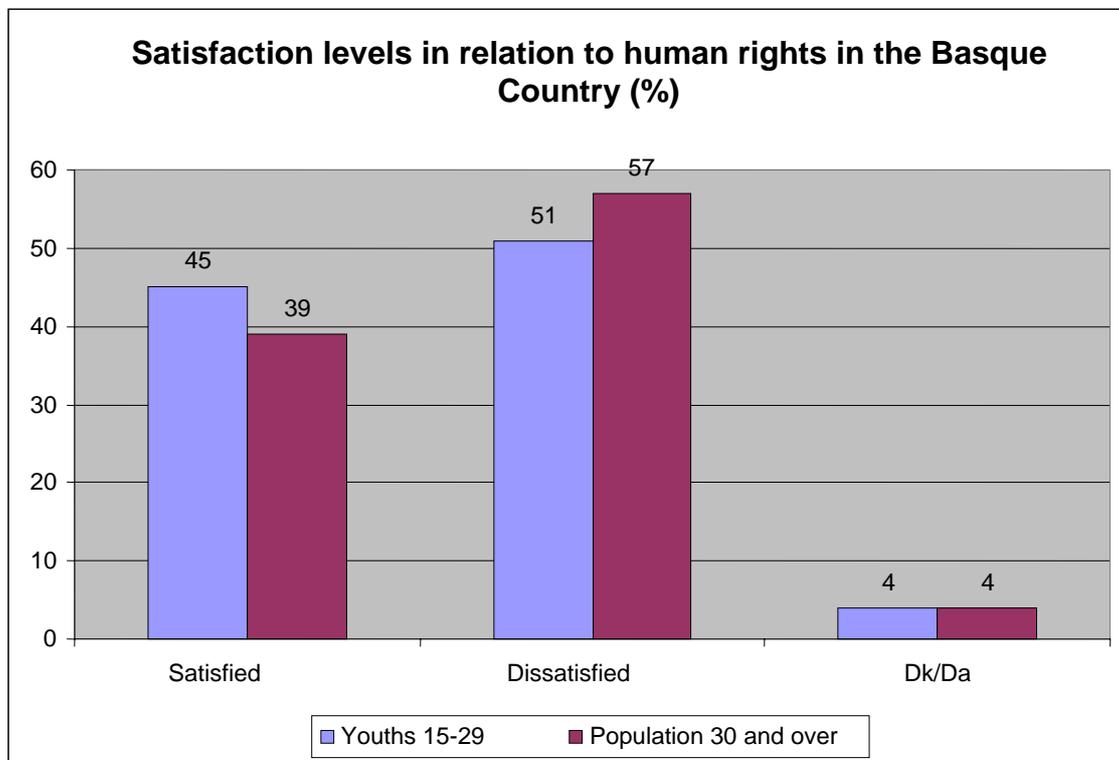


December 10: Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

In the Basque Autonomous Region, fewer than half (45%) of the young people state they are satisfied with the way human rights are upheld in the Basque Country.

According to the "Youth Portraits 12" report for 2008, 45% of the young people in the Basque Autonomous Region between 15 and 29 years of age claimed they were satisfied (very or fairly) with the way in which human rights are respected in the Basque Country. However, a greater proportion stated they were not very satisfied or that they were dissatisfied with the said level of respect (51%). In any case, the satisfaction rate among youths (45%) was higher than that recorded among the population aged 30 and over (39%).



Satisfaction concerning human rights in the Basque Country by young people was lower in 2008 (45%) than in 2006 (52%), although we must remember that ETA had called a truce in 2006.

On the other hand, the percentage of young people in the Basque Autonomous Region who feel very or fairly satisfied with the way in which human rights are respected in the Spanish State is even lower (37%).

Based on the differences between groups of young people, we can highlight that those under 18 years of age state the highest level of satisfaction in relation to human rights in the Basque Country. The said satisfaction decreases as age increases.

Young people living in Araba also state they are more satisfied than residents in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa.

And those who do not have a predominantly Basque sense of identity also declare higher satisfaction levels than those who only identify themselves as Basque or more Basque than Spanish.