

Bisexual movement
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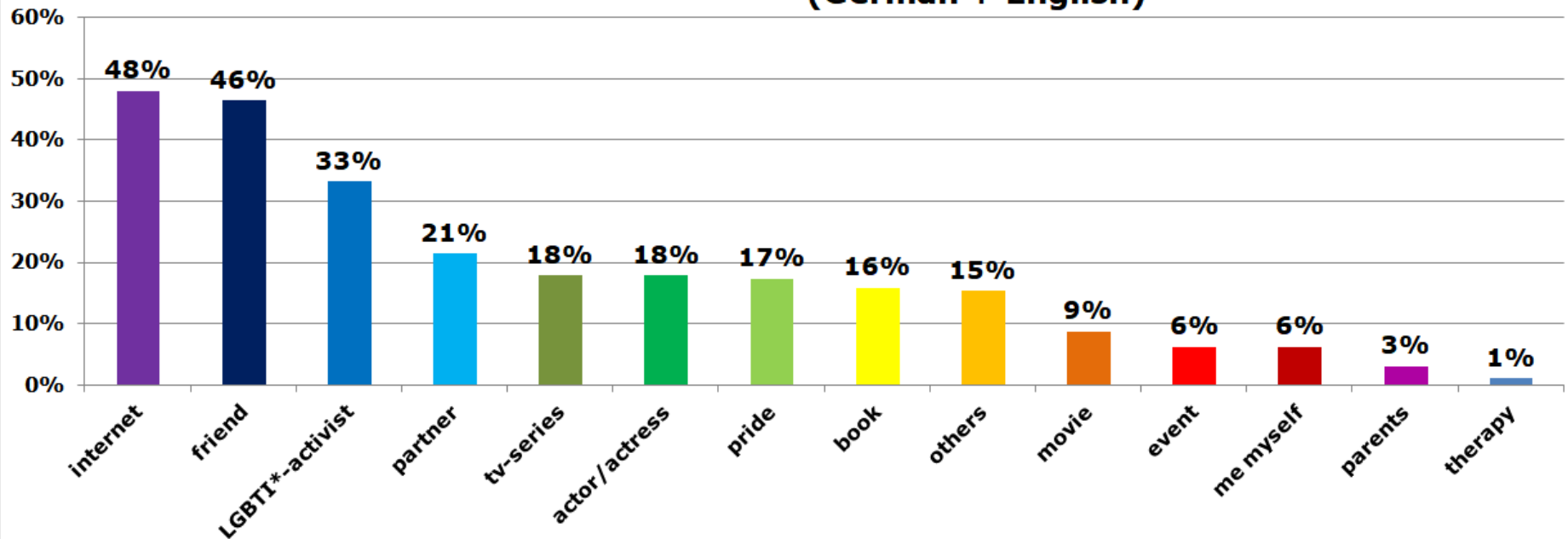
196 participants

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This survey
does not only include people from
Germany (71),
but it was spread internationally
(125 in English).

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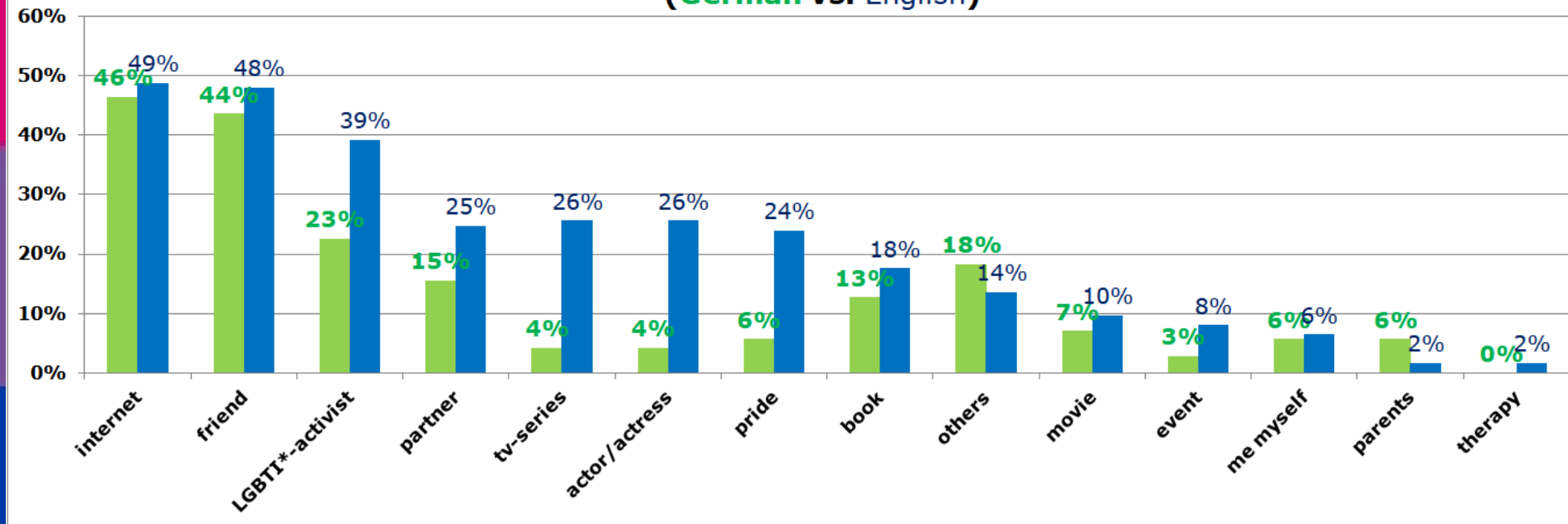
Who or what has shaped your opinion on bisexuality strongly?
(German + English)



