

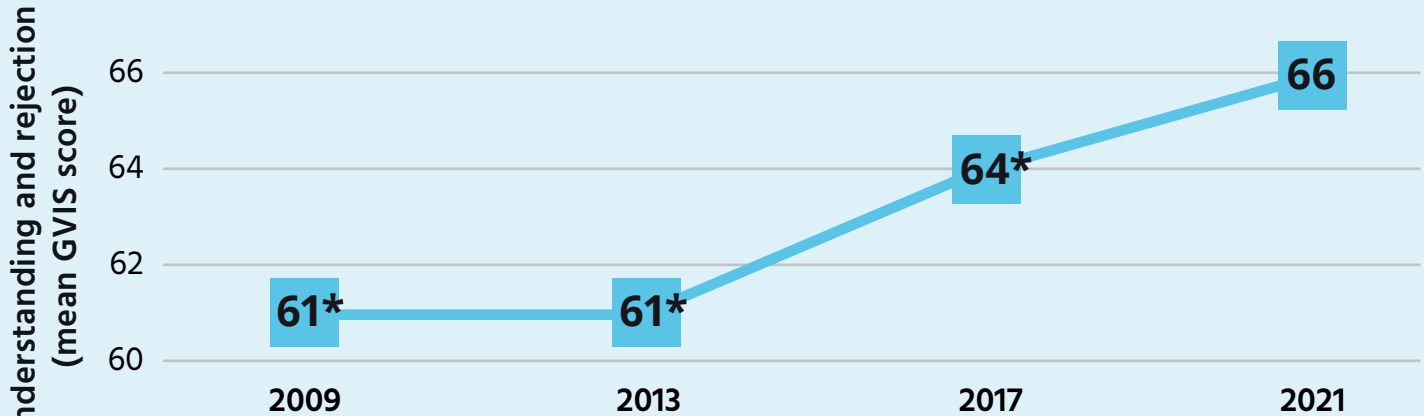
# Moving forward:

## The 2021 National Community Attitudes towards Violence against Women Survey (NCAS), Findings for young Australians

Ending violence against women in one generation requires Australians to have a strong understanding of the nature of violence against women and reject attitudes that condone gender inequality and violence against women. Young Australians are a key group who can be catalysts of social change to shape a culture that rejects violence against women and fosters gender equality.

### Young Australians' understanding of violence against women and their attitudes towards this violence and gender inequality have improved slowly over time

Mean score on the Gendered Violence and Inequality Scale (GVIS), 16- to 24-year-olds, 2009 to 2021



\*Statistically significant difference on this scale between the year indicated and 2021.



While attitudes and understanding are improving, only

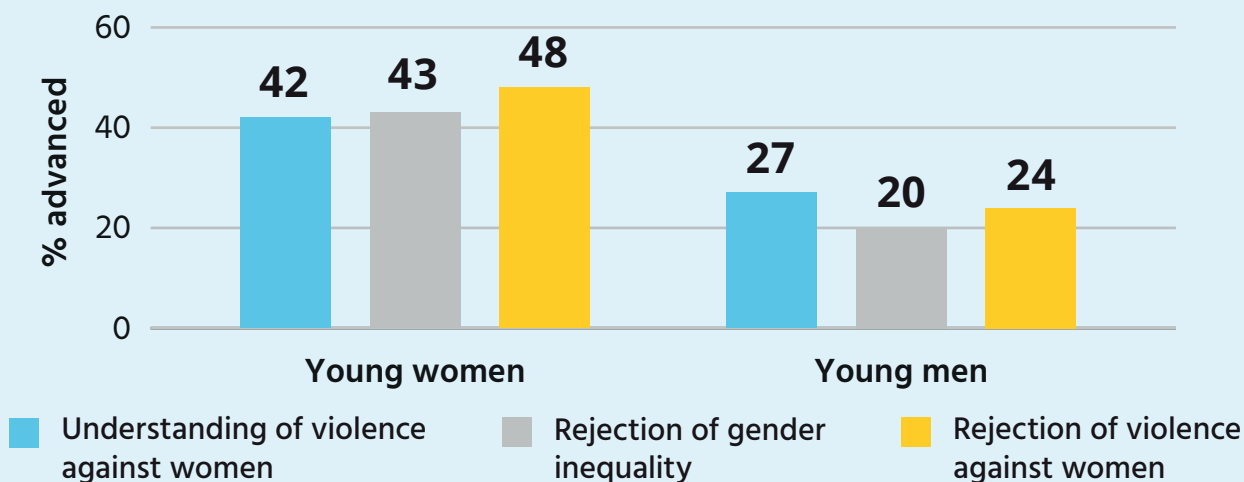
**27–43%**

of young Australians demonstrated “advanced” understanding of violence against women and rejection of this violence and gender inequality in 2021

This range is drawn from young people’s level of understanding or rejection across the three main NCAS scales.

### Gendered differences emerge early

Young women are significantly more likely to demonstrate “advanced” understanding of violence against women and attitudes towards this violence and gender inequality compared to young men.



“Advanced” is an aspirational level of attitudes and understanding that we are aiming to achieve across the Australian population. Compared to young men, young non-binary people also had higher rejection of problematic attitudes in some areas of gender inequality and violence against women.

## Most young Australians recognise that consent must be active and ongoing

There is still room for improvement. While most young respondents strongly disagreed that a man was justified in forcing sex, they tended to see **rape as more justifiable if a woman had initiated kissing**.

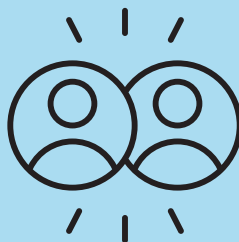
This highlights a lack of understanding of consent as an active and ongoing communication process.

Is a man justified in forcing sex with a new female acquaintance if she pushes him away after ...

He initiates kissing?

89%

strongly disagreed



She initiates kissing?

72%

strongly disagreed

## Young Australians want to look out for each other

98%

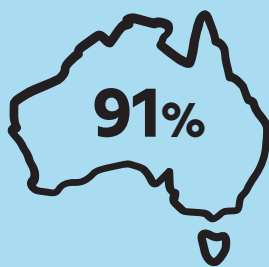
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96%

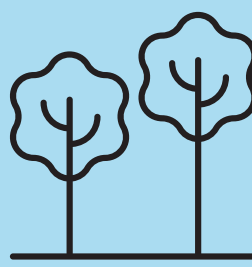
of young respondents **would be bothered** by witnessing a **male friend verbally abuse a female partner**

of these young respondents **said they would intervene**

## Most young Australians recognise that violence against women is a problem in all communities\*



of young respondents **agreed** that violence against women is a **problem in Australia**



and **53%** **agreed** that is a **problem in their own suburb or town**

\*This understanding was significantly higher for young respondents than respondents aged 25 years or older in 2021.

## Many young Australians know where to get help



About

2 in 3

young respondents knew how to access domestic violence services

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