

# ARE YOU REPEATEDLY CHECKED BY THE POLICE? LET IT BE KNOWN!

**A questionnaire to gather statistics about abusive ID checks, and ethnic profiling used as intimidation and/or pressure**



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There are 97 questions in this survey.

## I - IDENTIFICATION

Your will be asked for your identity in this questionnaire. To complete the questionnaire you will be required to produce identification. The sole purpose of this is to enable us to get back to you to clarify or to request further information. dig further into the information you will input. **None of The information collected via the questionnaire will only be published without with your prior agreement. Your identity will be made anonymous.** This confidentiality is valid both within ObsPol (our on-line and paper publications) and outside ObsPol: nothing will be filtered to the police, administration, justice, etc. Only you can request the details of your abuse for yourself or your lawyer. So you can feel confident to tell your experience. Never can your testimony to ObsPol cause you any trouble. Feel confident to share your experience. Your testimony to ObsPol will never cause you problems or difficulties.

**LAST NAME(S): \***

Please write your answer here:

**FIRST NAME(S): \***

Please write your answer here:

**EMAIL ADDRESS: \***

Please write your answer here:

**MOBILE / TELEPHONE: \***

**!** Only numbers may be entered in this field.

Please write your answer here:

Without space nor dash nor slash. **This information will remain confidential.**

## IN WHICH COUNTRY DID THESE REPEATED CHECKS TAKE PLACE? \*

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- In Belgium
- In France
- In another country

## IN WHICH REGION? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'In another country' at question ' [PaysControle]' (IN WHICH COUNTRY DID THESE REPEATED CHECKS TAKE PLACE?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Africa
- America
- Asia
- Europe
- Oceania

## IN WHICH COUNTRY DID THE AGGRESSION TAKE PLACE? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Europe' at question ' [ControlePaysRegion]' (IN WHICH REGION?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Switzerland
- Cyprus
- Czech republic
- Germany
- Denmark
- Spain
- Finland
- United Kingdom
- Greece
- Croatia
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Kosovo

- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- Ukraine
- Other

## IN WHICH COUNTRY DID THE AGGRESSION TAKE PLACE? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'America' at question ' [ControlePaysRegion]' (IN WHICH REGION?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Honduras
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua

- Panama
- Peru
- Paraguay
- El Salvador
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uruguay
- United States
- Venezuela
- Other



## IN WHICH COUNTRY DID THE AGGRESSION TAKE PLACE? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Africa' at question ' [ControlePaysRegion]' (IN WHICH REGION?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Angola
- Burundi
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Botswana
- Central African Republic
- Ivory Coast
- Cameroon
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Republic of Congo
- Comoros
- Algeria
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- Western Sahara
- Ethiopia
- Gabon

- Ghana
- Guinea
- Gambia
- Guinea-Bissau
- Equatorial Guinea
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Morocco
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Sudan
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Chad
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- South Africa
- Zambia

Zimbabwe

Other

\*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Asia' at question ' [ControlePaysRegion]' (IN WHICH REGION?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Abkhazia
- Afghanistan
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Bahrain
- Brunéi Darussalam
- China
- Georgia
- Hong Kong
- Nagorno-Karabakh
- Indonesia
- India
- Iran
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan

- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Cambodia
- South Korea
- Kurdistan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Sri Lanka
- Myanmar
- Oman
- South Ossetia
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- North Korea
- Palestine
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- Syria
- Thailand
- Turkmenistan

Timor-Leste

Turkey

Taiwan

Uzbekistan

Yemen

Other

## IN WHICH COUNTRY DID THE AGGRESSION TAKE PLACE? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Oceania' at question ' [ControlePaysRegion]' (IN WHICH REGION?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Australia
- Cook Islands
- Fiji
- Micronesia
- Kiribati
- Marshall Islands
- Niue
- Nauru
- New Zealand
- Palaos
- Papua New Guinea
- Solomon Islands
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu
- Samoa

Other

## II - THE ID CHECKS

### WHAT IS THE ZIP CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY CHECKED:

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'In Belgium' at question ' [PaysControle]' (IN WHICH COUNTRY DID THESE REPEATED CHECKS TAKE PLACE?)

