

ARGUMENTATION TRAINING – HOW TO DEAL WITH ANTI-FEMINISM



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A GERMAN-UKRAINIAN FEMINIST EXCHANGE

EMPOWERMENT

TRANSNATIONAL
SOLIDARITY

MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING



INTERCULTURAL
EXCHANGE

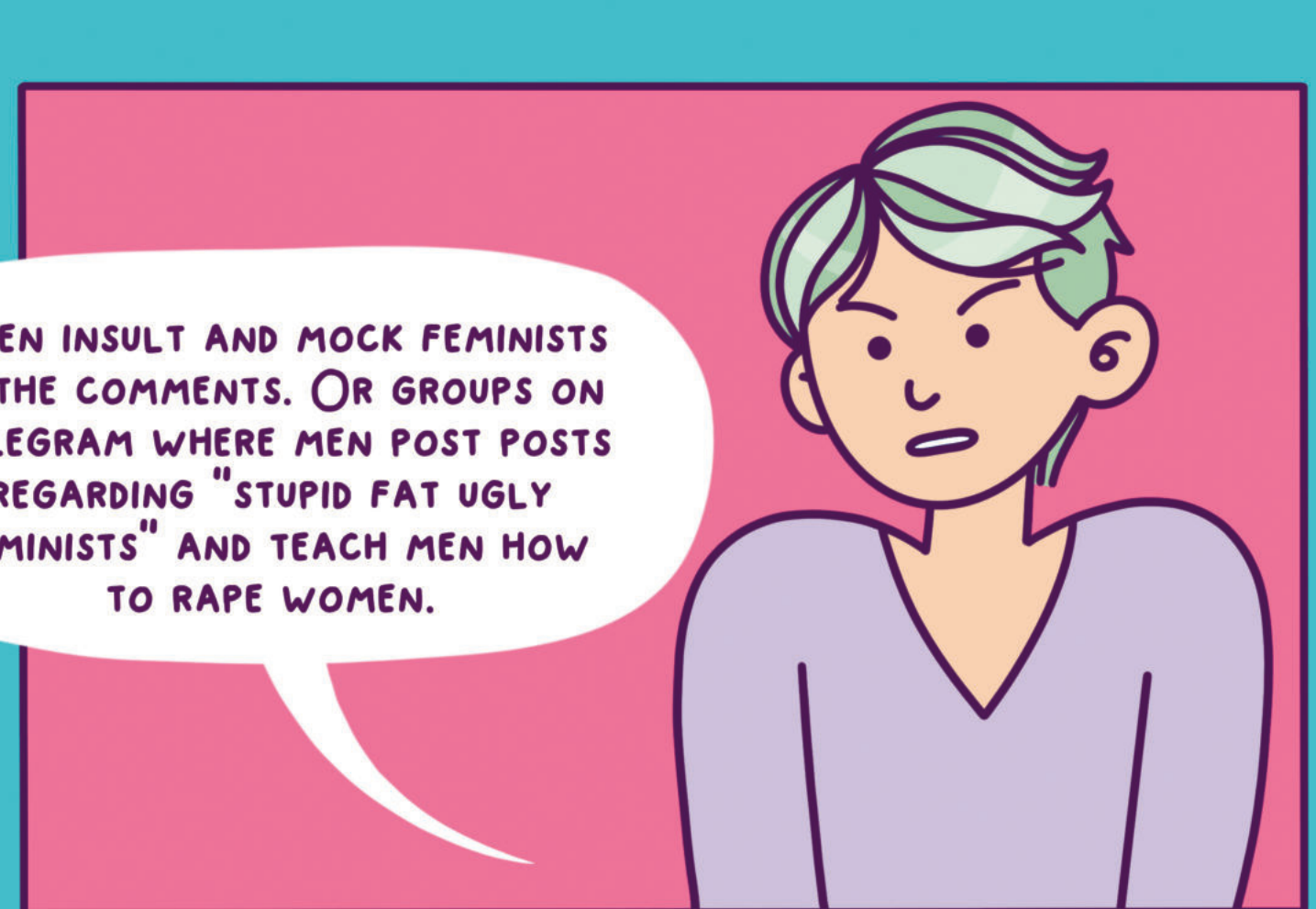
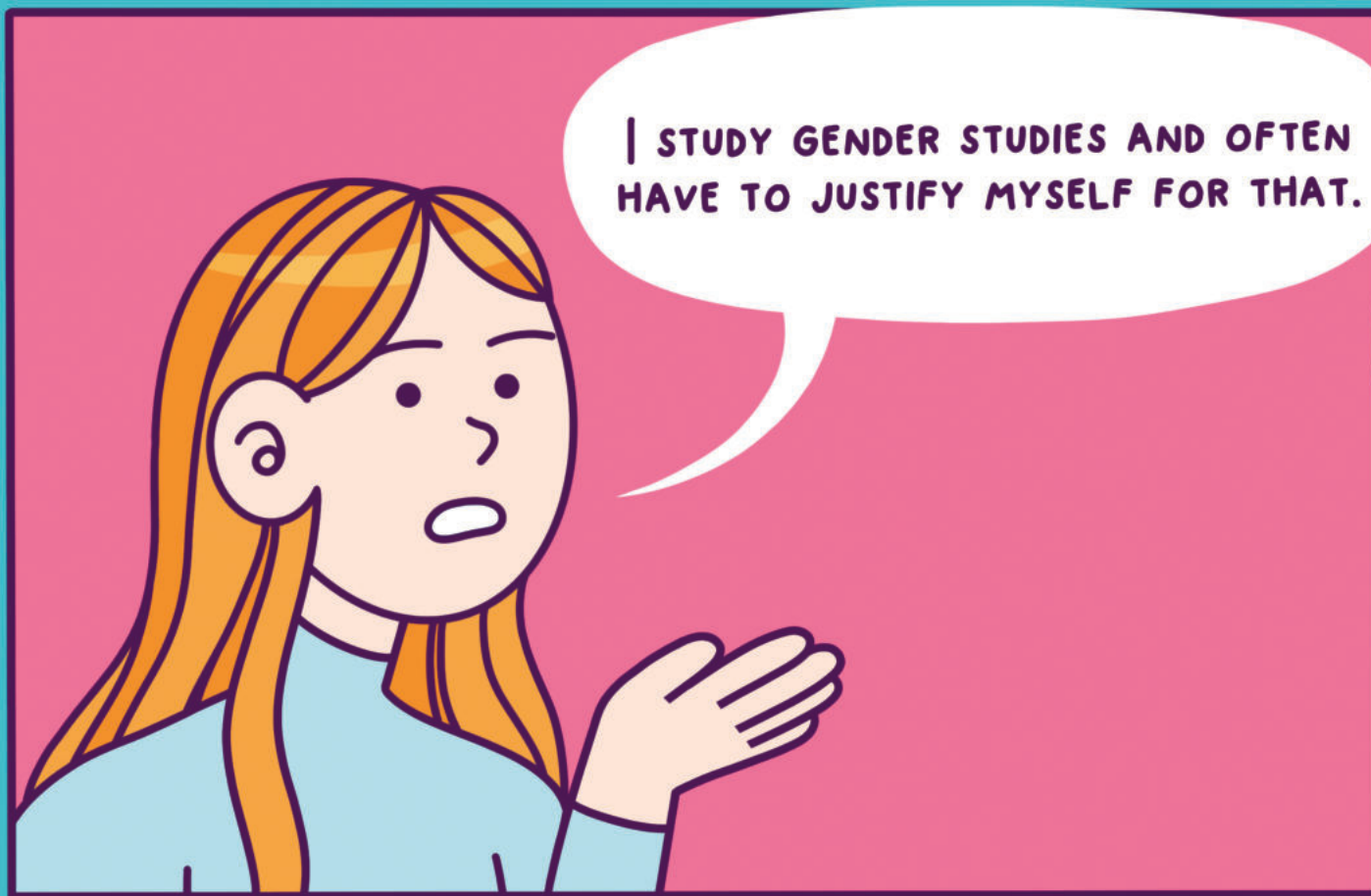
TOGETHER
AGAINST
ANTIFEMINISM

COMMON
CHALLENGES

WE ARE TALKING ABOUT:



