ROMANI REALITIES IN THE UNITED STATES: HIGHLIGHTS

IDENTITY

15 MILLION people make up the Romani diaspora

13% agreed or strongly agreed that Americans are welcoming towards Romani Americans

70% said they usually hide their Romani identity

PREFERRED TERM

39% prefer the term “Romani” to “Gypsy”

5% said they preferred the term “Gypsy” in communication with other Roma people

35% consider “Gypsy” to be a racial slur

HEALTH

70% of interviewees had health insurance

80% agreed or strongly agree that doctors treat them respectfully

20% stated that they or family members had experienced being treated unfairly

EDUCATION

Daycare, nursery, or kindergarten 67%

 finished 8th grade 8%

 have a high school degree 10%

 Trade/technical/vocational training 2%

 Associate degree 2%

 Bachelor's degree 5%

 Master's degree 3%

 Doctoral degree 3%

39% said that a teacher had treated them or a family member unfairly or disrespectfully on the basis of ethnicity or perceived identity

EMPLOYMENT

Employed full-time 25%

Employed part-time 11%

Self-Employed 20%

Own Business 5%

39% said that an employer had treated them or a family member unfairly or disrespectfully on the basis of ethnicity or perceived identity

DISCRIMINATION

65% agreed or strongly agreed they’ve been discriminated against because of their heritage

78% agreed or strongly agreed that Americans discriminate against people of Roma heritage

78% agreed or strongly agreed that Americans treat Roma differently than other minority groups

57% felt discriminated against when being served in service encounters

34% said they experienced discrimination within the past 12 months

80% felt American news and media portray a negative image of Roma

HOUSING

3/10 experienced problems renting or buying a home

24% said they or family members had been evicted from their homes

POLICE

4/10 said they had experienced racial profiling by the police

RESPONDENTS REPORTING RACIAL PROFILING

Romanichel 67%

Kalderash 59%

Machvaya 50%

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