❗ Only numbers may be entered in these fields.

### SELECT THE DATE OF THE FIRST CHECK: \*

Please enter a date:



**SELECT THE DATE OF THE LAST CHECK: \***

Please enter a date:

**PLEASE ENTER THE NUMBER OF CHECKS BETWEEN THE TWO SELECTED DATES:**

Municipality 2

Municipality 3

Municipality 4

## **WERE YOU SUBJECTED TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE DURING THOSE CHECKS? \***

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

If yes, please consider filling out as well are dedicated questionnaire "**VICTIM OF OR WITNESS TO POLICE VIOLENCE?**  
(<https://facts.obspol.org/index.php/286688?lang=en>)" !

## WHAT TYPES OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [ViolencesPhysiques]' (WERE YOU SUBJECTED TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE DURING THOSE CHECKS?)

❗ Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

Kicks, punches, slaps

Feet / knees on the nape of the neck, chest or face

Blows to the victim which under control or on the ground

Blows to the ears

Strangulation

Painful armlock

Fingers forced backwards

Use of batons

Dog bites

Use of Pepper Spray

Hair pulling

Spraying with water

Painful tightening of colson ties or handcuffs

Painfully pulling by colson ties or handcuffs

Use of gloves

Calls to end torment remain unheeded

Other:

Please check all applicable boxes, then add for each of the selected types of violence details that you think are relevant in the description of the aggression. Use the corresponding text field.

Some types of violence may not be listed here. Use the text field next to "Other" and use your own words.

## **WERE YOU VERBALLY ASSAULTED DURING THESE CHECKS? \***

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

If yes, please consider filling out as well are dedicated questionnaire "**VICTIM OF OR WITNESS TO POLICE VIOLENCE?**  
(<https://facts.obspol.org/index.php/286688?lang=en>)" !

## WHAT KIND OF VERBAL VIOLENCE? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [ViolencesVerbales]' (WERE YOU VERBALLY ASSAULTED DURING THESE CHECKS?)

🗨 Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

Insults

Lack of respect / Impoliteness

Homophobic remarks

Racist remarks

Sexist remarks

Other:

Please check all applicable boxes, and for each selected violence mentioned add relevant details to clarify your description. Use the corresponding text field.

Some types of violence, may not be listed here. Use the text field next to “**Other**” and use your own words.

## **DID YOU EXPERIENCE PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE DURING THOSE CHECKS? \***

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

If yes, please consider filling out as well are dedicated questionnaire "**VICTIM OF OR WITNESS TO POLICE VIOLENCE?**  
(<https://facts.obspol.org/index.php/286688?lang=en>)" !

## WHAT KIND OF PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE? \*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [ViolencesPsy]' (DID YOU EXPERIENCE PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE DURING THOSE CHECKS?)

**!** Comment only when you choose an answer.

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

Confiscation, deterioration, destruction of personal effects

Refusal to notify someone or to telephone

Lack or refusal from the police officer to identify him or herself (absence of badge, refusal to answer etc.)

Pressure to sign documents

Prevented from taking photographs

Intimidation or arrest of witnesses

Intimidation

Other:

Please check all applicable boxes, and for each selected violence mentioned add relevant details to clarify your description. Use the corresponding text field.



Some types of violence, may not be listed here. Use the text field next to “**Other**” and use your own words.

## **WHAT IS THE ZIP CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY CHECKED:**

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'In France' at question ' [PaysControle]' (IN WHICH COUNTRY DID THESE REPEATED CHECKS TAKE PLACE?)

🚫 Only numbers may be entered in these fields.

