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The strategy of political debate
on same sex marriage
for LGBTI Rights and against discriminations.



the french experience

“Marriage pour tous”: the debate in itself, was an issue

A wide debate

Same sex marriage concerns few people but the debate involved every single citizen in the french society.

It was a broad and violent debate within and outside the Parliament

What strategy did we adopt ?

A fruitful debate

It was an opportunity to share knowledge and LGBT+ demands to a wider audience.

Six years later, we admit that this debate has helped advance the cause of LGBT rights.

Opponents of LGBT claims have become very few.



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LGBTI+ rights in France



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2004
**Criminalisation of
homophobic utterances**

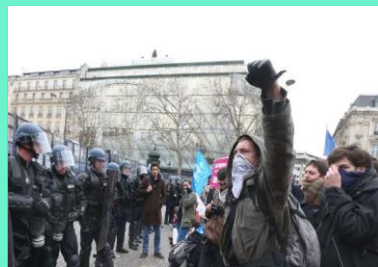
2013
**Marriage & adoption for
same sex couples**

2016
**Change of gender
without medical
certificate**

LGBTI+ rights in France

In progress 2019 -2020
**Medically Assisted Procreation
for all women**

Our next battles
**Intersex children, discriminations,
homophobia...**



1999

2012

2019



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2012-2013 A wide debate

What strategy in a debate in which every single French is involved?

Recipe for a wide debate

**An
understandable
subject**

**the traditional
family model
questionned**



**A structured
opposition**

Our strategy:

The process is as important
as the substance

An issue too important
to let MPs decide

All Our debates will be
transparent & public

You will create gay
families

these families already
exist

We will show you

dictatorship of a
minority

the rights of the minority
are defended by a
unaffected majority

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- ✧ LGBT Families testimonies
- ✧ All committee's hearings were public
- ✧ 120 people heard
- ✧ Hundreds of public debates all over the country
- ✧ Non LGBT people on the center of the scene



Coming out everywhere

LGPT issues came out of the closets from every cells of the french society

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A fruitful debate

The law was passed. But beyond that, has this wide debate been helpful for LGBT rights ?

Six years later, what are the results ?

Homophobia

Homophobia has risen sharply during the debate. The level is still very high.

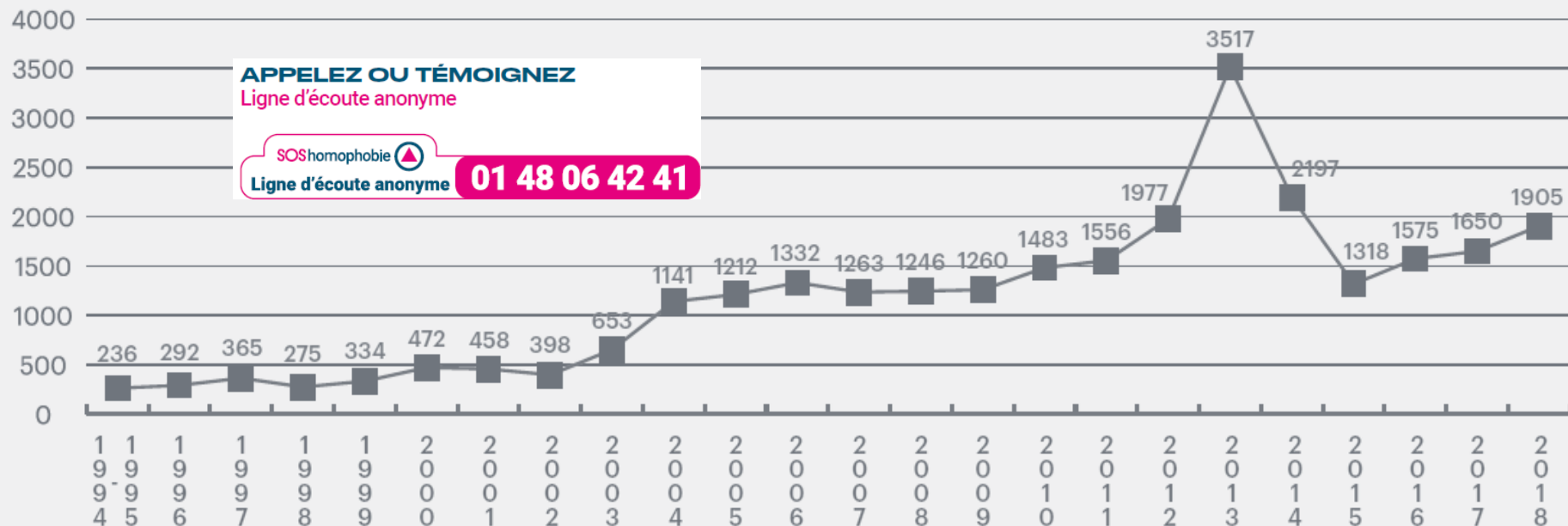
Same sex marriage & LGBT families acceptance

Few now challenge LGBT's rights to marry.

