

Caste-based discrimination

Caste-based discrimination is the discrimination perpetuated by high caste groups on lower caste groups on the basis of caste, which leads to oppression and exploitation.

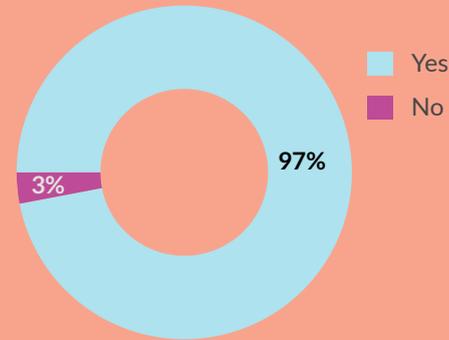


"There should be no discrimination based on caste. However, our parents say that Dalit should be restricted from coming to our house. It's not just our parents, the whole community is doing this, so how can it be wrong?"

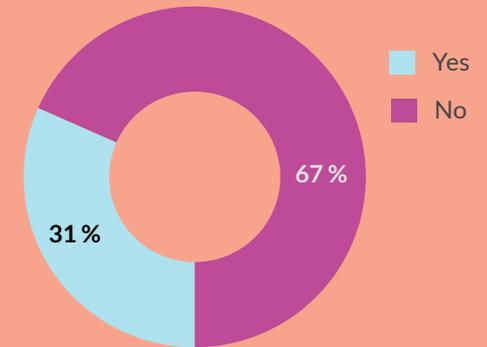
Impacts of Caste based discrimination



Caste-based discrimination in community



Do marriage between Dalit and non-Dalit individuals occur in your community?



Experiences of Caste based discrimination among Dalit community



74%
Denied entry in the house/kitchen



52%
Denied use the water tap/ tubewell

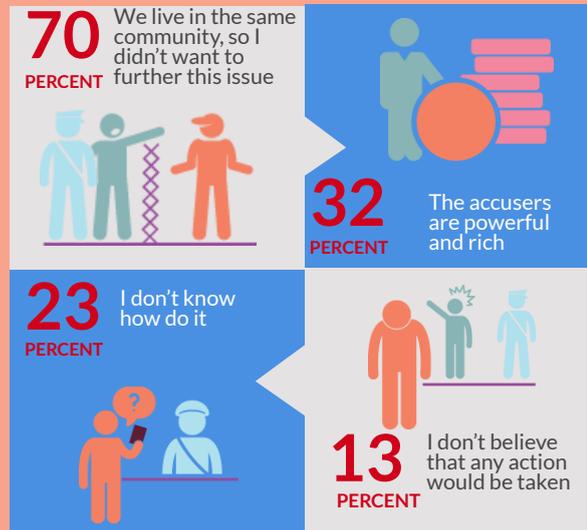


50%
Denied entry into temple



41%
Could not sell milk and dairy products

Why didn't you file the case ?



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Witchcraft Accusations and Persecution (WAP)

Witchcraft (boksipratha) is generally defined as a person having alleged supernatural powers to control people or events by the use of magic. Belief in witchcraft exists among people, regardless of their individual religion or faith.

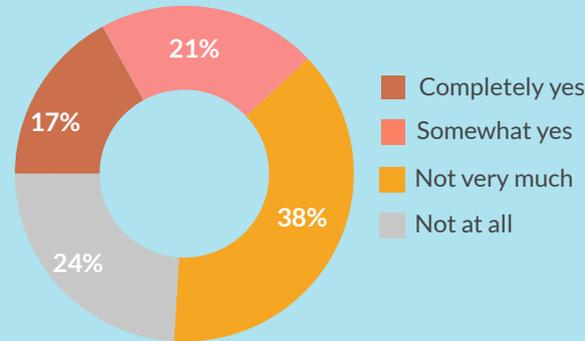
Forms of persecution

-  Degrading and inhuman treatment
-  Death in the most extreme cases
-  Social exclusion and ostracisation from the community
-  Physical assault

