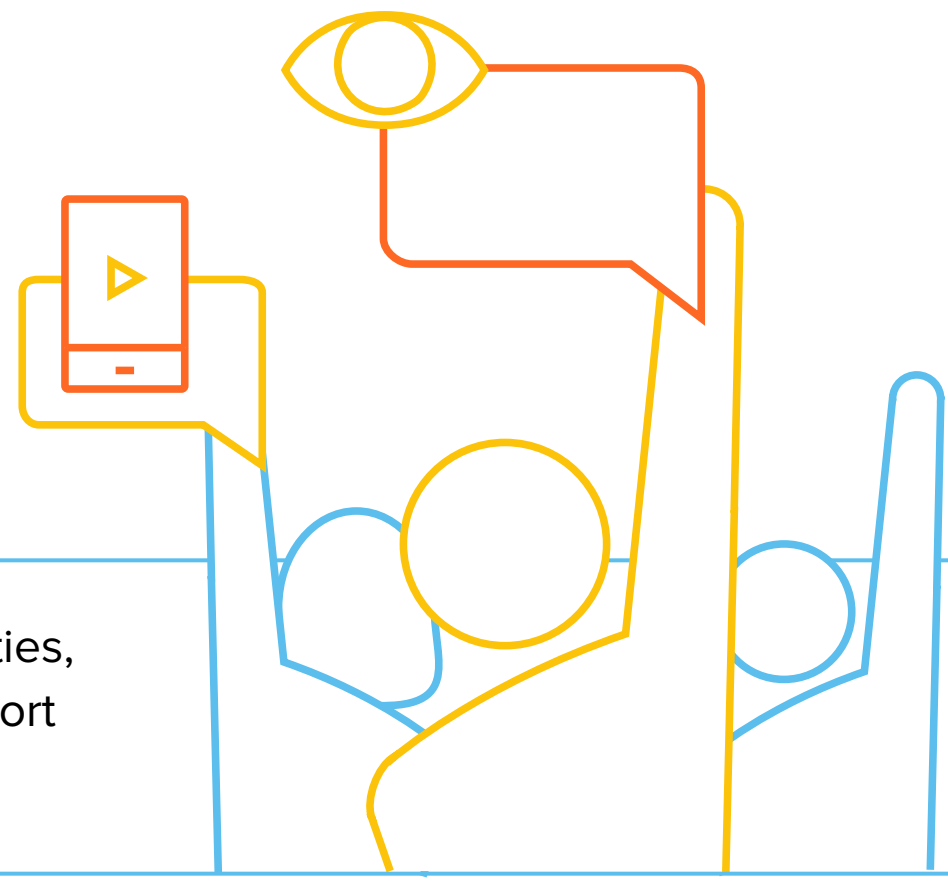


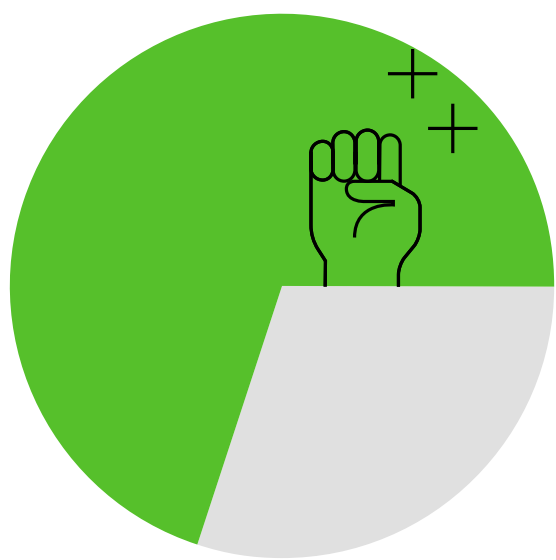
# CIVIC PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IN A DIGITAL WORLD

## EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA



Young civic actors in the ECA see digital technologies as increasing opportunities, enabling direct engagement, improving their outreach, helping gain public support for their causes and making cross-border connectivity easier.

### How do young activists use digital realm and social media platforms?



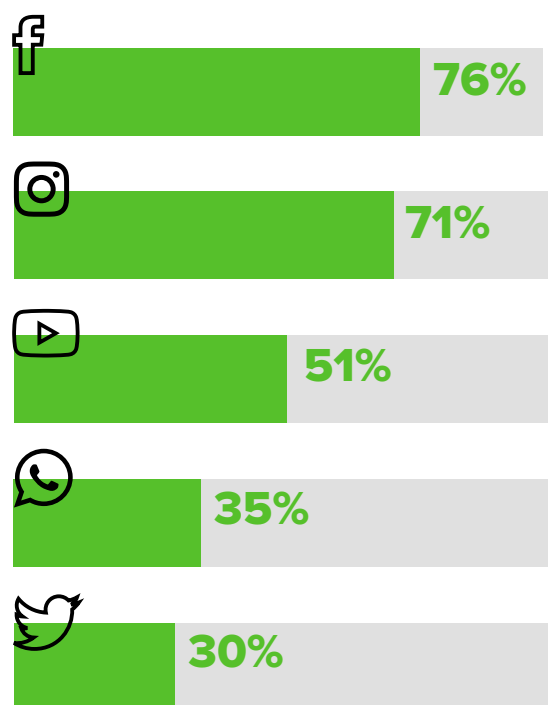
Up to **70%** agreed that online activism gave higher visibility to important issues.