One can see clearly: Most important are the internet and friends.
After that LGBTI*-activists.
And then partners, prides and the media (series, books, movies).

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Who or what has shaped your opinion on bisexuality strongly?
(German vs. English)



The life of the German speakers is less influenced than the English ones:
Significantly less by LGBTI*-activists (23% vs. 39%),
series (4% vs. 26%), actors (4% vs. 26%), prides (6% vs. 24%).
Slightly less by partners (15% vs. 25%).

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There were many individual answers, which were very personal: many told us of the first love, the first kiss, the coming-out of others, of a crush for a movie stars etc.

Coming out of others seem to be important, and of course the discovery of one's own feelings.

But also experiences of discrimination, stupid jokes influenced many bi- and pansexuals.

Individual bi-activists, bi-actresses and bi-groups are mentioned.

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The most famous events in the bisexual movement-history (in brackets only German)

66% (75%)

1915 Sigmund Freud presents the thesis,
every human being is basically bisexual

64% (68%)

1948/53 first use of the Kinsey-scale:
high proportion of the US-population bisexual

49% (45%)

21.9.15 Miley Cyrus outs herself as pansexual

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37% (34%)

1970 bi-activist Brenda Howard organizes the first pride worldwide,
one year after the Stonewall riots

37% (46%)

5.12.98 publication of the bi-flag
by Michael Page, USA

35% (39%)

23.9.15 IDAHOBIT – the international day
against homophobia, transphobia und biphobia
includes „biphobia“

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31% (17%)

2010 actress Anna Paquin marries her actor-colleague and outs herself as bisexual, denies that she became straight because of the marriage

30% (42%)

2015 several studies by YouGov show that many people see themselves in the bisexual spectrum of the Kinsey scale (USA, UK, Israel and Germany)

28% (25%)

2.7.13 book for bi-activists by Shiri Eisner „Bi: Notes for a Bisexual Revolution“ is published

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19% (38%)

22.9.17 flying of the bi-flag at the Schleswig-Holstein social ministry in Kiel (one day after 23.9.) as part of the programme of „Echte Vielfalt“ with the financing of a bi-brochure

It is interesting that the publication of the bi-flag is more famous with German speakers than English ones:

46% vs. 31%.

Anna Paquin is more famous with English speakers:

39% vs. 17%.

The flying of the bi-flag in Kiel naturally is more famous with German speakers:

38% vs. 9%.

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The events identified as most important in the bisexual movement-history

(in brackets only German)

48% (42%)

1970 Mother Of Pride Brenda Howard organizes pride

42% (44%)

1948/53 first use of the Kinsey-scale

38% (30%)

5.12.98 publication of the bi-flag

33% (34%)

23.9.15 IDAHOBIT becomes bi-inclusive

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30% (15%)

2010 Anna Paquin reaffirms bisexuality

26% (27%)

2015 yougov-studies

25% (23%)

23.9.13 meeting of bi-activists
in the White House

24% (21%)

2016 Spain celebrates „Year Of Bisexuality“

22% (28%)

9.6.2017 Tel-Aviv pride has the bi-motto "Let It B"

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22% (17%)

2.7.13 book by Shiri Eisner

18% (25%)

1915 Sigmund Freud's bi-thesis

17% (32%)

22.9.17 flying of the bi-flag in Kiel

16% (27%)

29.8.1992 German BiNe-founding

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Especially the German speakers again do not see too many events as important.

Opinion:

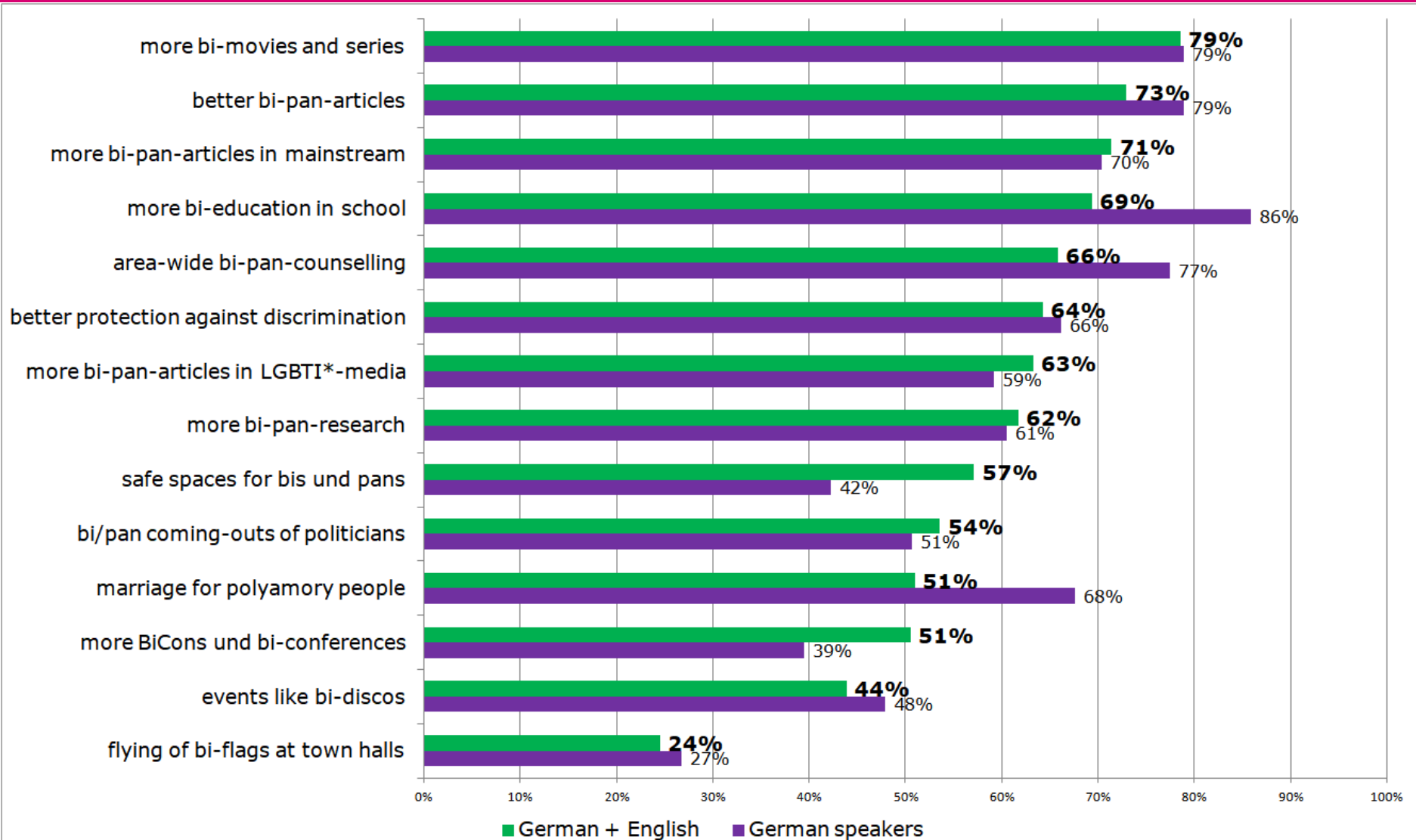
For many bi-activists it is certainly disappointing that their activities are not even considered as important by more than a quarter.

But this can be because they have decided between different events, BiCons, prides, foundations, articles, etc. or they do not recognize the influence of certain events and engagements.

The question remains:

What would be a huge milestone for the bi-movement history in the future???

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More Bi movies and tv-series are required (79%).
Luckily, we have a development with Netflix & Co.

Especially the German speakers (86%) want more education in school: and there is a new website here: www.bine.net/schule.

But more and better articles about bi- and pansexuality in mainstream and LGBTI*-media are important (59%-79%).

Counselling for bi- and pansexuals is desired (66%, German-speaking: 77%).

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Better protection against discrimination: 64%.

More research on the subject (62%), safe spaces (57%) and coming-outs of politicians play a role for many.

Marriage or something similar for polyamoric life plans are important – particularly for German speakers (68% vs. 42%, all: 51%).

But we also want more BiCons, bi conferences and bi-discos (39% to 57%).

The flying of bi-flags at town halls is not that important: 24% want this.

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Individual answers include:

- bi-parades,
- an international bi-organization,
- more acceptance between bis und pans,
- more acceptance by lesbians and gays (often mentioned!),
- more breaks for Frank (LOL).

Overall, people here seem to agree more on what should come next ...

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A long list of bisexual movement-history (German):
<https://www.bine.net/sites/default/files/timeline.pdf>

A beautiful interactive site from the UK:
<http://www.bicommunitynews.co.uk/history/>

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