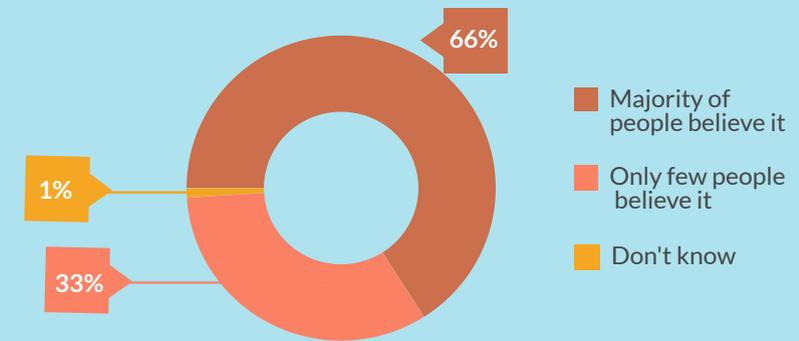
Impacts of WAP on sectors



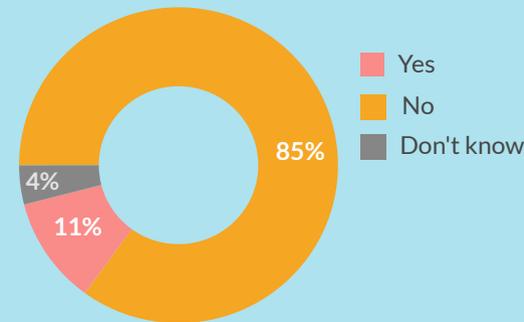
Do you believe in witches/witchcraft



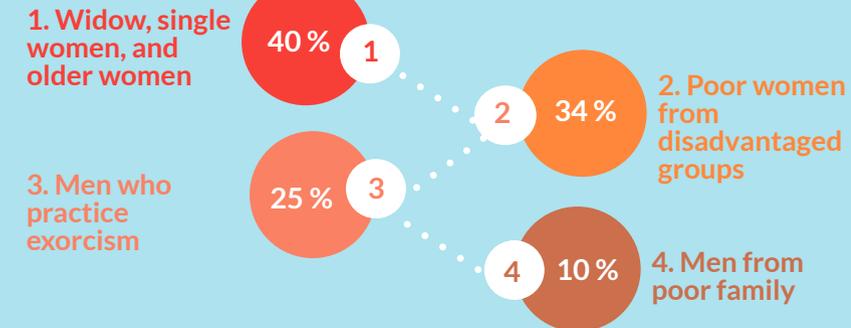
Evil force cause illness or misfortune



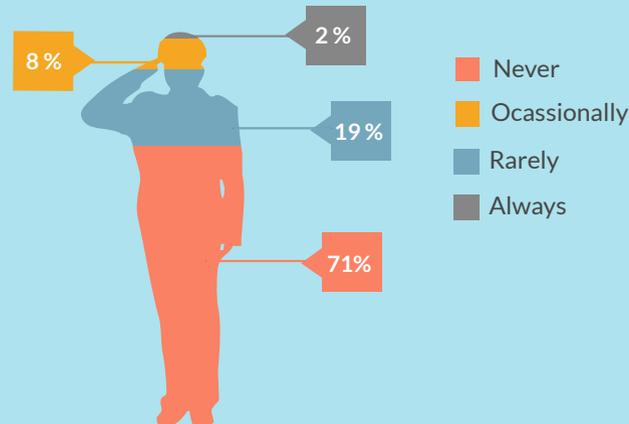
Accused or persecuted for witchcraft



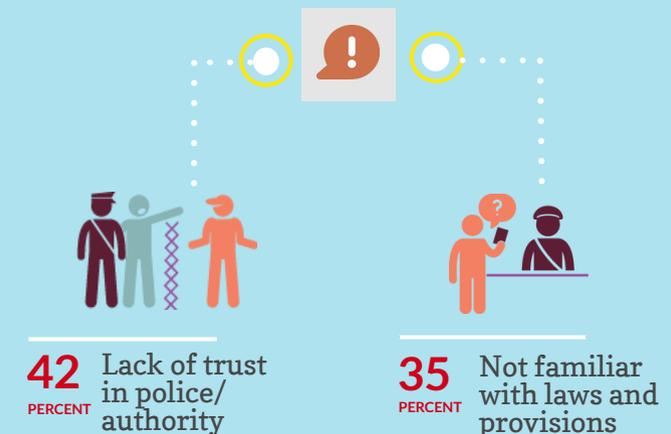
Perceptions on victims of WAP



Reports of incidents in police



Reasons for not reporting the incidents



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Child marriage

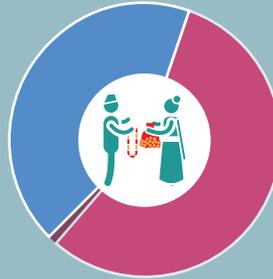
Child marriage is defined as a formal or informal union where one or both parties are under the age of 18.

Although the legal age for marriage in Nepal is 20 years, the definition of child marriage applies for children up to 18 years of age.

