



MAP Support Chat and Prostasia Foundation: A Partnership in Support and Prevention

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MSC: A Brief History

- Virtuous Pedophiles (2012)
- Ender Wiggin joins Virtuous Pedophiles (Oct. 2014)
- Virped's chat platform
- Contemplating a new chat platform (Discord)
- MAP Support Chat is born (Nov. 2016)
- TNF joins MSC (December 2017)
- Discord deletes MSC (June 2018)

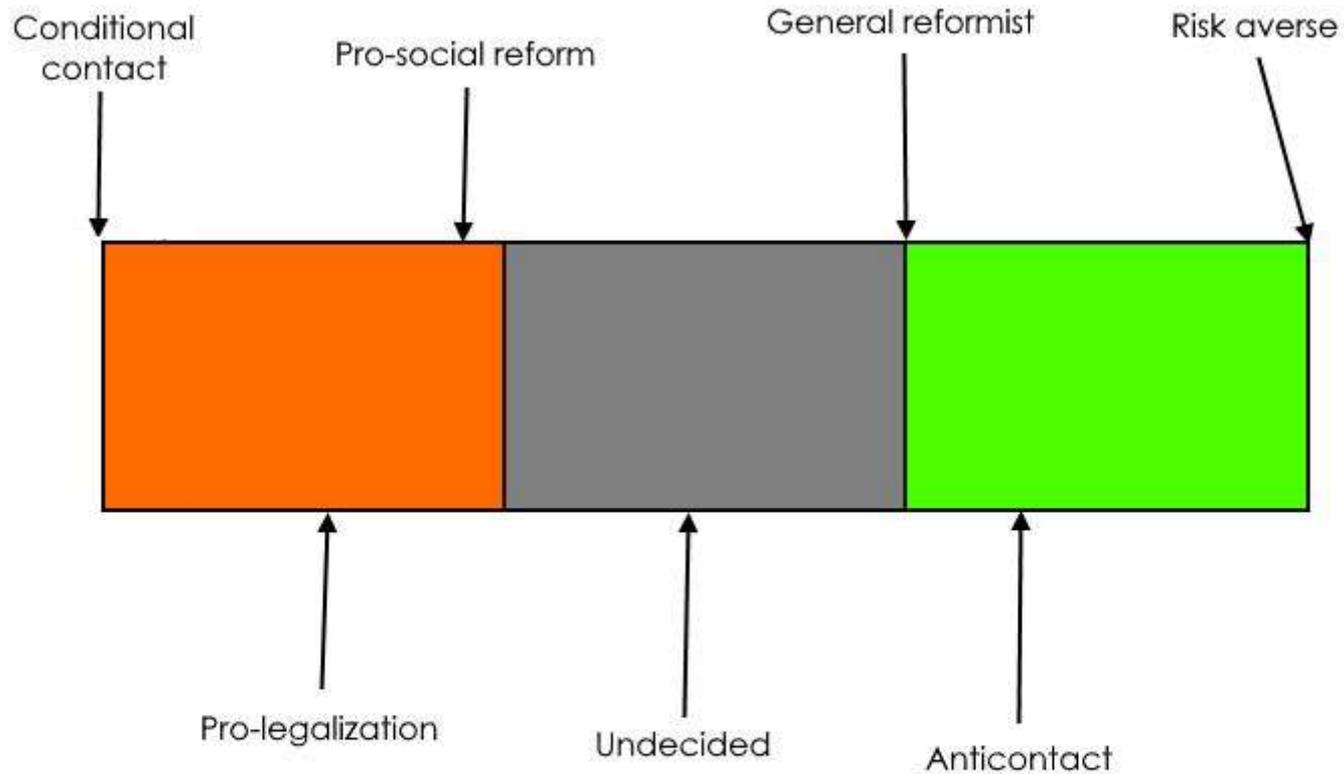
MSC: A Brief History

- Medium censoring Pedophiles About Pedophilia (August, 2018)
- Ender's departure (September, 2018)
- Finding new platforms
- Pedophiles About Pedophilia migrates to WordPress
- Launching on Rocket Chat (2019)

Filling A Need

- Stop It Now!
- Prevention Project Dunkelfeld and Prevention Project Juveniles
- Help Wanted! project from the Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse
 - Filling a dire need identified in research

