

# SEXISM IN AOTEAROA: GUYS ON THE DOUBLE STANDARD

We talked with over 50 young men living in Auckland about sexism. We asked what, if any, sexism they saw around them, and what they thought about it. For some guys, this was something they hadn't considered before. Many valued having the chance to mull over sexism with other guys.

"Talking about it now...  
You sort of see it."

"These conversations  
made me think a lot  
about what I say."

"We never talk about  
this stuff."

## DOUBLE STANDARDS

Guys identified a range of issues, including **double standards** when it comes to pay, freedom of movement, and sexual desire and sexual expression. While acknowledging the important gendered issues that guys face, many felt that the girls around them, faced 'more expectation' and judgement, particularly around sex. The young men we spoke to wanted a better, more equal future for their friends, sisters, Mums and aunties. As one young man said: I think it's progressing... but it's still got a long way to go."



"Guys are... they can be  
more open about their  
sexual desires while  
women can't"

"I didn't know that men  
were getting more than  
women, I didn't know that.  
And that really hit me... coz  
my mum's out there  
working hard."