The MAP debate

The new bill to open MAP for women couples meets little opposition.

Homophobia



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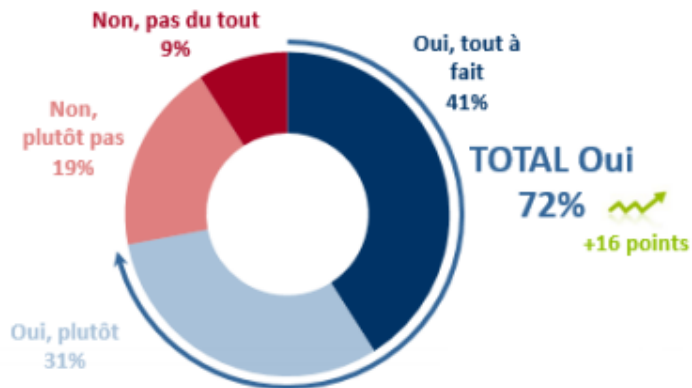
QUESTION : A votre avis, un enfant peut-il s'épanouir de la même manière... ?

Base : ensemble des Français.

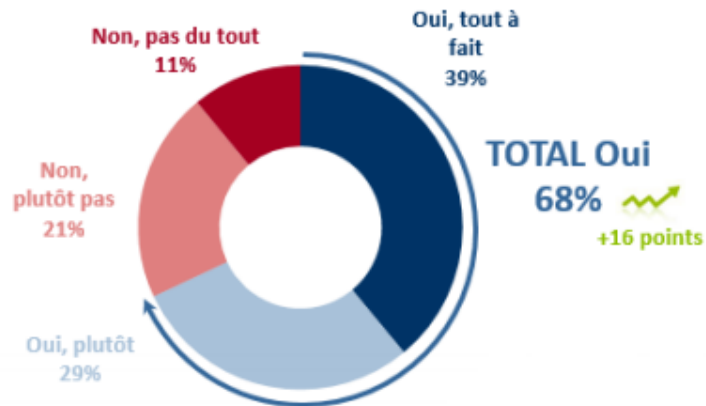
 En hausse depuis mars 2013



« Dans une famille avec deux mères »

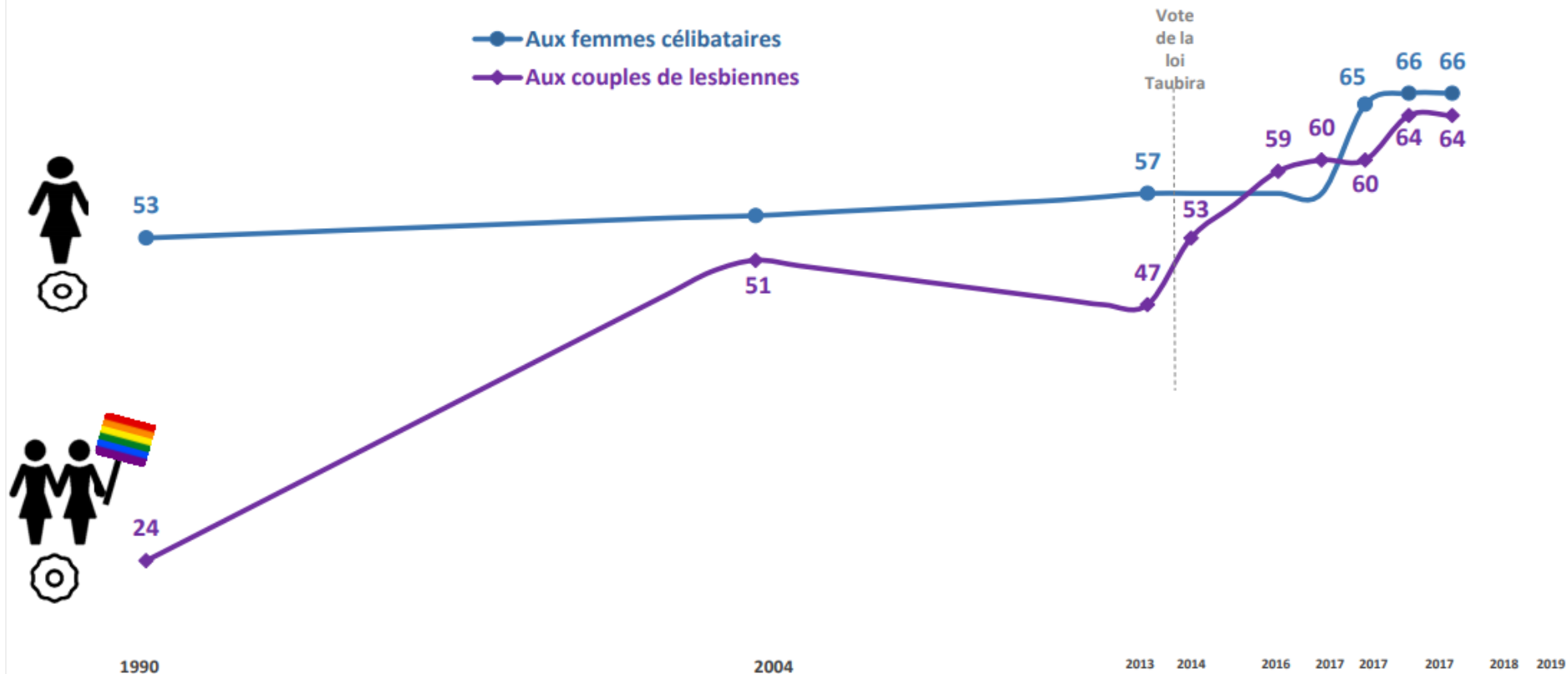


« Dans une famille avec deux pères »