Ideological Spectrum



MAP Ideology

- Procontact to anticontact spectrum
 - Stigmatization within the MAP community
 - Consent vs harm
- Images, fiction, and nuance
- Young friends
- Fantasies about real-life children

MAP Culture

- Stigma and its effects on how minor attracted people see “outsiders”
- Stigma’s effect on attitudes towards technology
- Paranoia around allies and trust culture
- The effects of constant vigilance
- Attitude towards “normies”
- Exclusivity of safe spaces

Updating Rules and Practices

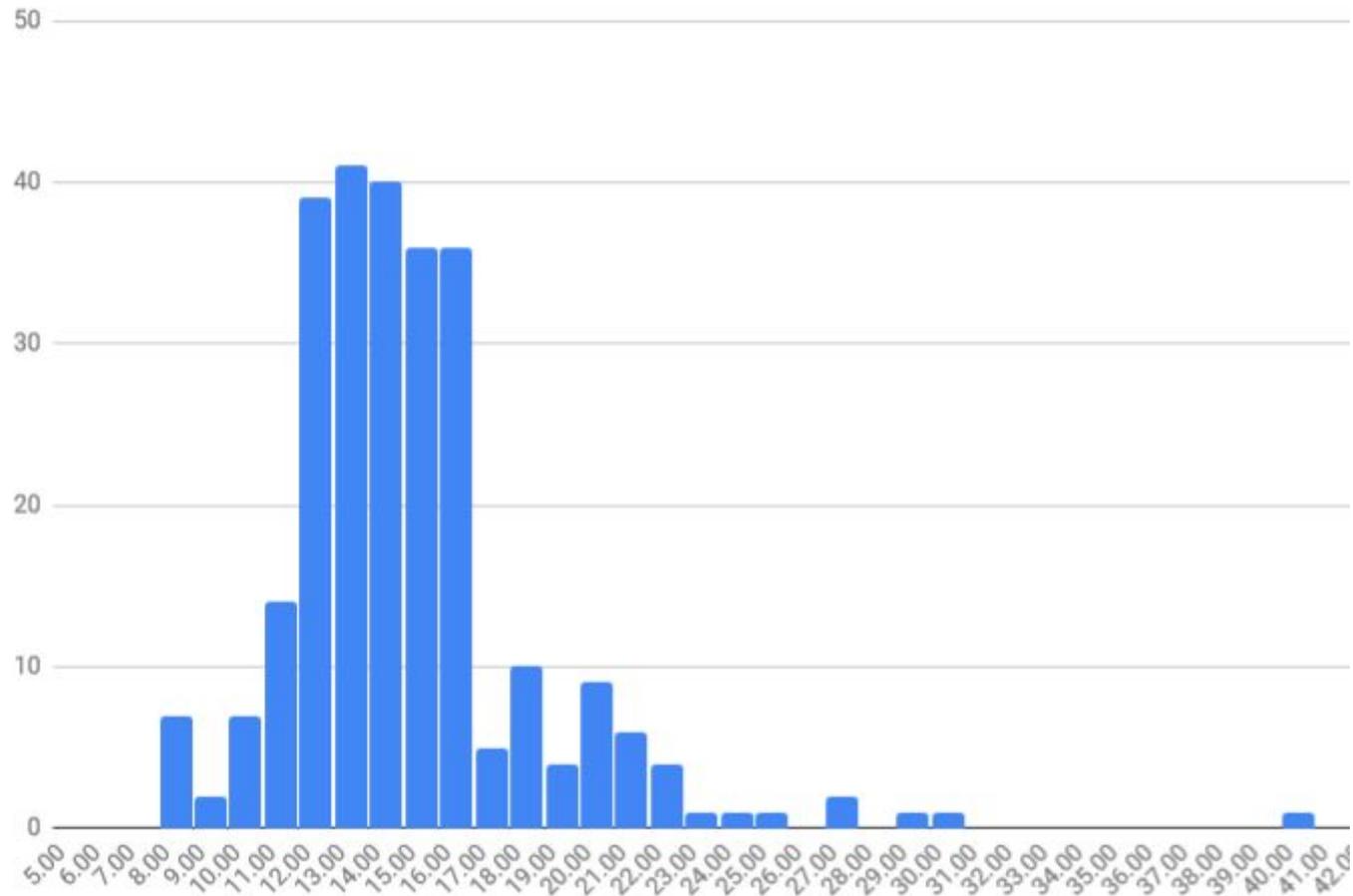
- Technological limitations and solutions
 - Minors and direct messages
 - CSAM
- Policies around ideology and pedopolitical backlash
- “Professionalizing” staff conduct
- Ethics and obligations
- Balancing shame and rule-abiding behavior

What do MAPs struggle with?