Impacts of Child Marriage



Marriages under the age of 20



Exist (56%)
Do not exist (43%)
Don't know (1%)

“Early marriage increases the likelihood of domestic violence and abuse”

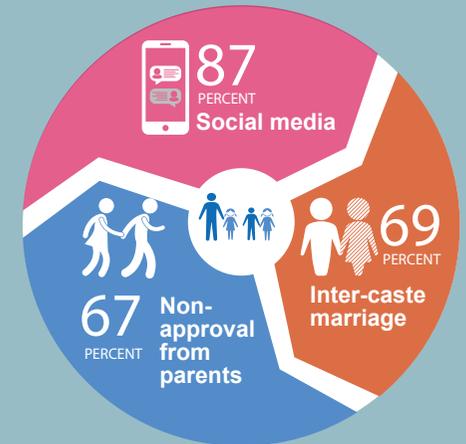


Completely yes (33%)
Somewhat yes (41%)
Not very much (23%)
Not at all (3%)

91 PERCENT respondents agreed elopement occurs in their community



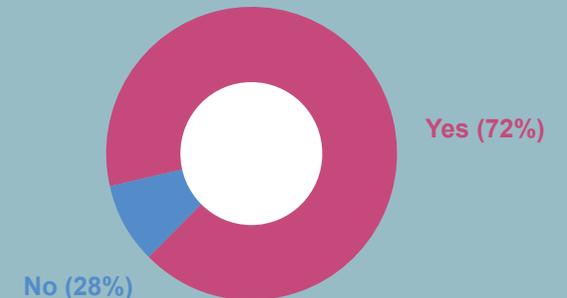
Reasons for elopement



Why do parents marry off their children at a young age?



Do you think child marriage can be stopped?



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Menstrual restrictions including chhaupadi

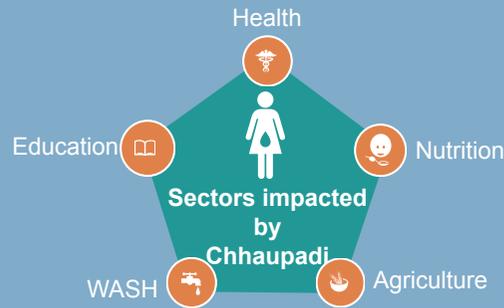


During menstruation women and girls are viewed as impure which stems from Hindu religious beliefs of menstrual blood as a source of pollution.

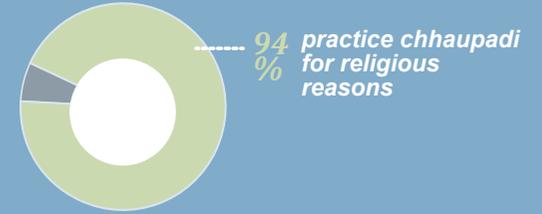
Chhaupadi is a tradition where women and girls sleep in small huts or animal sheds during their menstruation



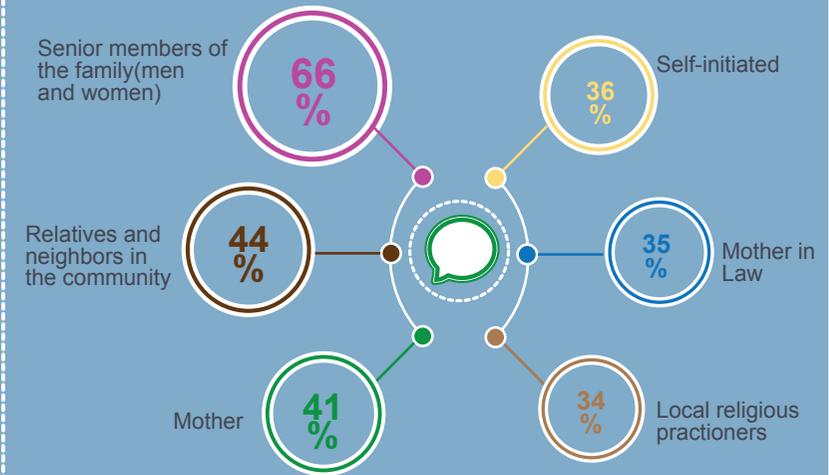
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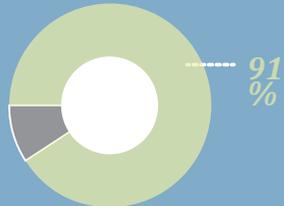
Reason for upholding chhaupadi practice



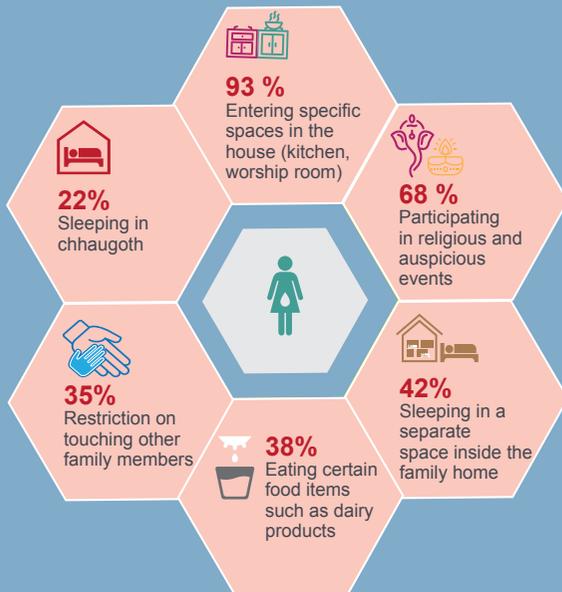
Who have the decisive role in enforcing chhaupadi



