

“NICE: Nobody Ignores the Charter of Europe”

RESEARCH REPORT



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Research tasks

- To find out how do the respondents evaluate their human rights being the EU citizens;
- To identify which rights and freedoms are the most important and most frequently mentioned;
- To find out main concerns of the respondents in their personal life regarding human rights and freedoms;
- To explore how fundamental human rights and freedoms are evident in each respondent's life;
- To find out if the opinions vary in different countries;
- To find out if the opinions differ depending on age.





In-depth interview

- Qualitative method.
- Research was implemented from January till June, 2022.
- 58 interviews in 3 countries.
- 23 min to 1 h 10 min.





Respondents' profile

- Citizens from Lithuania, Latvia and Italy.
- Aged 20 – 84 years.
- Different occupation.
- From non-experts to experts.





Respondents' profile



**28 male
(48%)**



**30 female
(52%)**





Respondents' profile



25
respondents



16
respondents



17
respondents





Respondents' profile

86% respondents with bachelor degree or higher education



1. What EU means to you?



- Freedoms;
- Human values;
- Reliable economy;
- Geopolitical situation;
- Defence and law.

<...By being in the EU, I feel like I can live with more freedom. And with more freedom I feel like we live in democratic society where there is rights, where there is voting, where there is a freedom of choice as well...> (Laura, 29)



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2. What basic human rights do you think you have?



- Freedom (speech, movement, occupation);
- Self-expression;
- Rights of vulnerable groups;
- Right to health;
- Right to cultural, religious and linguistic diversity;

<...One of the most important is our freedom of thinking, from a political but also social point of view, the right to the work, on which you can build your real perspective as a man or a woman, the capability to not discriminate according to sex, religion, or other behaviours...> (Antonio, 58)



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2. What basic human rights do you think you have?



- Right to have identity;
- Political rights;
- Safety;
- Right to fair trial, right to justice, right to dignity;
- Right to marry.

<...Dignity is a value in itself, given free speech to be heard, be able to participate, not to be held accountable for beliefs or reward...so I have never been afraid of being public about my opinions...> (Matiss, 41)









3. Can you recall a moment in your life when you felt connection with your rights/freedoms?



- Privileged;
 - Freedom to protest;
 - Freedom of expression;
 - EU passport.
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- Discrimination due to age, race, gender inequality;
 - Labor law.

<...I'm privileged and I feel lucky, because I've never felt that by myself...> (Nadina, 20)



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4. What documents do you know that protect your rights and freedoms?

- The Constitution;
- The Law (Labor, gender equality, preventing domestic violence);
- The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights;
- The Passport;
- The Human Rights Declaration;
- The Conventions;
- The Treaties.

*<...We are lucky, because at least on paper we can enjoy all the human rights recognized <...> we are lucky to feel protected...>
(Maria, 56)*



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5. How is it visible/evident in your life?



- Women rights;
- Rights of the elderly;
- Freedom to study;
- Healthcare;
- Right to petition;

<... I experience every day how lucky and how protected my human rights are. But you don't realize it until it comes the moment to compare it with someone else. ...> (Calerano, 34)







6. What do you think about human rights protection in Europe?



- Health care, social security;
 - Family and private life;
 - Minorities rights.
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- Gender equality, domestic violence;
 - LGBTQ+ problems.

<...Clearly, I have more (rights) being in the EU, I have more freedoms. The laws, appropriate articles protect me from everything, also data protection... those citizens who live in the Member States feel safer and have more rights...> (Romualda, 79)



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7. How do you feel about the topic of your rights / freedoms in relation to Covid?



- Wearing masks – no human rights violation;
- Traveling limitations – no human rights violation;
- Problematic field - Mandatory vaccination.

<... I have had no difficulties shrinking my own freedoms for the sake of other people's safety. I think that's reasonable steps to make during a global health crisis...> (Elina, 33)



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