- Depression
- Addiction
- Suicidality
- Trauma
- Stigma and self-esteem

MSC's Data

Histogram of At what age did you become aware of your minor attractions?

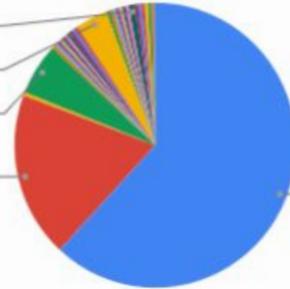


MSC's Data

Count of In which category does your minor attraction primarily fit in?

I am fairly certain I have found children in all categories attractive

0.7%
Ephebophile
3.7%
Nephiophile
5.9%
Hebephile
18.8%

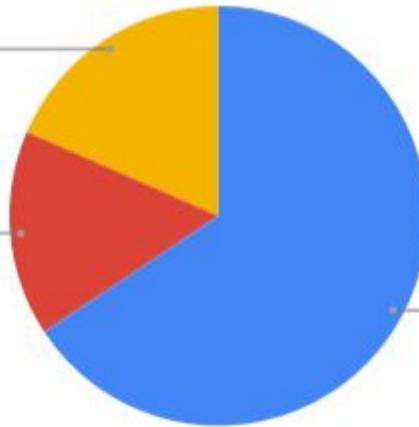


Pedophile
62.0%

Do you consider your minor attractions exclusive?