### **Kicks, punches, slaps**

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

### **Insults**

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

### **Confiscation, deterioration, destruction of personal effects**

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

Municipality 1

Municipality 1

Municipality 5

Municipality 5

Municipality 1

Municipality 4

Municipality 3

Municipality 2

Municipality 4

Municipality 5

Feet / knees on the nape of the neck, chest or face

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

Blows to the victim which under control or on the ground

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Blows to the ears

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Strangulation

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Painful armlock

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Fingers forced backwards

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Use of batons

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Dog bites

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Use of Pepper Spray

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Hair pulling

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Spraying with water

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Painful tightening of colson ties or handcuffs

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Painfully pulling by colson ties or handcuffs

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Use of gloves

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Calls to end torment remain unheeded

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Lack of respect / Impoliteness

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Homophobic remarks

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Racist remarks

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Sexist remarks

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Refusal to notify someone or to telephone

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Lack or refusal from the police officer to identify him or herself (absence of badge, refusal to answer etc.)

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Pressure to sign documents

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Prevented from taking photographs

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Intimidation or arrest of witnesses

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Intimidation

Please choose all that apply and provide a comment:

## Municipality 5

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

## Municipality 3



Municipality 2

**WHAT IS THE ZIP CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY CHECKED:**

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'In another country' at question ' [PaysControle]' (IN WHICH COUNTRY DID THESE REPEATED CHECKS TAKE PLACE?)

Municipality 1

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

Municipality 2

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

### Municipality 3

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

### Municipality 4

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

## IV - AND FINALLY...

## WOULD YOU CARE TO ADD ANYTHING?

Please write your answer here:

Add any useful observations, remarks or suggestions about the controls you have experienced.

## YOUR INFORMATION, YOUR RIGHTS

I understand and accept that ObsPol is unable to provide personal follow-up for witnesses and that I will not receive any benefit in return for my testimony.

I also note that the personal data provided in this form are collected for the sole purpose of further contact with me to strengthen my testimony and that, in accordance with the Section 4 of the **General Data Protection Regulation** (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R0679&from=EN>), I have a right of access and rectification which I can exercise free of charge upon request to the data processing controller: **Collective ObsPol, [contact@obspol.org](mailto:contact@obspol.org)** (<mailto:contact@obspol.org>).

I have taken note of the strict confidentiality of the data that I transmit in this form: at no time will this personal information be used or communicated to third parties without my formal agreement. The results and the depersonalized data transmitted will be used to draw up a report in order to provide documented information on the situation, this distressing situation the development experienced on the ground which has formed the basis of this questionnaire. \*

Please choose **only one** of the following:

I read, I understood and I accept

Indicate your agreement by selecting "**I read, I understood and I accept**" from the drop-down menu.

## III - THE POLICE

## DO YOU KNOW THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO REPEATEDLY CONTROLLED YOU? \*

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

## COULD YOU NAME THESE POLICE OFFICERS?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [PoliceID]' (DO YOU KNOW THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO REPEATEDLY CONTROLLED YOU?)

This information is strictly confidential as your identity and will **NEVER** at any time be leaked to anyone outside ObsPol without your prior consent.

## DID THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO CHECKED YOU MANY TIMES ALREADY KNOW YOUR IDENTITY? \*

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

## COULD YOU NAME THOSE POLICE OFFICERS WHO KNEW YOU ALREADY?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question ' [VictimID]' (DID THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO CHECKED YOU MANY TIMES ALREADY KNOW YOUR IDENTITY?)

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Police Officer 1

Police Officer 1

Police Officer 2

Police Officer 3

Police Officer 4

Police Officer 5

Police Officer 6

Police Officer 7

Police Officer 8

Police Officer 9

Police Officer 10

Police Officer 2

Police Officer 3

Police Officer 4

Police Officer 5

Police Officer 6



Police Officer 7

Police Officer 8

Police Officer 9

Police Officer 10

**Your information has been correctly transmitted.**

**Thank you for agreeing to testify!**

Depending on the information that you have provided, ObsPol may contact you to clarify certain points or supplement certain aspects of your account. Naturally, your exchanges with us are covered by the same confidentiality as your answers to the questionnaire.

Furthermore, if you know of others, victims of or witnesses to illegitimate violence by the police, do not hesitate to contact ObsPol by email: **voices@obspol.org** (mailto:voices@obspol.be?subject=[ObsPol] - important & urgent).



Submit your survey.

Thank you for completing this survey.