

# Offside - National survey on homophobia in football

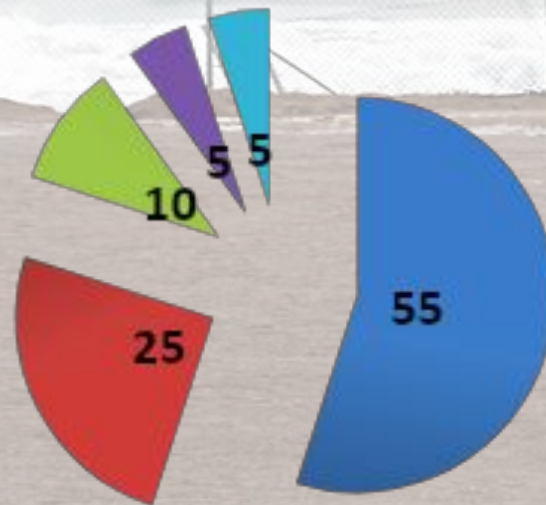


Greece 2013



**A player of the football team you support has revealed publicly that he/she is gay. How comfortable would you feel about it?**

■ Extremely   ■ Very   ■ Moderately   ■ Slightly   ■ Not at all

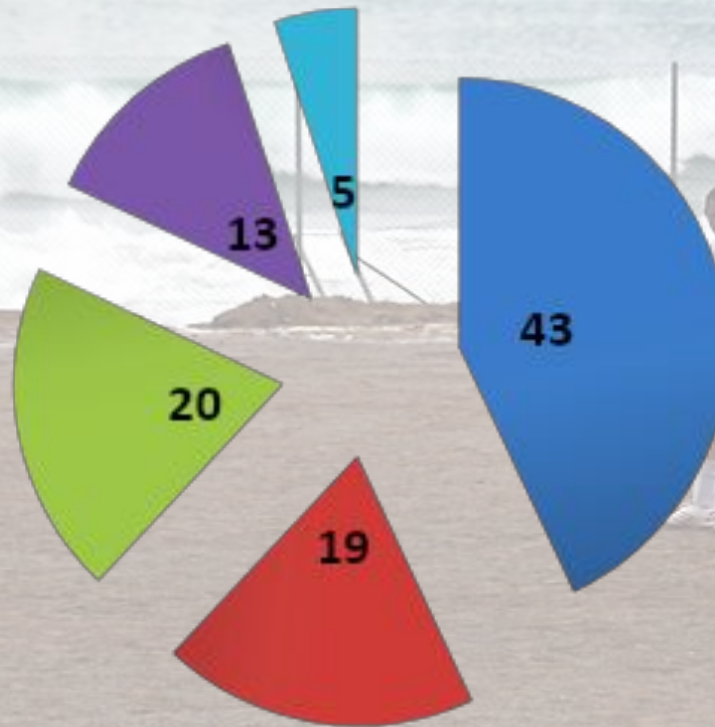






## It would upset me if a teammate of mine confided to me that he/she is gay.

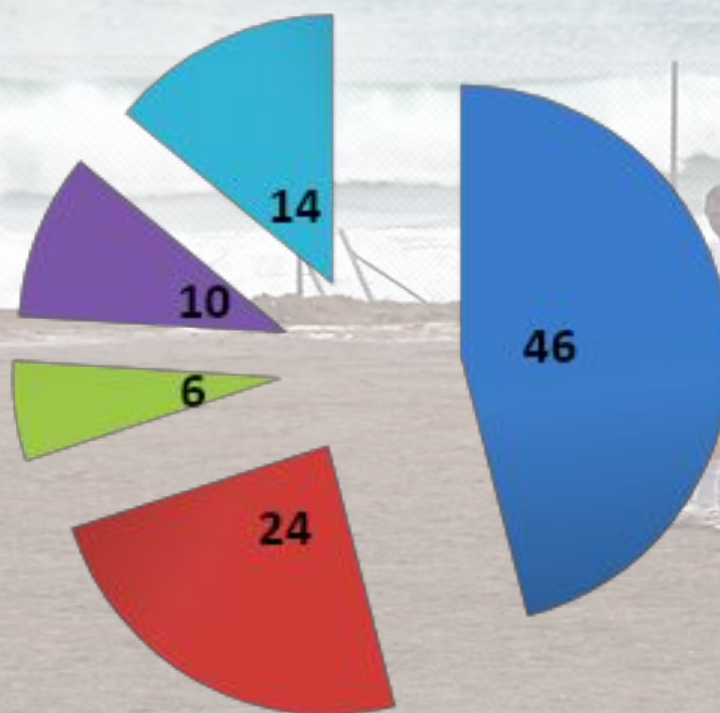
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## I believe that gay coaches should not work with children ..