MANY OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED ANTIFEMINISM





- ANTIFEMINISM IS NOT A SINGULAR ATTITUDE OR BEHAVIOUR
- USUALLY TOGETHER WITH OTHER DISCRIMINATORY ATTITUDES
- SYNDROM OF GROUP-FOCUSED ENMITY (GRUPPENBEZOGENE MENSCHENFEINDLICHKEIT, GMF), BASED ON AN IDEOLOGY OF INEQUALITY

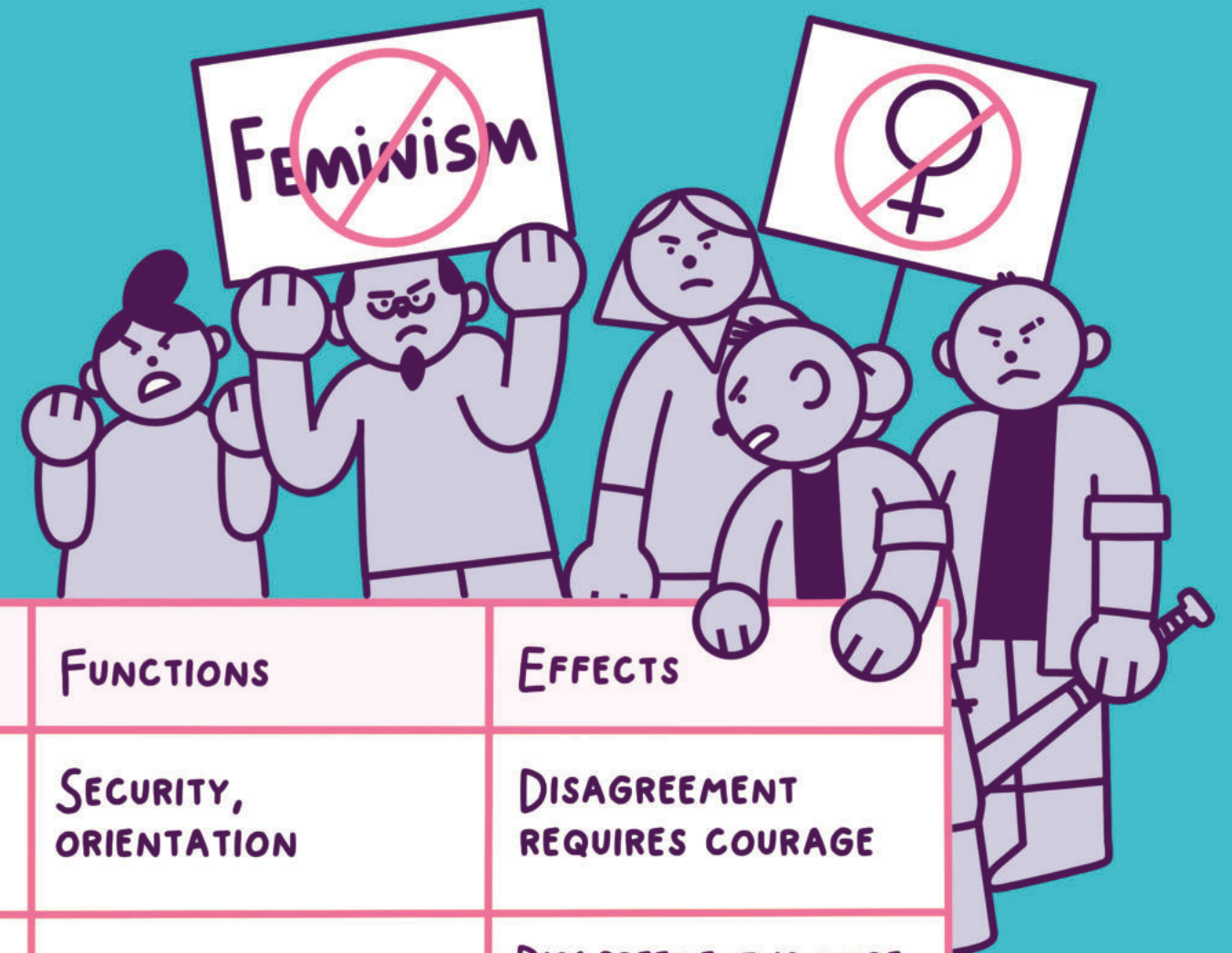
- ANTIFEMINIST/ RIGHT-WING POPULIST STRATEGIES:

- BREAKING TABOOS
- SELF-VICTIMIZATION
- AGENDA SETTING & CONSTRUCTION OF „NORMALITY“
- SLOGAN HOPPING
- REPLACING OF TERMINOLOGIES
- ...

