

Cyberactivism is emerging as a new form of social participation among young Basques

21.0% of young Basque people currently practice cyberactivism

On 22 October, the Basque Youth Observatory published the key data from the study *Youth and Social Participation in the Basque Country*. This study was prepared in cooperation with the Basque Country Youth Council (EGK).

21% of young people in the Basque Country aged 15 to 29 state that, last year, they promoted a discussion or reported an issue on the Internet, on social networks or via mobile apps, such as WhatsApp, either by writing a message or forwarding an image or video, i.e. they engaged in cyberactivism.

Another 32.1% say that, although they did not personally promote a discussion or report an issue, they did support one (by re-tweeting it or sending messages, images, videos, posting a certain image as their profile...).

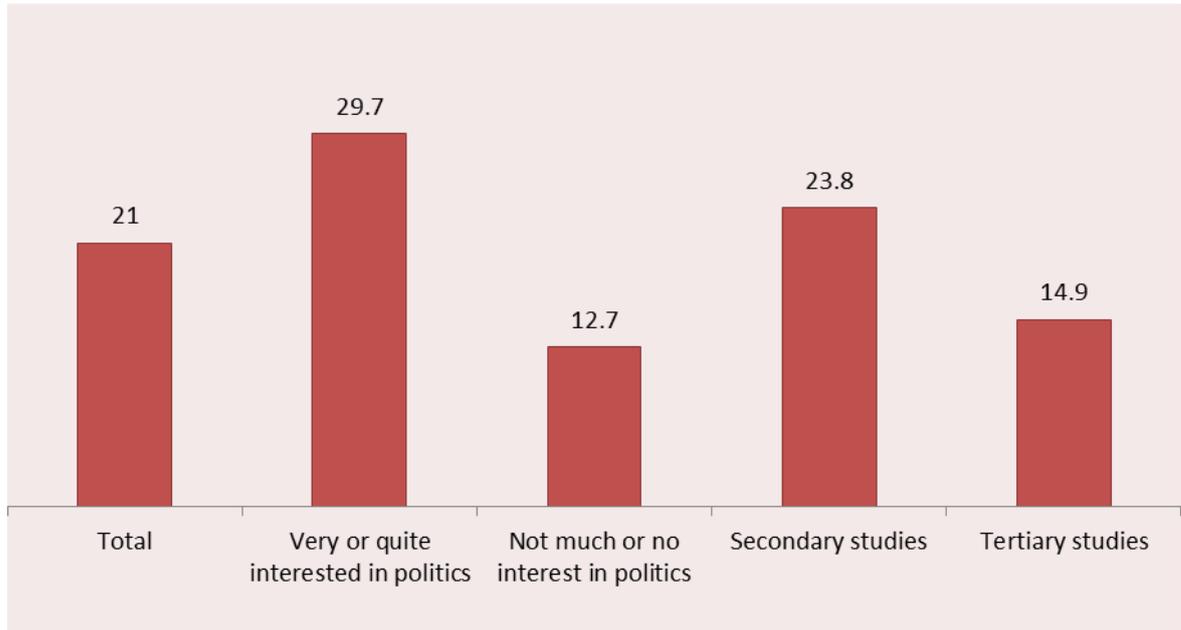
The level of studies, an interest in politics and belonging to associations are some of the most decisive factors leading to the participation in discussions or reporting issues on the Internet.

Among people with higher studies (completed or in progress), the percentage who promote discussions or report issues stands at 23.8%, compared with 14.9% among those who have lower levels of studies.

29.7% of young people interested in politics promoted some type of discussion or complaint on the Internet, compared with 12.7% of young people who were not interested in politics.

Young people who belong to associations promoted discussions or reported issues on the Internet to a greater extent than young people who do not belong to associations (24.4% compared to 16.5%).

Level of participation in discussions and complaints on the Internet based on level of interest in politics and level of studies (%)



Source: Basque Youth Observatory

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