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What did we do?

We interviewed different people from different locations to get a good look at the vandalism in the Netherlands. The people we interviewed are all around the same age, and we did this on a person because when we are talking about vandalism the youth has the most experience and/or the strongest opinions about the subject. We interviewed someone in Utrecht, Gouda and Cabauw, so we could see the differences between the countryside and the city. We also interviewed someone that moved from Dubai to the Netherlands, so we were able to see the difference between the Netherlands and another country.

Because of Corona, we couldn't meet the people we interviewed in person. So we thought of a solution and decided to interview them over the phone. We kept their identities anonymous because we felt that vandalism can be a personal topic and we respect their privacy.

Interview Cabauw

In this interview, we interviewed someone from Cabauw (the countryside). She was 13 years old.

We noticed that she didn't really mind the vandalism, it also came to our eye that the vandalism was less violent than in the city.

Interview Gouda

We interviewed a girl (15 years old) that lives in Gouda.

she told us about her experience with vandalism, and how a girl she knew vandalised a car. She was very shocked to see that. This shows how much more violent big cities are.

Interview Utrecht

For this interview, we reached out to an old friend who lives in Utrecht (14 years old)

she gave us some good ideas on how we can prevent vandalism from happening such as more security cameras and more policeman walking around. She also shared that sometimes she is scared of walking through the city alone because of vandalism and the people who commit vandalism.

Interview Dubai

We asked a 17-year-old boy who first lived in Dubai and has moved to the Netherlands some questions about the difference in vandalism in Dubai and Holland.

He noticed that there's a lot more vandalism in Holland than in Dubai, and thinks it's because of the lack of security and punishment.

Conclusion.

We clearly saw some differences between places.

The big cities have the most violent vandalism, and the countryside has the most vandalism.

Gouda is a bit between the big city (Utrecht) and the countryside (Cabauw).

It has the security of Cabauw and the violence of Utrecht, So I think it is the worst in Gouda, but compared to Dubai it seems to be quite bad in the whole country.

We learned that apparently, the vandalism is pretty bad here in the Netherlands but also that it doesn't bother the people who live here that much.

There are a lot of sorts of vandalism, the most common here is destroying bus shelters and bicycles.