FEMINISTS
OPRESS MEN!



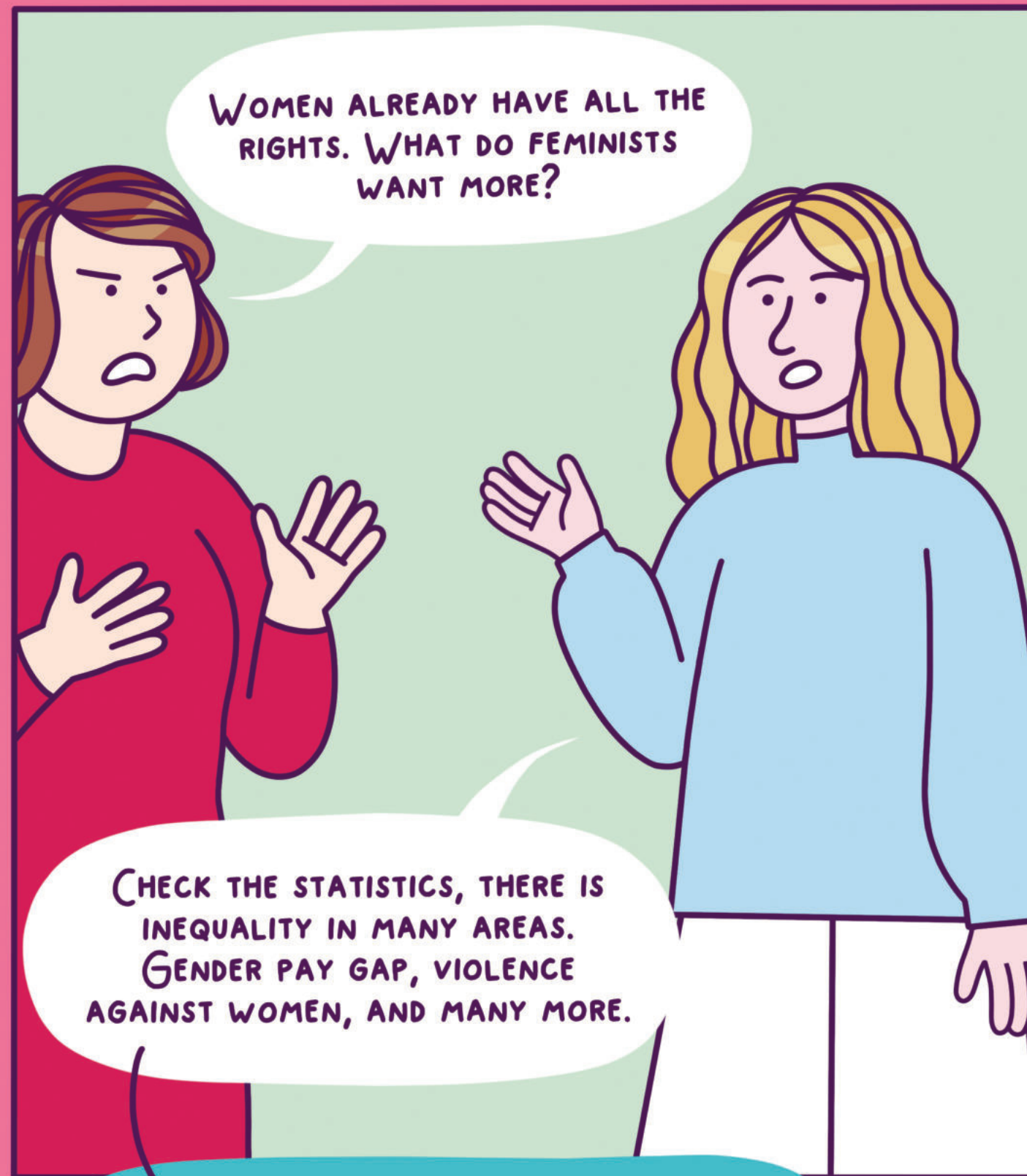
TRAINER



WHAT CHARACTERIZES
(RIGHT-WING/
ANTIFEMINIST)
SLOGANS?