Yes
18.5%

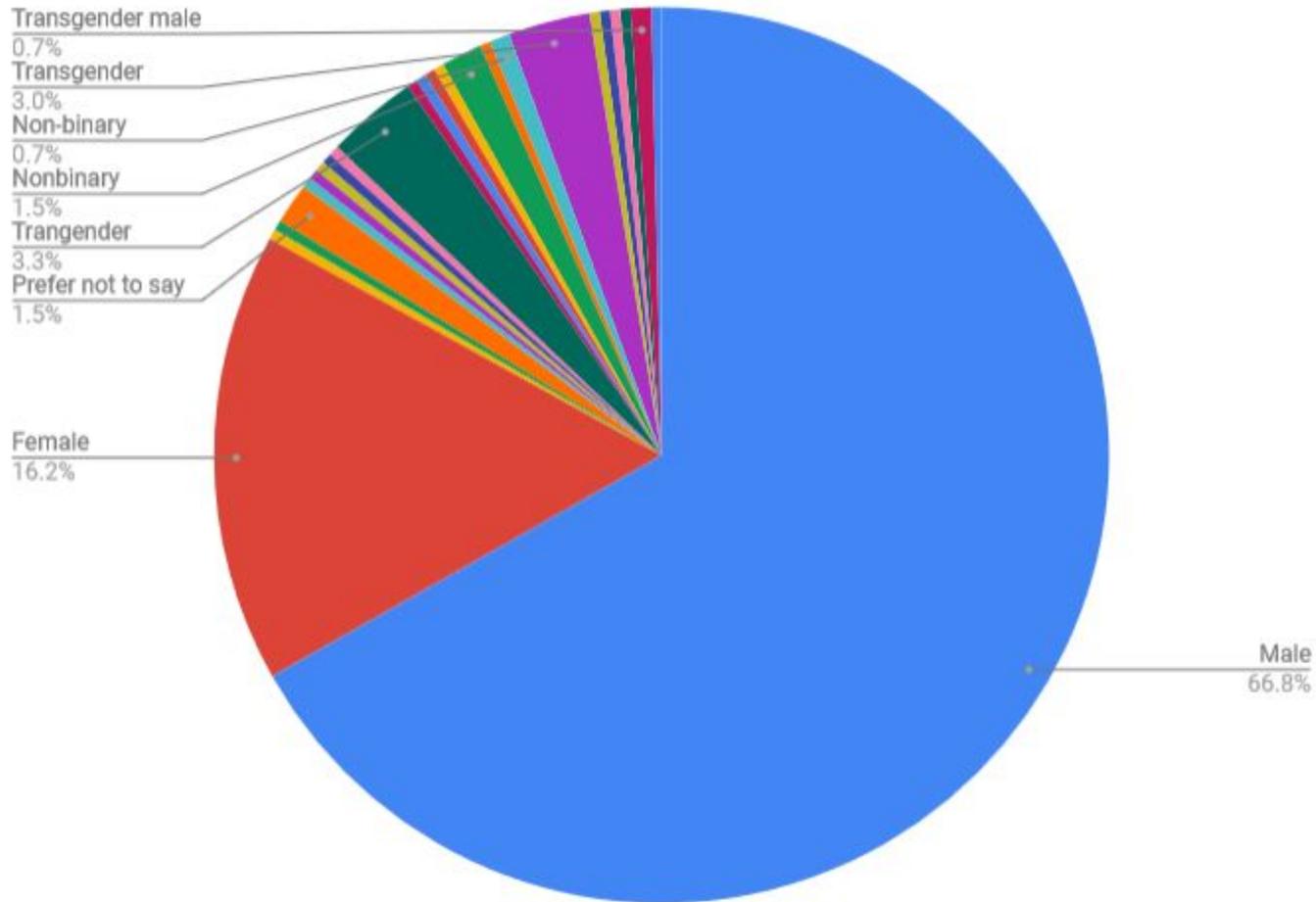
Maybe
15.9%



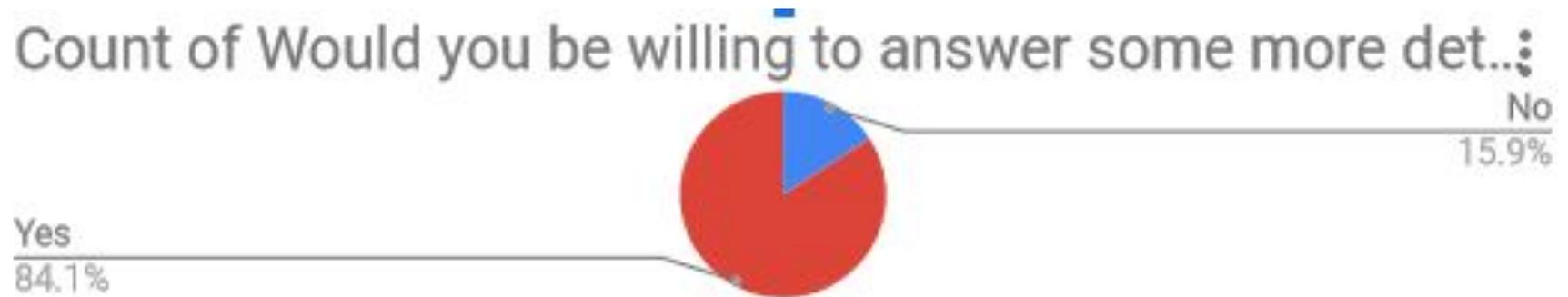
No
65.7%

MSC's Data

What is your gender?