While digital technology may improve democratic participation, there is unequal access to it.

#### Most promoted causes online

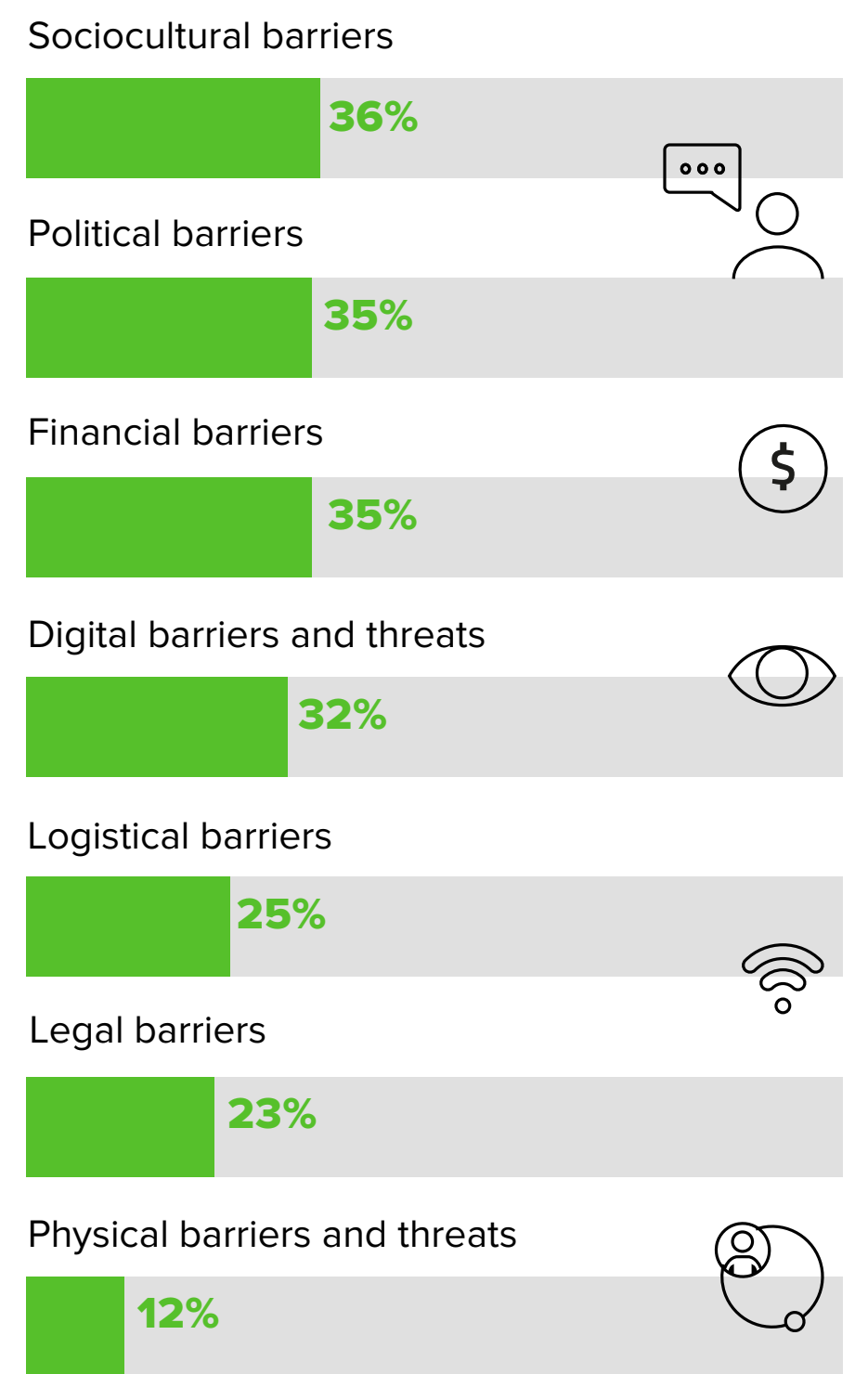


#### Most used platforms



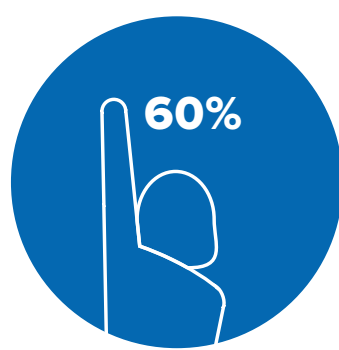
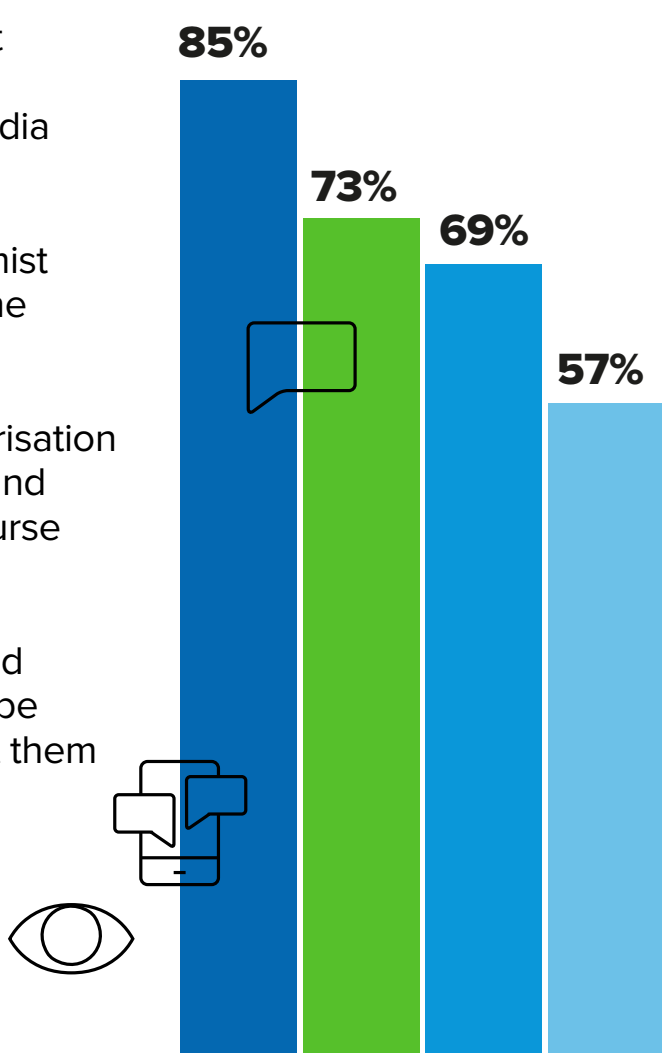
**82%** confirm that online and offline activism need to complement each other.

### What are barriers to equal and effective online participation?

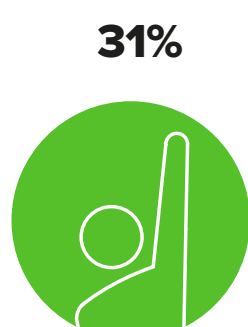


### What are the challenges young activists face when they participate and engage online?

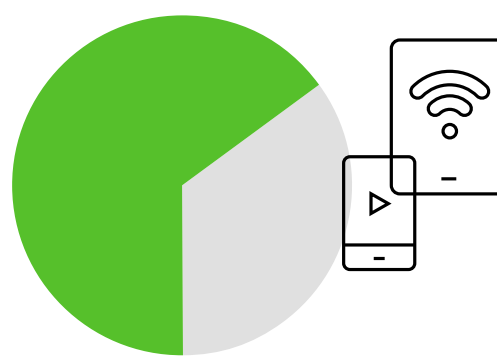