Medically assisted procreation

Taux d'adhésion à l'élargissement de la PMA...



As a conclusion...



Controversy

The political debate is also aimed at citizens. It is an issue in itself.



Violence

The radicalization of opponents is a sign of the decline of their weight in society.



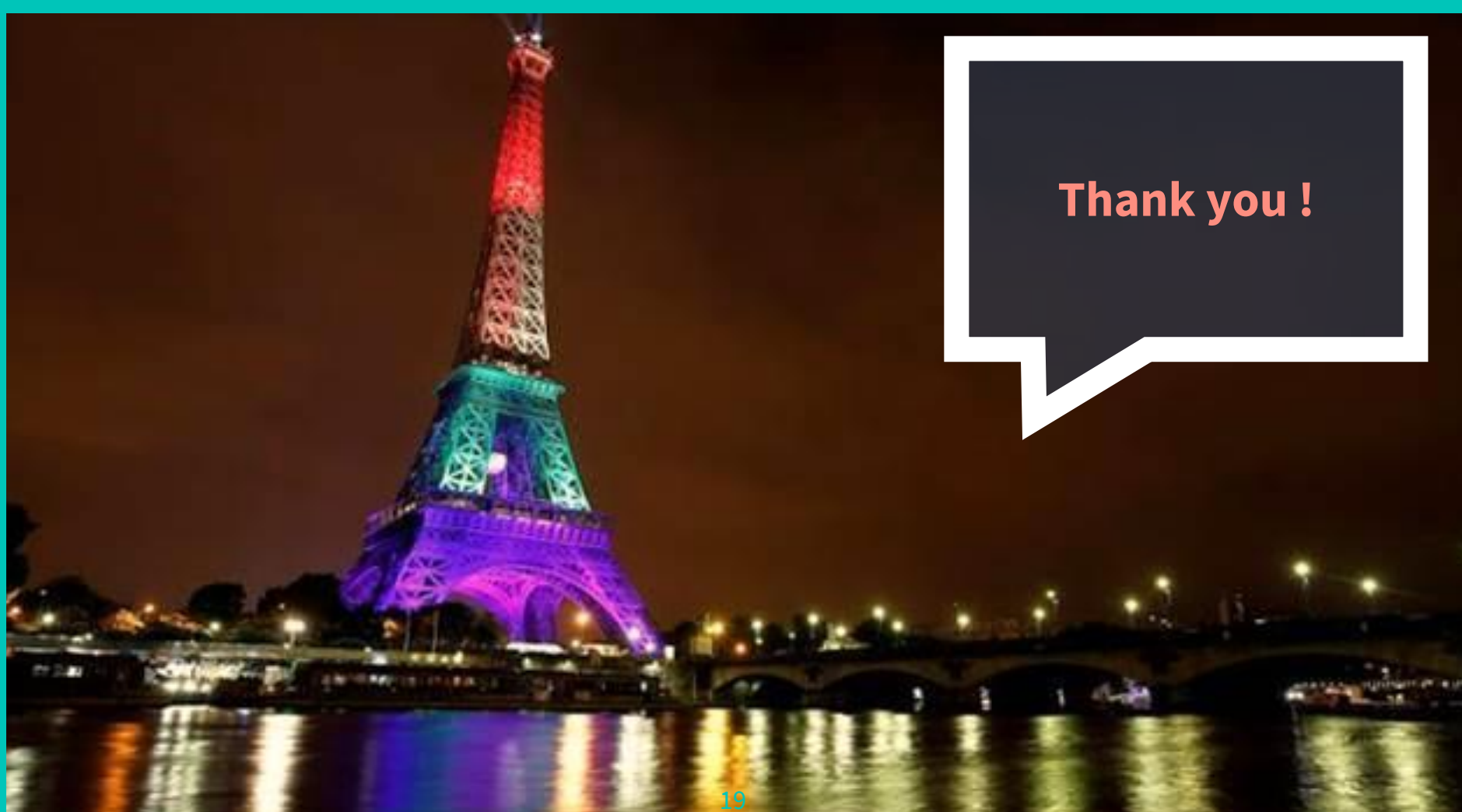
Information

In the field of minority rights, information is part of the fight. The more the subject is accessible, the more information it requires.



Expectations

In France, a wide debate on same sex marriage with the result that today it's easier to consider new LGBT+ rights.



Thank you !