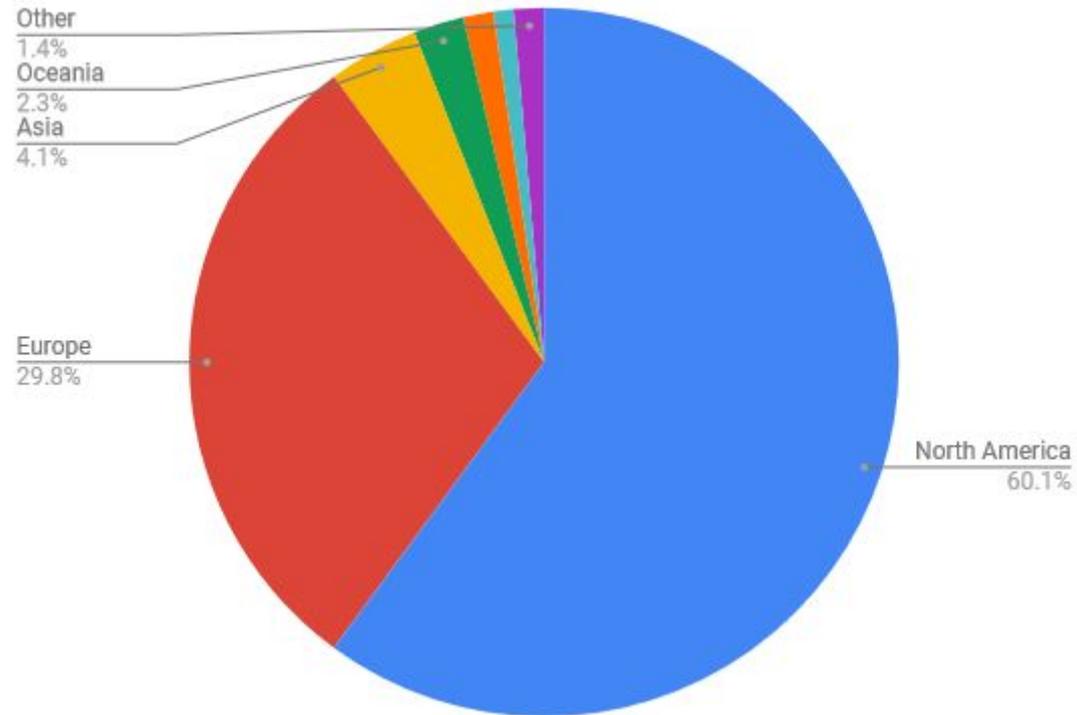


MSC's Partial Data



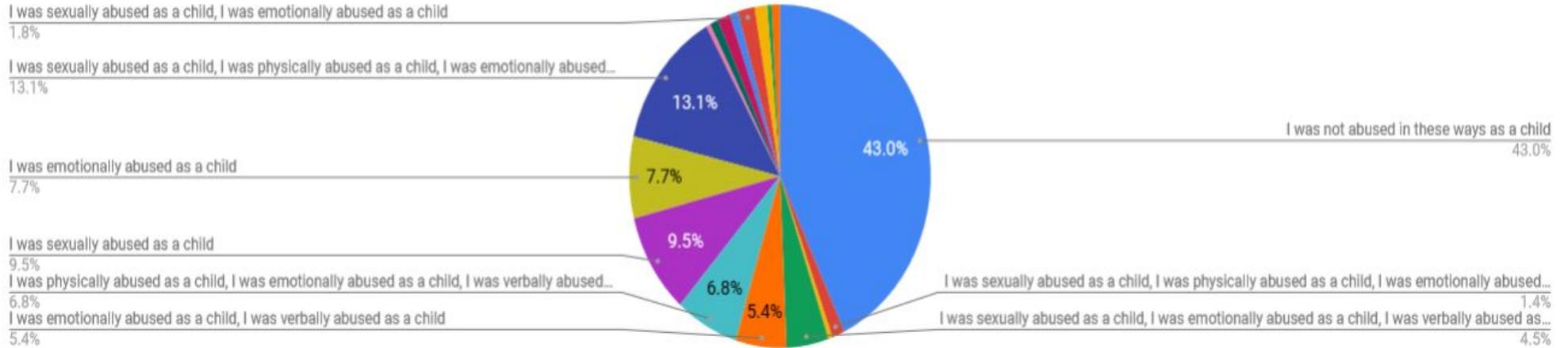
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Where are you from?