- There is a lot of fake news on social media
- I am worried about extremist content online
- The internet creates polarisation of opinions and public discourse
- Data is not protected and views could be used against them



of women say gender impacted how others reacted to their civic views, compared to men.

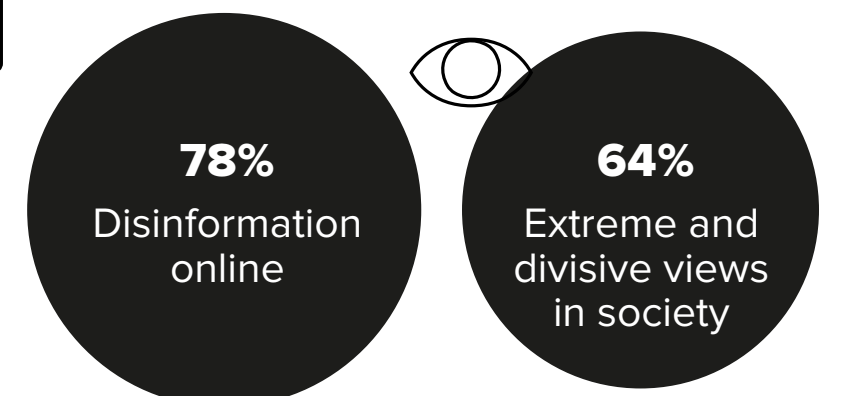


### How does Covid-19 pandemic impact online participation?



**65%** think that excludes some groups, especially those without skills and tools.

#### Exposes public to:



#### Covid-19 also has a positive effect:

