

Socio-Cultural Trajectories of Central and Eastern Europe

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Women's mobilization in Central and Eastern Europe



Structure

- **Women's mobilization = feminist mobilization?**
- **Something old or something new?**
- **Most recent developments in Poland**
- **A regional perspective**

Women's mobilization = Feminism?

“belief that women are subjugated because of their sex and that women deserve at least formal equality in the eyes of the law”

(Pilcher/Whelehan, 2017)

- **Women's mobilization can be feminist, non-feminist and anti-feminist**

Something old or something new?

- **Emancipation during state-Socialist times, mobilization of women**
- **Women in Solidarity in the 1980s**
- **Transition and conservative turn (1993 abortion regulation)**
- **2004 EU accession**
- **continuous civil society activism and mobilization**

A new generation in Poland

- since 2016 a new wave
- reproductive rights as key issue
- mass protests and continuous activism on the ground
- but also backlash and restrictions
- other topics covered by activists (in Krakow): reproductive rights, sexual education, LGBT rights, gender equality, sexualized violence

Women's mobilisation across the political spectrum



Radical Feminists

Liberal Feminists

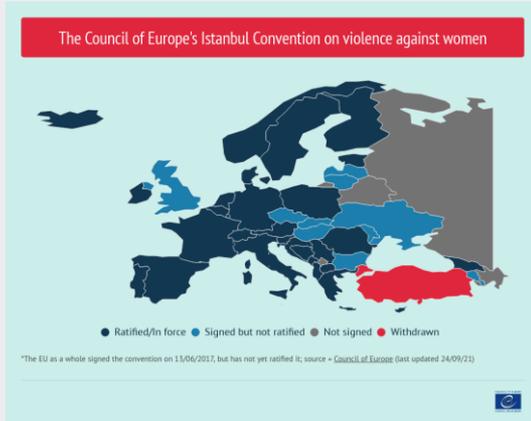
Conservative Civil Society

Graff, 2019

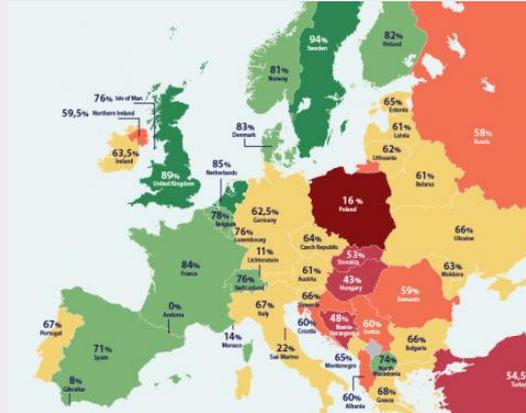
Manifa in Krakow 2020



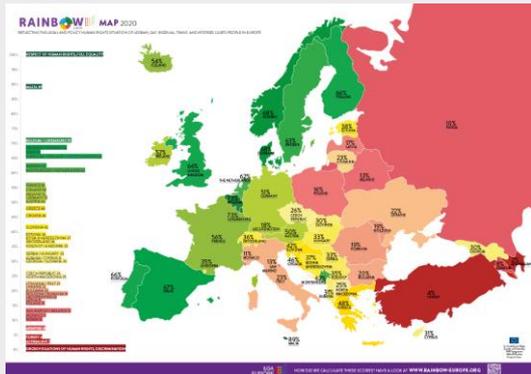
A regional perspective



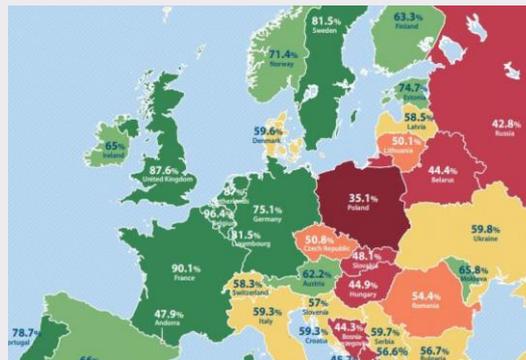
2021 Istanbul Convention Atlas



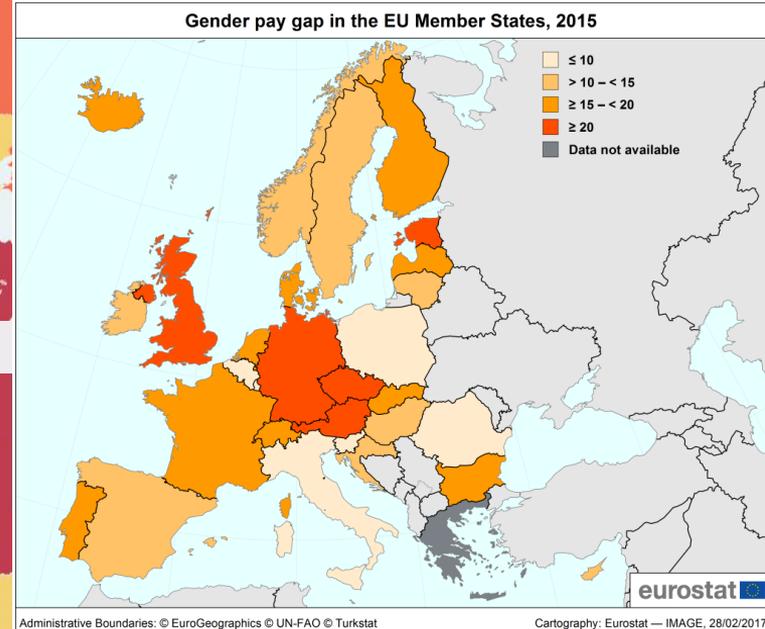
2021 European Access to Safe Abortion Atlas



2020 Rainbow Atlas



2020 European Contraception Policy Atlas



2015 Gender Pay Gap Atlas