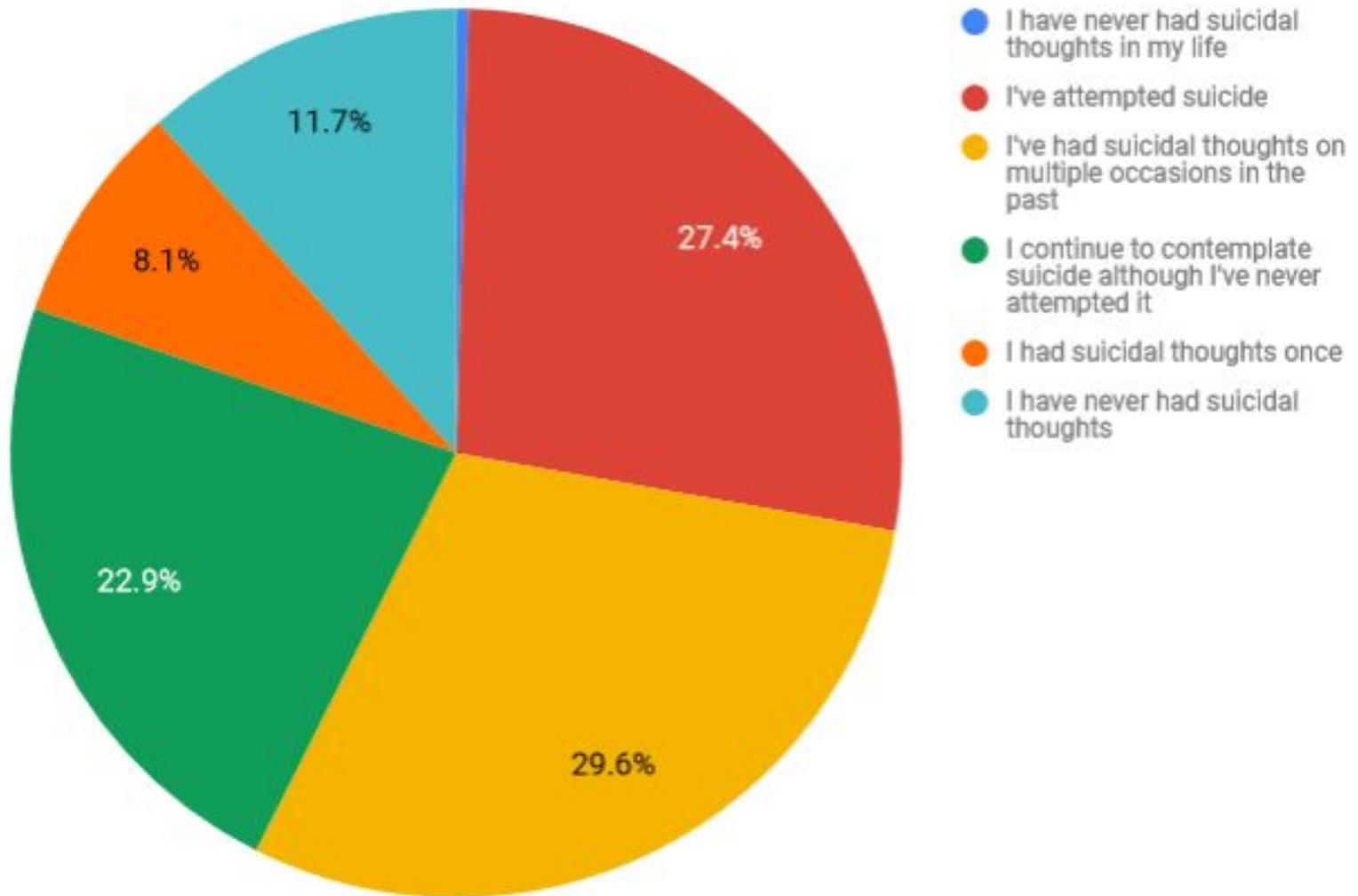
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Were you sexually, physically, emotionally, or verbally abused as a child?



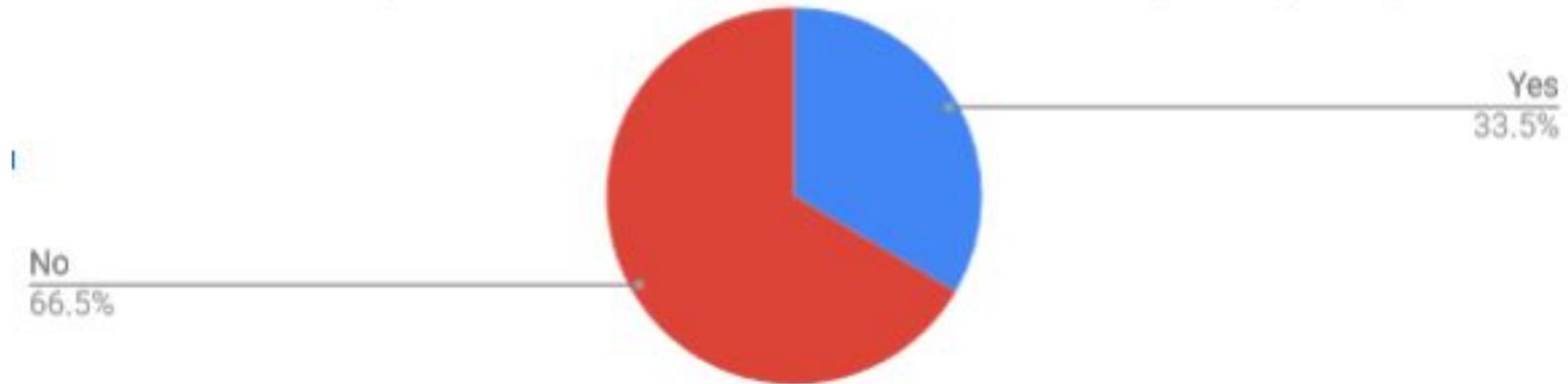
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Suicidal Tendencies