■ Strongly Disagree ■ Disagree ■ Undecided ■ Agree ■ Strongly Agree

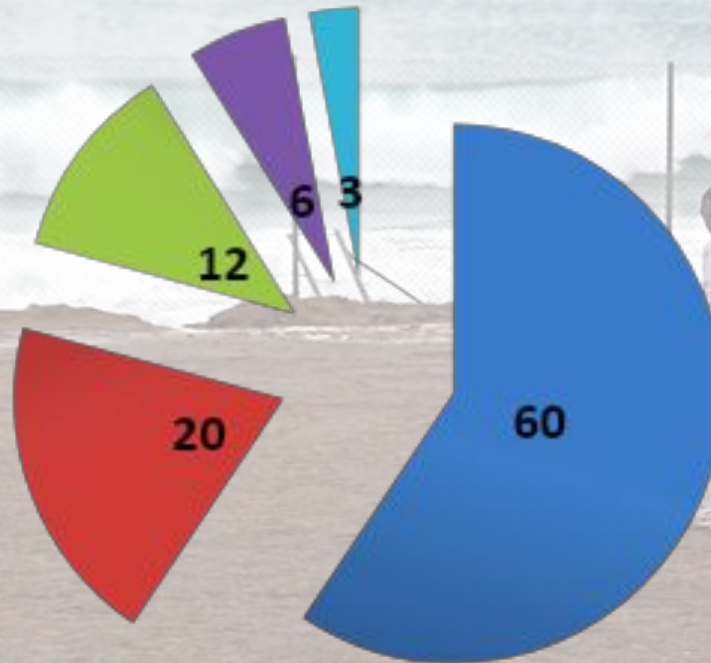






## Gay people in sports upset me and make me feel uncomfortable

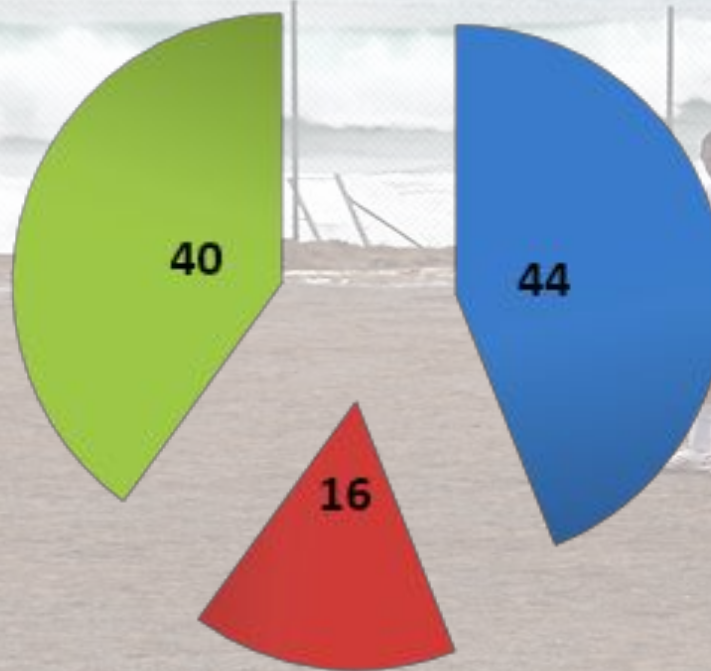
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## Have you ever perceived phenomena of homophobia in sports;

