Online Peer Intervention Young Canadians' Experiences with Electronic Bullying

Methodology

800 respondents answered the survey based on their experiences in the previous 4 weeks



Key Findings

Boys were significantly more likely than girls to experience electronic bullying



Boys were also significantly more likely than girls to say they had electronically bullied





42% of youth experienced electronic bullying at least once in the previous four weeks



YO of youth witnessed electronically bullying in the previous four weeks

Older youth were significantly more likely than younger youth to experience electronic bullying

47% of 17- to 18-year-olds

36% of 12- to 14-year-olds

Youth who are victimized online were more likely to bully online



32% of bullied youth said they had bullied others at least once in the previous four weeks Youth who identified as a member of a racial or ethnic minority

reported higher levels of both experiencing and perpetrating electronic bullying in the previous four weeks

Intervening



of those who saw electronic bullying did something to intervene at least once



Respondents' willingness to intervene was not affected by their gender or age

Youth are very protective of family

Their likelihood of intervening when the target is:

Family member Close friend $n \cap n$ Highest rated intervention strategies

the target privately

tell a trusted adult

talk about how to handle it with parents and/or friends

> Lowest rated intervention strategies

Dating partner82%Student at school62%Stranger37%	Read it and do nothing or laugh at it
Motivations and Bar What would make youth more likely to interve	
If the electronic bullying was clearly wrong If they knew intervening would make a difference	87% 85%
If they could intervene anonymously 81%	
What worries prevent youth from intervening?	
Worry they will turn themselves into targets 67% Worry it will make things worse for the target 53%	

Role of Adults

Youth are not fully convinced that adults will be helpful



of youth do not intervene because they think adults do not give advice



of youth agree that talking to parents and teachers will not change anything

that helps

However, the #2 and #3 top-rated intervention strategies involved talking to adults:



Adults need to be provided with the right tools and resources to empower youth to stand up to electronic bullying. Visit telus.com/wise to download family-friendly electronic bullying resources and to access the full report.