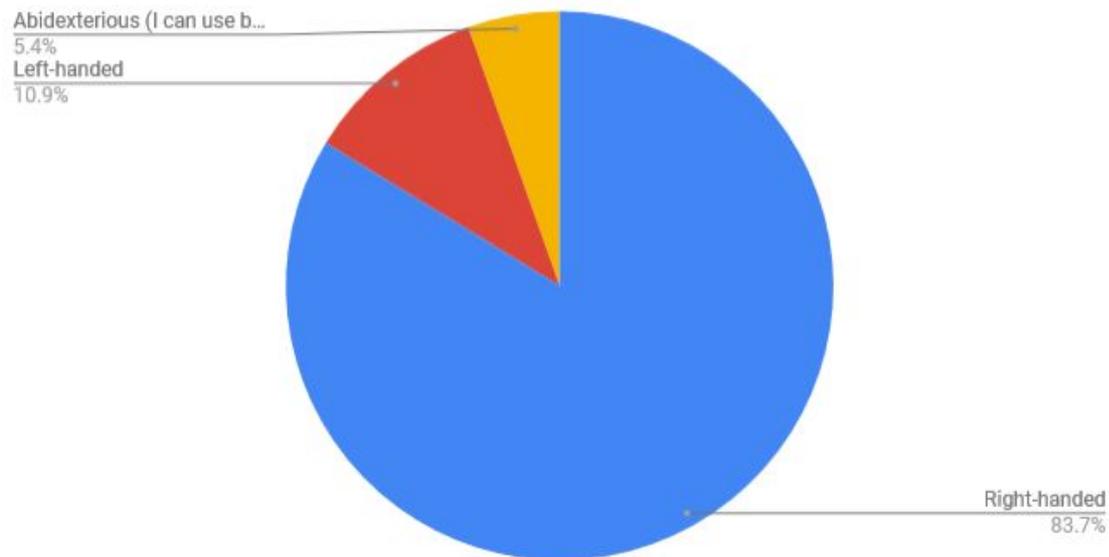


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Count of Have you ever sought professional help for pedophilia?

