

## WHAT IS CYBER HATE

Today some feel that their screens shield them from the responsibility not to discriminate and the banalization of online hate speech is spreading at an alarming rate, which in turn has devastating consequences on the offline world.

But what is cyber hate exactly? Here are some definitions we use;

**Hate speech** is intentional or unintentional public discriminatory and/or defamatory statements; intentional incitement to hatred and/or violence and/or segregation based on a person's or a group's real or perceived race, ethnicity, language, nationality, skin colour, religious beliefs or lack thereof, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, political beliefs, social status, property, birth, age, mental health, disability, disease.

**Racism** is a highly organized system of 'race'-based group privilege that operates at every level of society and is held together by a sophisticated ideology of color/'race' supremacy. Furthermore, racism is any action, practice, or belief that reflects the racial worldview—the ideology that humans are divided into separate and exclusive biological entities called "races," that there is a causal link between inherited physical traits and traits of personality, intellect, morality, and other cultural behavioral features, and that some races are innately superior to others.

**Xenophobia** can be defined as "an attitudinal orientation of hostility against non-natives in a given population". Xenophobia is like racism, but instead of fearing or distrusting people because of the colour of their skin or supposed race, you fear or distrust them because of their nationality, or because they are — or seem — foreign to you. Xenophobia could be generalized to a wide range of social situations, but primarily it operates as an ideological basis for nationalism (when such discourses devalue and stigmatize the cultures of other nations) and for related anti-immigrant discourses.

**Antisemitism** is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities. In addition, such manifestations could also target the

state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits.

**Anti-Muslim hate (or Islamophobia)** is a form of intolerance motivated by unfounded fear, mistrust, and hatred of Muslims. Anti-Muslim hate is also manifested through hatred, discrimination, unequal treatment, prejudice, stereotyping, hostility, and adverse public discourse against Muslim communities and people. This phenomenon is mainly based on the stigmatization of Muslims, and as such, Islamophobia is an affront to the human rights and dignity of all Muslims.

**Anti-Ziganism** is a form of intolerance motivated by unfounded fear, mistrust, and hatred of Travellers and the Roma and Sinti peoples. It is a complex social phenomenon which manifests itself through violence, hate speech, oppression and discrimination in its most visible form. Discourses and representations from the political sphere, academia and civil society, segregation, dehumanization, stigmatisation as well as social aggression and socio-economic exclusion are other ways through which anti-Ziganism is spread. Anti-Ziganism is used to justify and perpetrate the exclusion and supposed inferiority of the Roma, Traveller and Sinti communities.

**Homophobia** is culturally and/or religiously produced fear of or prejudice against homosexuals that sometimes manifests itself in legal restrictions or, in extreme cases, bullying or even violence against homosexuals. Although the suffix phobia generally designates an irrational fear, in the case of homophobia the word instead refers to an attitudinal disposition ranging from mild dislike to abhorrence of people who are sexually or romantically attracted to individuals of the same sex or does not fit into the traditional heteronormative structure of society. These include gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender people, intersex people, genderqueer people and anybody else, who is not cisgender and/or falls outside of heteronormativity in any other sense.

If you ever notice any of this online, don't forget to report it.  
Hate is never the answer. Let's bring the online in line with human rights together!