

# **THE REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE STORY PROJECT**

a grassroots patient advocacy initiative working  
to bring attention to mistreatment and abuse  
in reproductive healthcare across Canada.

**[www.reproductivejusticestories.org](http://www.reproductivejusticestories.org)**

St. Joseph's Health Centre, Toronto

# **PATIENT FEEDBACK SURVEY**

**77** % of survey respondents self-identified as white

**92** % spoke English as their first language

**85** % were over 30 years old at the time of the survey

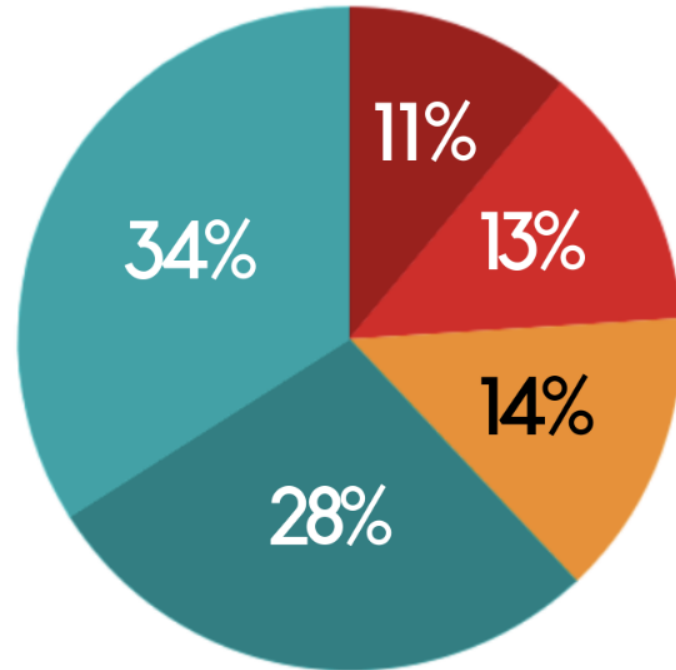
**88** % had planned their pregnancies

**98** % had a partner or support person with them

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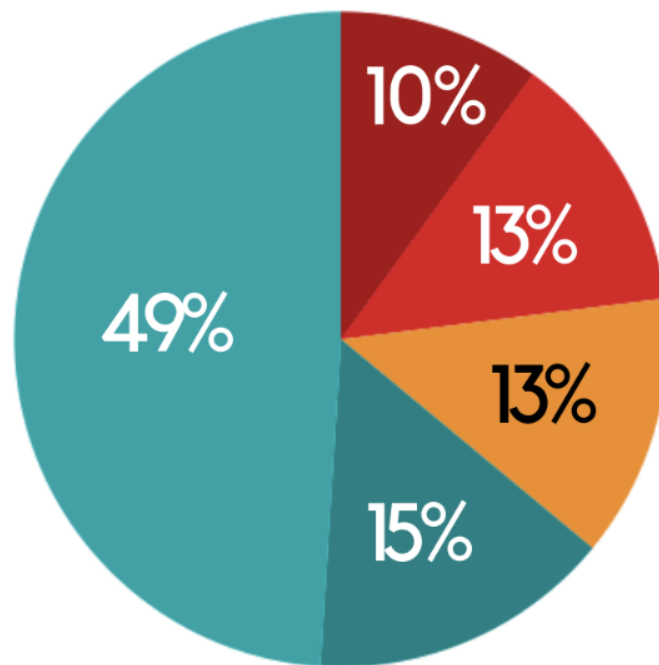
**Question: I felt that my bodily autonomy was honoured and respected.**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree



**Question: I felt as if my plans, preferences, and decisions were respected.**

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree



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## **PATIENT EXPERIENCE**

"Due to the fact that my partner and I are not married and an interracial couple I felt judged. Also they had assumed I was not taking care of myself because not all prenatal info was available"

"It was hard for me to speak clearly all the time and they were not patient with me while I tried to explain"

"I was listed as "single mother" on their records. I have NO idea how that happened.[...] My wife attempted to advocate for me and the baby but it was largely ignored"

"Another nurse later made a racist comment about my midwife, saying something to the effect that because she was from [another country] and received her training there, she was incompetent"

"Because my husband and I are English-speaking and could insist on being informed about procedures, I feel our care was better than it might otherwise have been"

"The 'nursing' expert had trouble understanding my discomfort with exposing my breasts as a butch-identified woman. It was so awkward"

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# **TRAUMATIC BIRTH**

"I had no voice in my birth and I was the least powerful person in the room"

"I can't bear the thought of ever having another child"

"The birth of my son was traumatizing and it didn't need to be"

"For several months, I was having nightmares about my delivery. I would have trouble breathing when driving along the Gardiner and passing the hospital."