| CHARACTERISTICS | FUNCTIONS | EFFECTS |
|---|--|--|
| GENERALIZATION (ABSOLUTE CLAIMS) | SECURITY, ORIENTATION | DISAGREEMENT REQUIRES COURAGE |
| SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR COMPLEX PROBLEMS | SECURITY, ORIENTATION | DISAGREEMENT IS MORE DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED |
| JUSTIFY INEQUALITY | MAINTAINING STATUS QUO/ PRIVILEGES | |
| EMOTIONALITY (ENVY, RAGE, HATE), AGGRESSIVITY TOWARDS OTHER GROUPS | ENHANCEMENT OF OWN GROUP, INCREASING SELF-ESTEEM | PRODUCES FEAR |

HOW TO COUNTER ANTIFEMINIST STATEMENTS?



STRATEGY 1: STATISTICS
THE EFFECT OF FACTS IS OVERESTIMATED. STORIES AND EXPERIENCES ARE MORE EFFECTIVE.



STRATEGY 2: HUMOUR
SHOWS THE ABSURDITY OF ANTIFEMINIST STATEMENTS AND SERVES TO WIN SYMPATHIES.

STRATEGY 3: QUESTIONS
FOR EXAMPLE TO CREATE IRRITATION.

WHO ARE WE ARGUING FOR?



FOR OURSELVES:

- MEETING THE NEED FOR INTEGRITY
- SHAPING THE WORLD IN OUR SENSE



FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS SPOKEN OUT

- DECREASE CERTAINTY
- GENERATE IRRITATION IN ORDER TO
BREAK
OPEN THE CLOSED WORLDVIEW



FOR THE AUDIENCE

- PROTECT THE INSECURE FROM
HOSTILE OPINIONS

WE ARE UNLIKELY TO CHANGE AN ANTIFEMINIST'S OPINION. BUT OUR
EFFECT ON THE AUDIENCE MATTERS!

ONLINE HATE AND COUNTER STRATEGIES



WHO IS ADDRESSED?