91 PERCENT of family observe menstruation restrictions



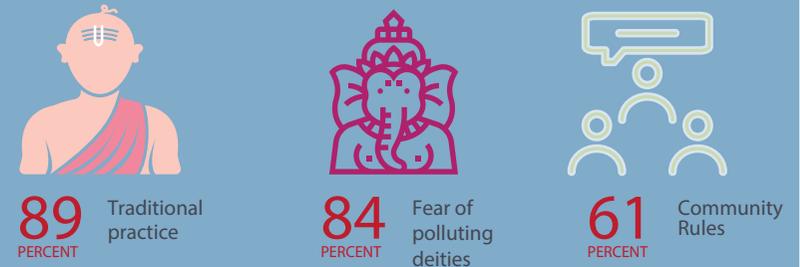
Restrictions enforced during menstruation



Reasons for observing restrictions during menstruation



Reasons behind continuity of Chhaupadi practice



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Dowry



Dowry (or the dowry system) is the practice of a bride's family giving cash, property and/or other gifts to the bridegroom's family as a requirement for marriage of their daughter



Occupation



Education

Dowry can lead to



Mental torture



Physical



Eviction from house



Undereducated Younger brides



Highly educated bridegroom



lower the dowry Price



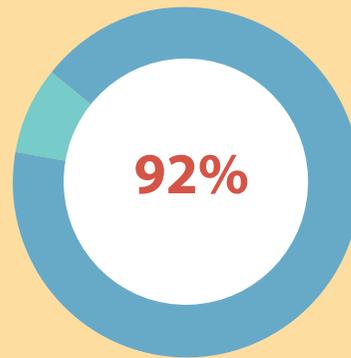
higher the dowry demand

98% of the respondents viewed "**education** and **occupation**" as the major determinants of dowry demand

Impacts of Dowry on development

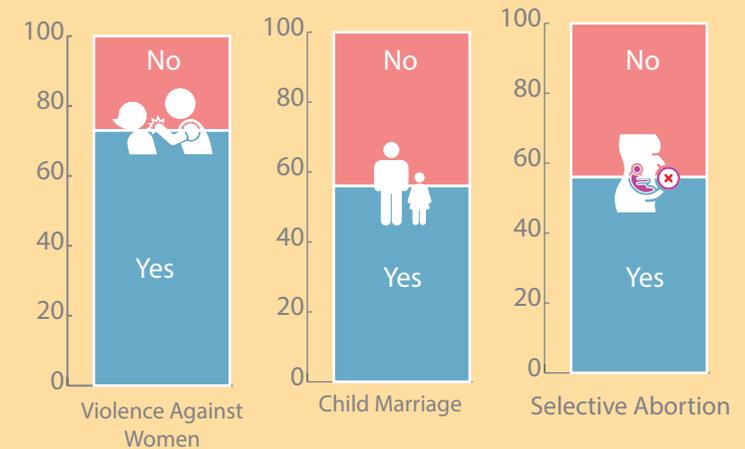


Practice of Dowry



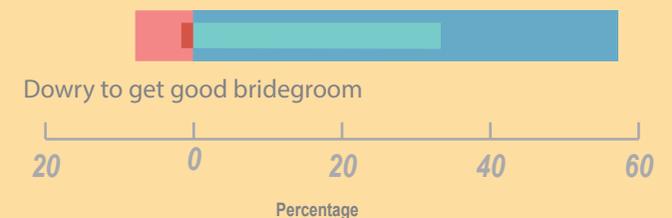
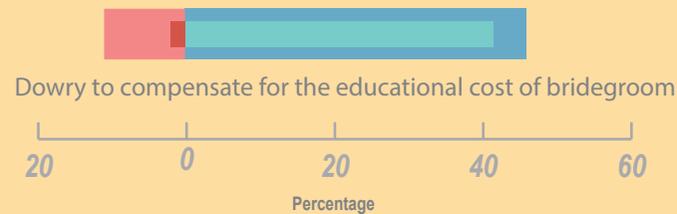
92% of the respondents reported the practice of dowry exists in Province 2

Impact of Dowry



Prevalence of Dowry

Not very much Not at all Somewhat Yes Completely Yes



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