■ Yes                      ■ No                      ■ I'm not sure





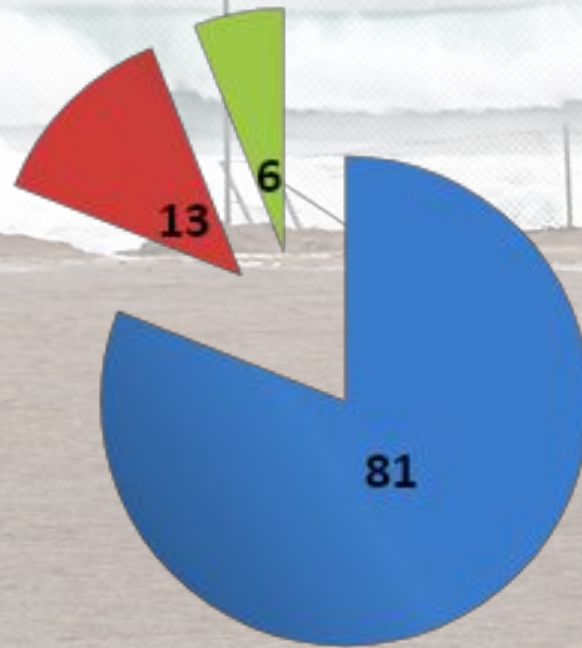


**Do you find it difficult for a footballer to declare openly that he is gay, since football is predominantly "male"?**

■ Yes

■ No

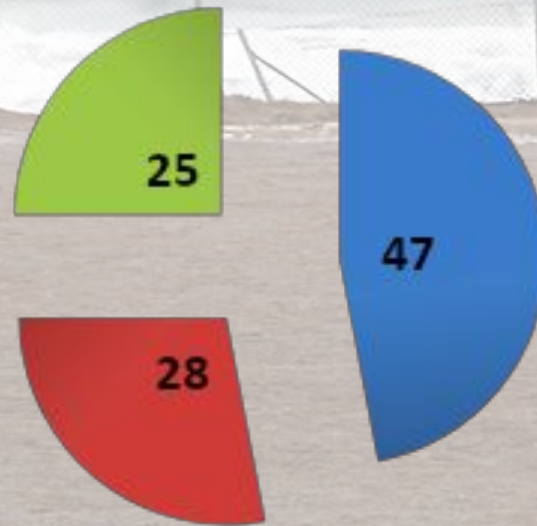
■ I'm not sure





# In Greece there are no cases of athletes (men or women) who have revealed their homosexuality. What do you think is the reason?

- The negative effect on their career
- The fear of the outcry of the people
- The pillorying in the media