- MYSELF
- (FEMINIST) ORGANIZATIONS
- FRIENDS/FELLOW ACTIVISTS
- FEMINISTS IN GENERAL/NO SPECIFIC PERSONS OR GROUPS

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

- POSTS DIRECTED AT FACEBOOK/TWITTER/INSTAGRAM...
- ACCOUNTS DOXING
- FAKING ACCOUNTS



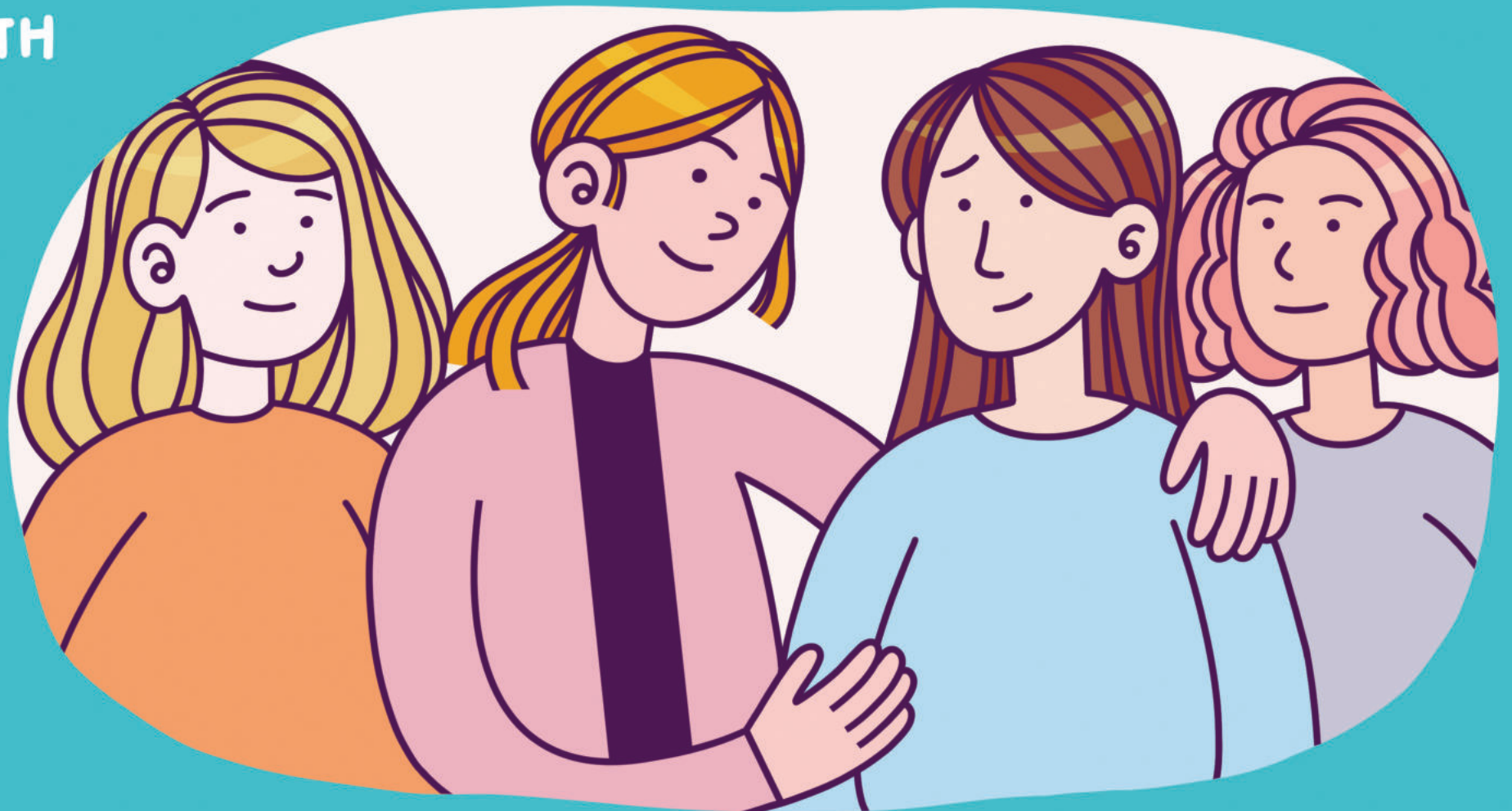
STRATEGIES

- TO PROTECT MYSELF: BLOCK, MUTE, DELETE
- TO SUPPORT OTHERS: ENGAGE, REPORT
 - IF YOUR ACCOUNT/YOUR DATA IS CONCERNED: REPORT TO THE PLATFORM
- IN EXTREME CASES: REPORT TO THE POLICE
- TO PROTECT MYSELF: GET HELP!
- ACT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!



THE WORKSHOP LEAVES US WITH AMBIVALENT FEELINGS

- UNCOMFORTABLE TO HEAR AND
IMITATE ANTIFEMINIST STATEMENTS




- EMPOWERMENT FROM SHARING
EXPERIENCES



CONCLUSION



THE WORKSHOP PROVIDED A
NICE SAFE-SPACE.



IT WAS REALLY GREAT TO SEE THAT
THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE
STRUGGLING WITH THIS AND THAT YOU
ARE NOT ALONE.



IT WAS ENRICHING TO HAVE BOTH THE GERMAN
AND THE UKRAINIAN POINT OF VIEW.



I FELT EMPOWERED FROM SEEING THAT
OTHERS HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCES.



I REALLY LIKED THE ATMOSPHERE HERE, IT WAS
REALLY SUPPORTIVE.



I REALLY LIKED THE ATMOSPHERE OF
ENGAGEMENT AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE
BETWEEN COUNTRIES. IT'S PRECIOUS IN THE
CURRENT GLOBAL SITUATION.



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