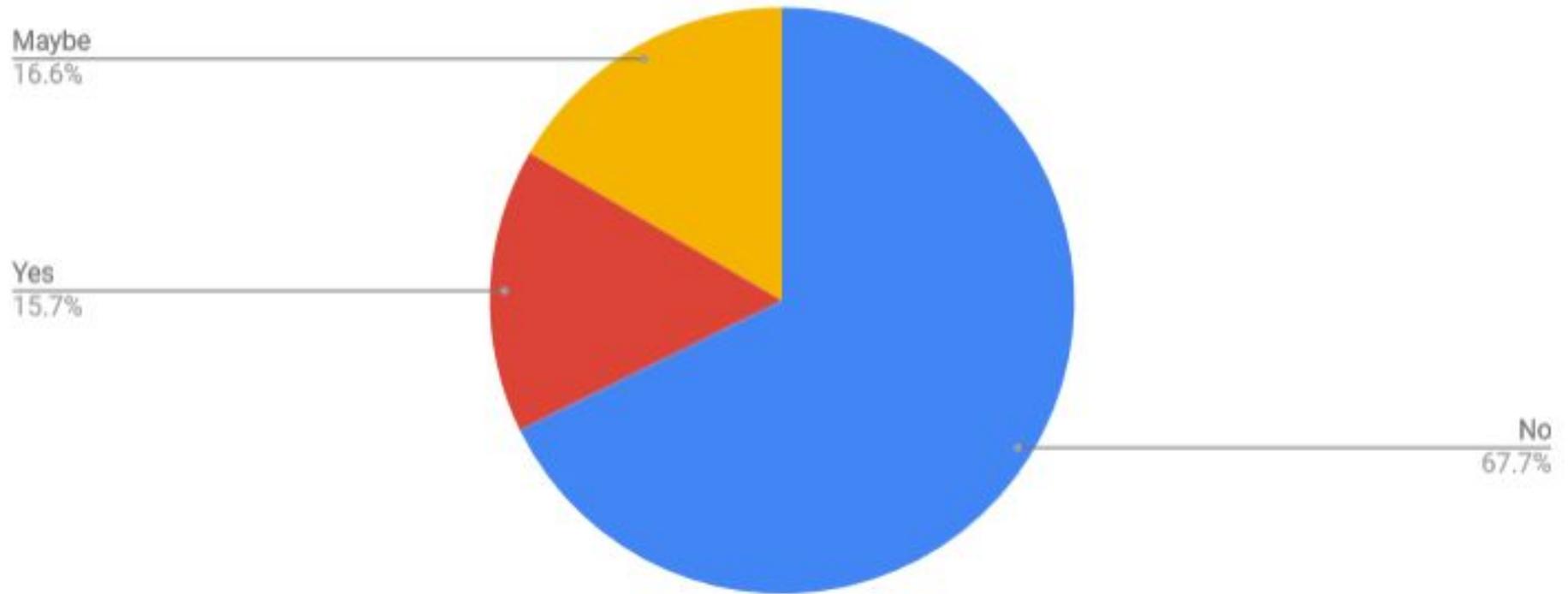


Count of Are you left or right handed?



MSC's Partial Data

Count of Have you had head trauma as a child?



MSC's Partial Data

Does the age at which you suffered head trauma match the age(s) you're attract..:



Suggestions for Professionals

- Transparency
 - Anonymous
 - Building trust
 - Privacy
 - Mandatory reporting upfront

Suggestions for Professionals

- Therapy content
 - Self-acceptance
 - Dealing with stigma
 - Not focusing on “healing” or “curing” attraction
 - Offering perspectives
 - Searching for emotional/sexual outlet

Suggestions for Professionals

- Should have experience with:
 - Loneliness
 - Self-acceptance
 - Anxiety
 - Shame
 - Addiction
 - Social barriers
 - Self-image

Suggestions for Professionals

- Accessibility
 - Information/support for parents, minor attracted people, friends, other family
- Proper word choices
 - Attractions/feelings, not urges/compulsions

Wait... MAPs helping minor MAPs?

- What minor attraction is and is not
 - Pedophilia, hebephilia, ephebophilia
- Staff backgrounds and hating sexual abuse
- Staff financial resources and therapeutic connections
- Staff culture of accountability and transparency
- Limiting our liability as staff
- Trust-based culture and tie-ins to community reputation

How Prostasia became involved

- Prostasia Foundation is a CSA prevention organization that is sex-positive and rights-focused
- We were formed in 2018 in response to FOSTA by experts promoting a more evidence-based approach
- Many of these experts first collaborated on a 2018 joint letter to Twitter about its censorship of MAPs
- Discord declined to engage with us about MSC

How Prostasia supports MSC

- We do not own, oversee, or moderate MSC
- Prostasia Foundation provides MSC with:
 - Domain registration and hosting
 - Raising and administering funds
 - Point of contact for legal demands and requests
 - Partnership and collaboration with experts
- We have access to some but not all trusted channels

Managing legal liability and optics

- A chat server for pedophiles, including minors?
What could possibly go wrong?!
- Due to the risk of legal liability and to address public skepticism we are working with MSC on:
 - Evaluating and implementing technologies for automated hash-based content scanning
 - Fine-tuning MSC's rules about private messaging
 - Recruiting experts to join the #therapy channel

Conclusion

- Major Internet platforms are not a safe space for law-abiding MAPs seeking support and community
- MAPs trust MSC because it belongs to them
- Professionals have also identified MSC's value
- Prostasia's partnership with MSC is about:
 - Preserving what has been working well
 - Addressing valid concerns about safety and optics
 - Ensuring MSC has legal and professional support

Questions and contact information

- Do you have any questions?
 - Ask them!
- Would you like to become involved?
 - Contact timothy@prostasia.org
- Would you like to stay in touch on Twitter?
 - Follow MSC at [@MAPSupportClub](https://twitter.com/MAPSupportClub)
 - Follow Prostasia Foundation at [@ProstasiaInc](https://twitter.com/ProstasiaInc)
 - Follow admins [@TNF_13](https://twitter.com/TNF_13) and [@PedoViking](https://twitter.com/PedoViking)