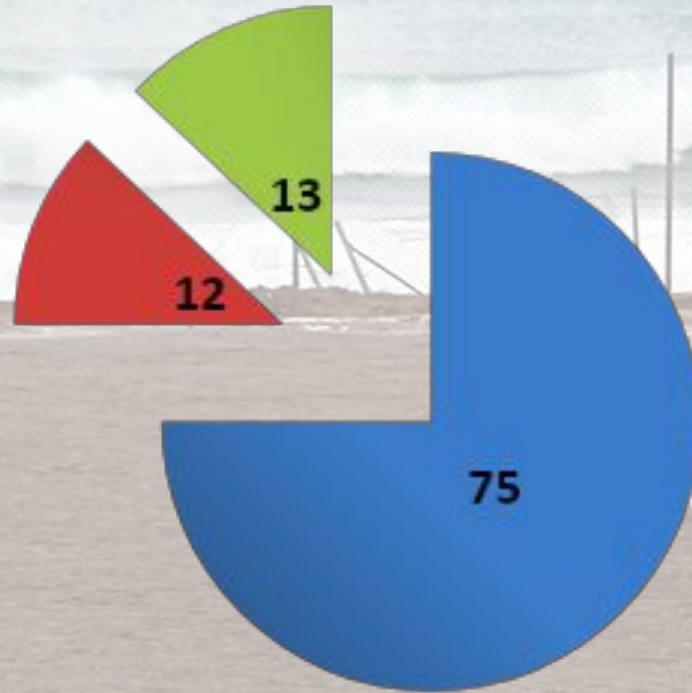






## Would sports and especially football be better without phenomena of homophobia?

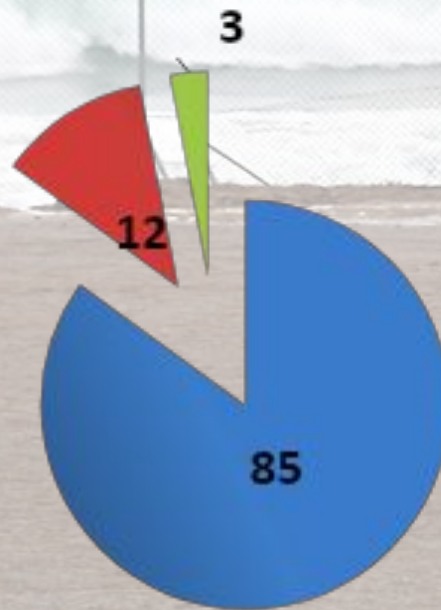
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## Which sight would impress me more if I came across it outside a stadium?

- Two men with guns in the hands
- Two men caught holding hands
- Both are indifferent to me

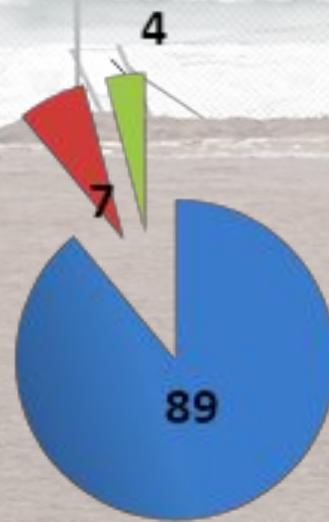






**What would you do, if as a parent of a 10- year- old child playing in a football academy, you realized that another child in the same academy has homosexual behavior (without signs of annoyance to other children)?**

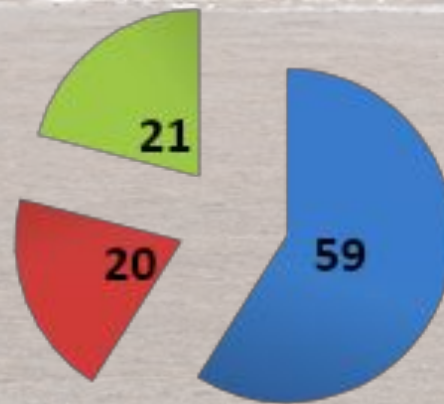
- I would talk to my child and explain the meaning of diversity.
- I would change academy for my son.
- I would demand that my child had no contact with the particular child.





## How do you think homophobia can be tackled in Greek courts;

- By encouraging famous football players to support diversity in football
- By doing / planning / having more events and actions against homophobia
- It is not worth addressing, those who are different should be simply isolated