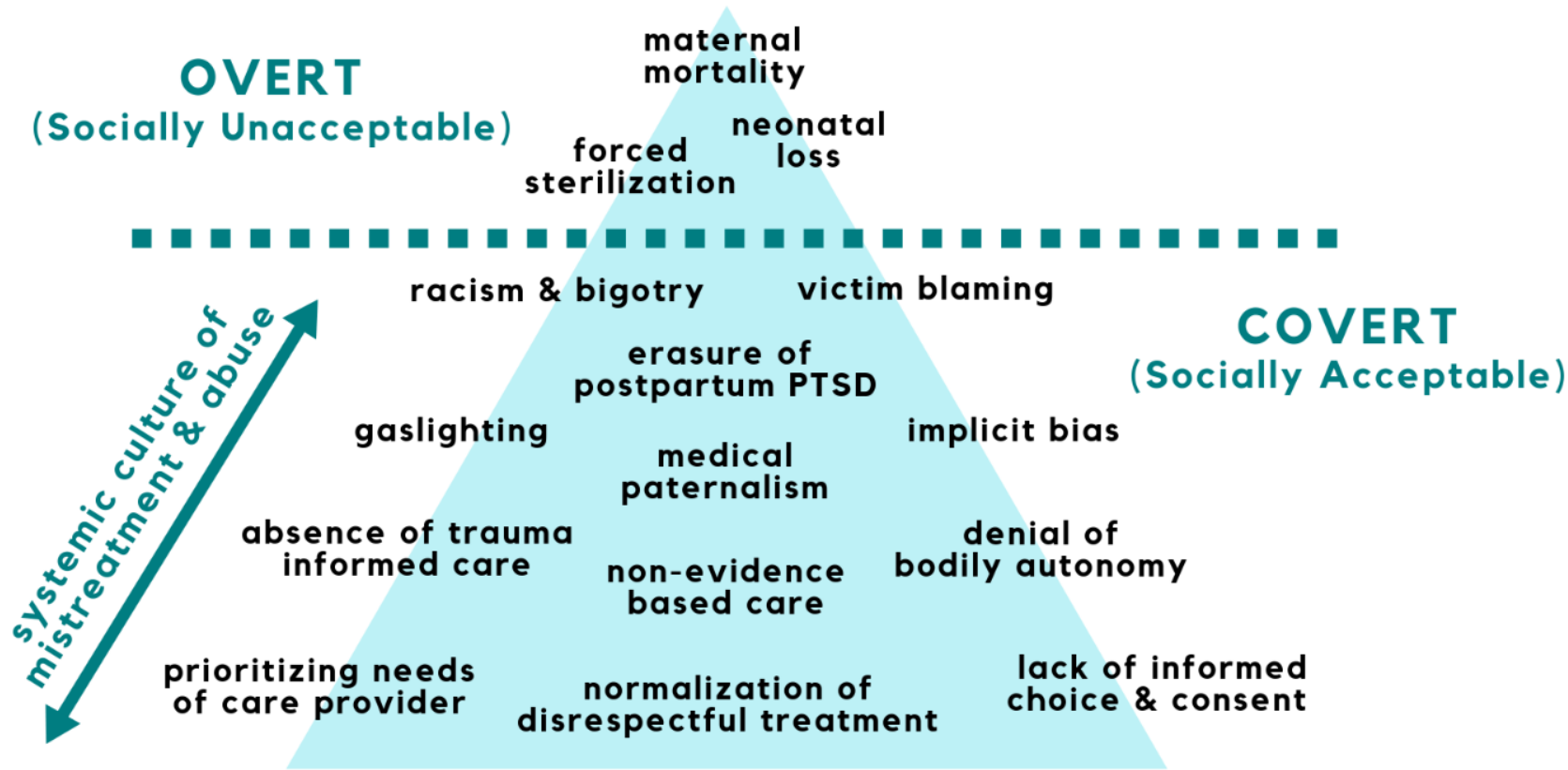
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# **SPEAKING UP**

- Community Story Blog - a story-sharing platform:  
[reproductivejusticestories.org/community-stories](https://reproductivejusticestories.org/community-stories)
- Public body of evidence of mistreatment and abuse in reproductive healthcare
- Now welcoming stories from patients and professionals across Canada, 80+ submissions so far

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## PYRAMID OF OBSTETRIC VIOLENCE

inspired by: [11thprincipleconsent.org](http://11thprincipleconsent.org)'s pyramid of rape culture, [safehousealliance.org](http://safehousealliance.org)'s pyramid of white supremacy and [birthmonopoly.com](http://birthmonopoly.com)'s pyramid of obstetric violence

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