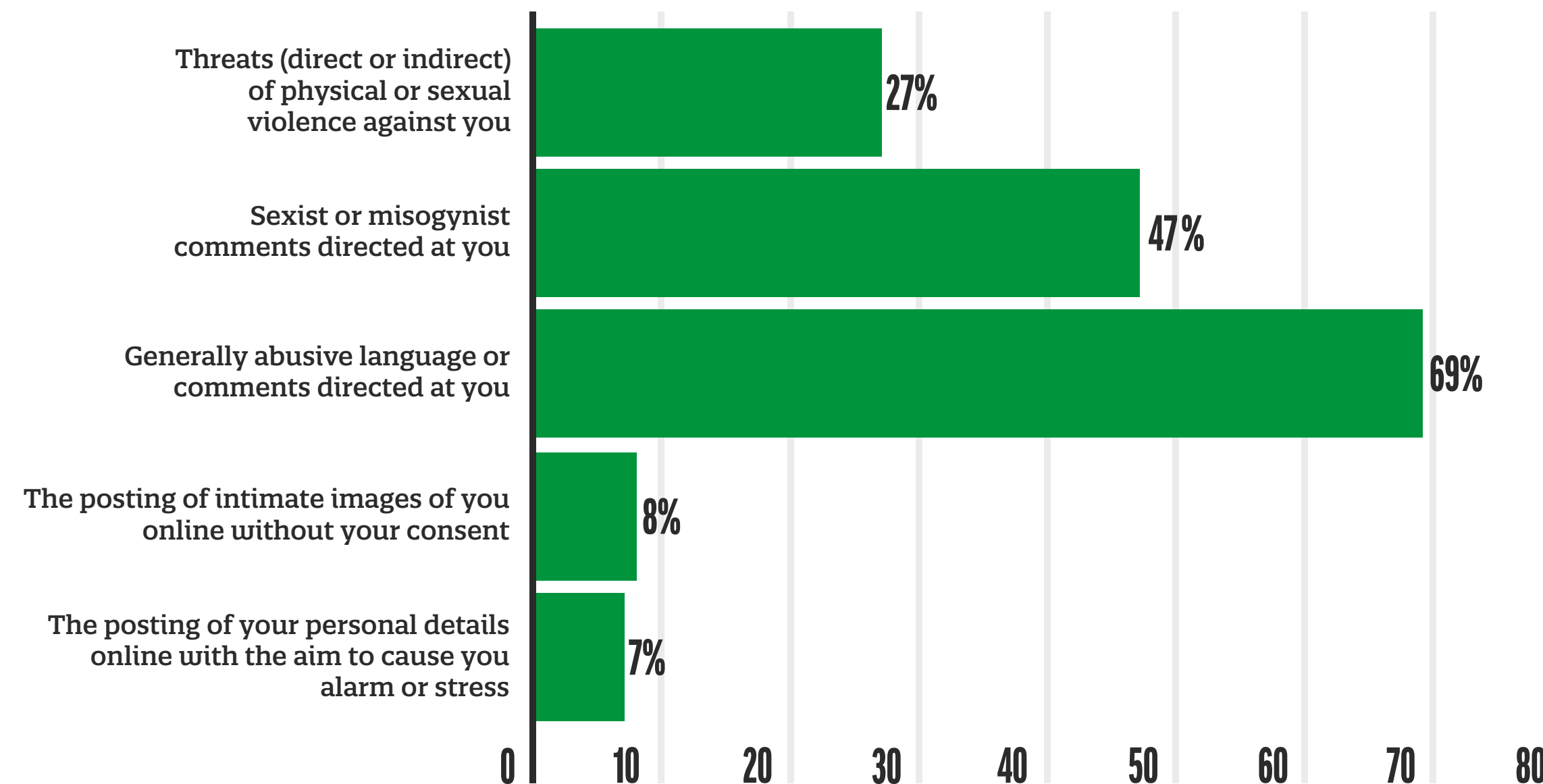
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THE MANY FORMS OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE ON TWITTER

Amnesty International's online poll found that women have experienced a variety of abuse and harassment on social media platforms, including Twitter. Of the women polled who had experienced abuse or harassment on social media platforms - 29% of women in the USA said they had experienced threats of physical or sexual violence, with 27% experiencing such threats in the UK. Around half of the women polled who experienced abuse or harassment said that the abuse included sexist or misogynistic comments (53% in the USA and 47% in the UK).

UK STATISTICS



A BBC Sport survey found that 30% of sportswomen said they had been trolled on social media – a figure that has doubled in the past five years.

47% of UK women experienced misogyny/sexism online.

[Sources: Toxic Twitter, Amnesty International and BBC Sport survey, 2020](#)



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49% of girls and young women aged 11–21 say fear of abuse online makes them feel less free to share their views.

50% of girls and young women aged 11–21 think sexism is worse online and many have experienced this themselves making them feel silenced.

55% of girls and young women aged 11–21 feel safer sharing their views anonymously.

[Source: Girlguiding, *Girls' Attitude Survey 2016*](#)



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WHY WOULD A GIRL OR YOUNG WOMEN HIDE THEIR IDENTITY?

- Toxicity from others?
- Cautious about being dismissed as not important?
- Anxiety at others discovering gender and ridiculing them?
- Negative attitude towards them from others (men)?

[Source: Girlguiding, *Girls' Attitude Survey 2016*](#)



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**WHAT MIGHT BE THE IMPACT ON SOMEONE
BEING ABUSED IN THIS WAY?**

**IS IT ACCEPTABLE FOR WOMEN TO BE TARGETED
IN THIS WAY?**

DO MEN RECEIVE THE SAME LEVEL OF ABUSE?



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WHAT IS TOXIC MASCULINITY?

- 1980s – Raewyn Connell – masculinity shaped by class, race, culture, sexuality and more...
- Masculine ideals a problem when compared to unattainable standards.
- 2005 – Kupers – ‘...male traits that serve to foster domination, the devaluation of women, homophobia and violence’.
- Definition: ‘a cultural concept of manliness that glorifies stoicism, strength, virility, and dominance, and that is socially maladaptive or harmful to mental health’.

[Sources: The Atlantic, Dictionary.com](#)



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TOXIC MASCULINITY?



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WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU SEE THIS BEHAVIOUR ONLINE?

- Block
- Report
- Speak to a trusted adult
- Hate reporting route – True Vision

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