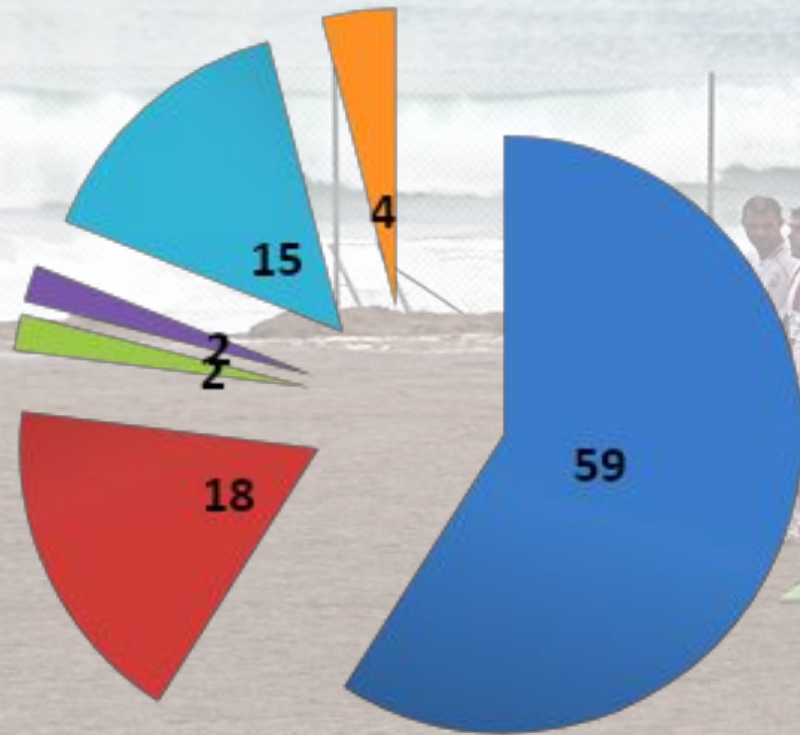




# Statistics of the research

## Status

■ Fan ■ Parent ■ Referee ■ Coach ■ Amateur athlete ■ Professional Athlete athlete

