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**PRESENTATION OF THE SURVEY RESULTS
"WHAT ARE WE LESBIAN WOMEN LIKE?"**

SUMMARY FOR EL*C 2017

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KIKA FUMERO AND LESWORKING LAUNCHED THE "WHAT WE LESBIAN WOMEN ARE LIKE?" SURVEY IN MAY 2017

- **SUPPORT OF >20 LEADING PLATFORMS**
- IN SPAIN AND LATINAMERICA**

- **5.162 PARTICIPANTS IN 2 WEEKS**

- **5 SECTIONS:**

- A. PERSONAL INFORMATION
- B. IDENTITY, ORIENTATION AND VISIBILITY
- C. OUR RELATIONSHIPS AS COUPLES
- D. WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE NOT
- E. OPTIONS FOR LESBIAN WOMEN

- **THE RESULTS ARE SHOWN BELOW**

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A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

AGE AND COUNTRY

- Between 14 and 65 years of age. Average: 29 years
- **78% from Spain (45%) and Mexico (33%)**

PROFESSION

- **62% are in jobs**
- **30% students and 8% unemployed**

EMOTIONAL SITUATION

- **39% are unmarried with a stable partner.** 10% married to a woman
- 33% are unmarried without a stable partner. 10% are unmarried without interest in a relationship

CHILDREN

- **51% have no children but want to have them in the future**
- 40% do not have children and do not want them in the future
- 8% have children from a relationship with a woman or with a man

PETS

- **45% have a dog** and 23% have a cat
- 22% do not have a pet because they cannot and only 13% do not want them

BLOGS

- **About 20% manage one or several blogs** and/or personal websites

B. IDENTITY, ORIENTATION AND VISIBILITY

IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION

- **59% cissexual.** 15% queer, 5% intersexual, 2% trans
- **76% feminine.** 16% androgyne. 5% masculine

SEXUAL ORIENTATION

- **72% Lesbian.** 22% bisexual, 4% pansexual.
- **41% discovered their orientation during their teenage years.** 26% knew for as long as they can remember. 25% between 18 and 25 years of age.

GENERAL VISIBILITY

- **47% are completely out of the closet**
- 22% do not talk about the subject, but their circle knows explicitly or intuitively
- 5% nobody knows or hardly anybody

VISIBILITY AT WORK

- Among women who are not out of the closet at work **74% do not come out because they do not feel any need to share the information at work**

IMPACT

- **64% have had some problems in their lives from being LBT**
- **54% show their affection,** even in public places

NOMENCLATURE

- **47% like the term "Lesbians" to refer to themselves**
- 46% do not like labels

C. RELATIONSHIPS AS COUPLES

WHAT THEY ARE LIKE

- **54% have had one or only a few partners for over a year**
- 8% have never had a partner

HOW LONG DO THEY LAST

- **For 28%, their longest relationship lasted for between one and three years**
- For 22% between three and five years. For 20%, between five and ten years

WHERE DO WE HOOK UP

- **45% met one of their partners through friends**
- 38% at school/university. 28% on social networks

LIVING TOGETHER

- **82% share housework and take decisions jointly**
- 19% have gone to live with their partner after a relationship of less than three months

RELATIONS WITH FORMER PARTNERS

- **38% are on good terms with their former partners**
- 38% have no contact with former partners, with a few exceptions

SEX TOYS AND ALTERNATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

- **43% have used or do use sex toys from time to time**
- 40% now have or plan to have alternative relationships in the future

D. WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE NOT

WHAT WE ARE

- Independent (69%), responsible (67%), hard-working (62%), emotional/sensitive (61%), restless /active/ curious (60%)

WHAT WE ARE NOT

- Religious (76%), superficial (70%), vegan or conceited (62%)

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

- Five main hobbies: Travelling (64%), Cinema (59%), Literature (45%), Art (41%), Sport (39%)

WHAT WE INVEST IN

- The three headings where we spend most money: Gastronomy (58%), travelling (43%) and seeing shows (42%)

OUR STYLE

- Our predominant style is Casual (57%), followed by Alternative (15%) and Sporty (6%)

E. OPTIONS FOR LESBIAN WOMEN



LESBIAN BARS

- **33% go occasionally to Lesbian bars**
- 32% go to places with a diverse and inclusive atmosphere
- 19% do not have Lesbian bars where they live
- **Assessment: 2.2 out of 5 > scarce and can be improved**



CONTENT FOR LESBIANS

- **40% look at Lesbian or LGBT content several times a week**
- 18% do so daily and 27% a few times a month
- 13% hardly ever read Lesbian or LGBT content
- **Assessment: 2.9 out of 5 > sufficient and OK**

KNOWLEDGE OPTIONS

- The three best-known platforms are **Lesbicanarias (72%), Hay una lesbiana en mi sopa (69%) and Buga tu abuela (43%)**

FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

- **96% think that the situation of Lesbian women in society and in companies will be the same or better in five years' time**



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THANK YOU

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