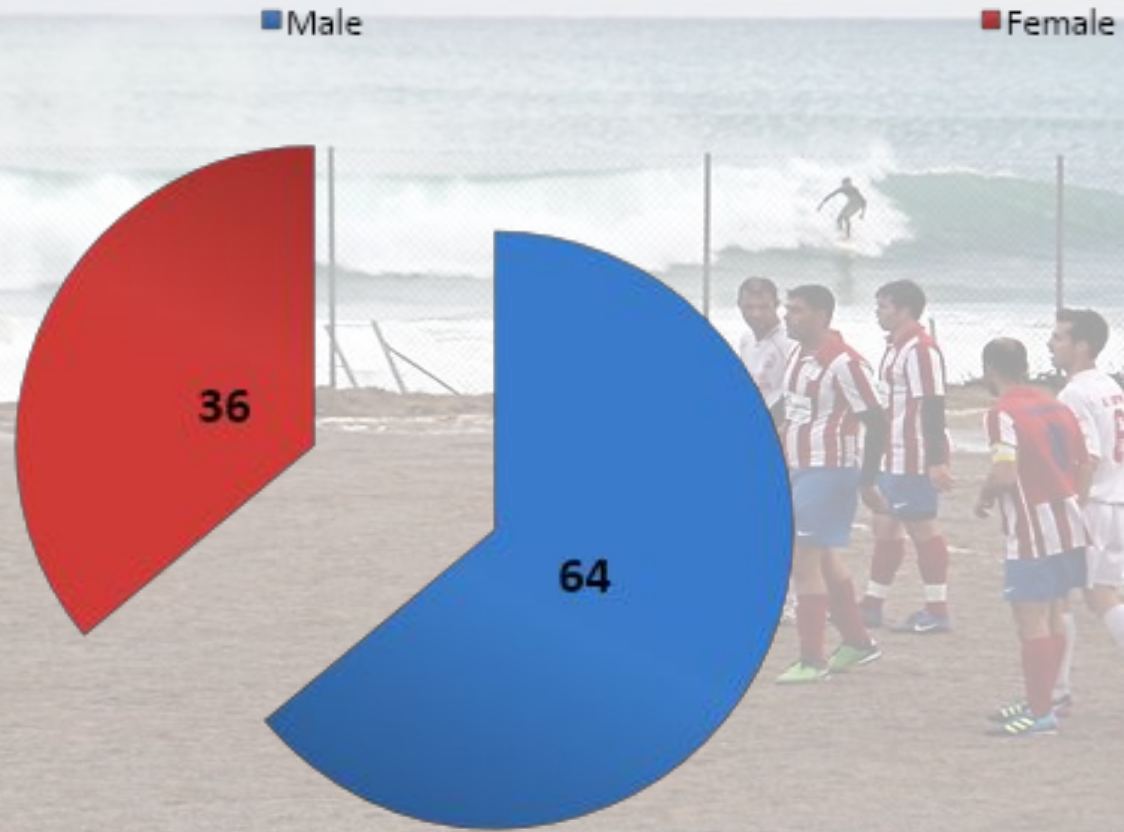


Total: 1000 participants



## Statistics of the research

### Gender



Total **1000**  
participants

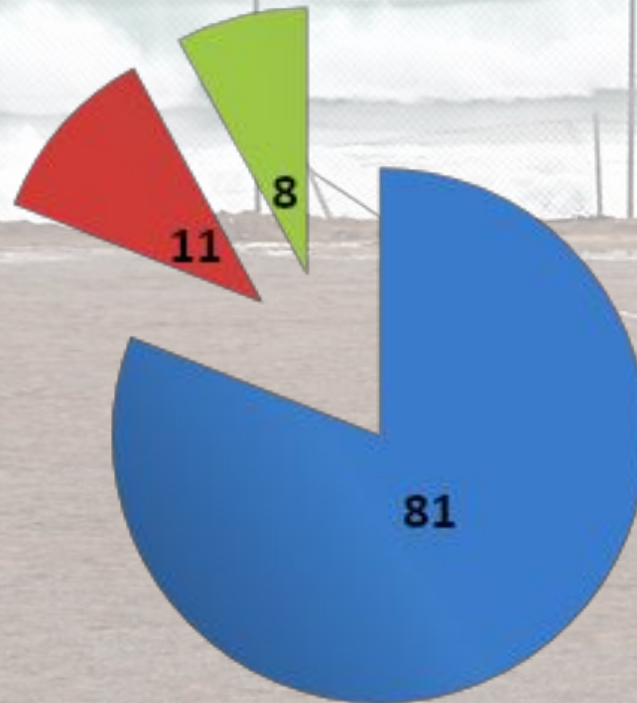




## Statistics of the research

**Sexual Orientation: attracted erotically / sexually by people of:**

■ the opposite sex      ■ same sex      ■ by both sexes



Total 1000 participants



## Comments of participants

It's the ugly truth, but GREECE belongs geographically to the East and in the Middle Ages

Several years ago, I knew very well at least 2 cases of gay men who pretended to be coaches to "catch up" boys in small neighborhoods . This might be due to the social conditions then that were not giving options for homosexuals to live free.

What matters is the person, not his/her sexual preferences

There are many distortions that still survive in the Greek society. Our culture is far from accepting the other. Diversity is faced with constant attack with the usual means of disdain for any actual or constructed personal characteristic.

Respect for diversity , however, homosexuality is not a normal way of life ...

Homosexuality is not normal behavior, and it is a tragic mistake to occur at younger ages as a natural choice. Homosexuals who don't annoy anyone are acceptable for me, because I respect their right to be different.





## Comments of participants

The state does not deal seriously with sports in our country. Sport means respect, health and culture. Through sport and not just football we can do better as a society and overcome social stereotypes and prejudices.

I am under aged, I have been involved professionally with sports (tennis and modern dance), but now I have to leave because of the demanding program of courses. I filled out the questionnaire in order to prove that the only difference between heterosexuals and homosexuals is sexual preference. The thing is that personal lives should not interest anyone else. I know and hang out with gays and when *I found out* of their "diversity" it didn't affect at least our relation.

There should be a campaign with most famous athletes in most major football teams who will talk openly about this topic so as to change the minds of the conservative supporters.

The particular problem of homophobia as far as Greece is concerned is not only in football but in other social groups as well and the root lies in the lack of education of children at school and their home environments and the general lack of education about diversity in Greece.

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