

WHAT IS ANTIGYPSYISM?

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A Structural Form of Racism

Antigypsyism is a specific and historically rooted form of racism directed at Roma and Sinti.

It is not only prejudice, it is embedded in laws, institutions, policies, and dominant cultural narratives across Europe.

For centuries, Roma have been subjected to:

- Expulsions and anti-Roma legislation
- Slavery (e.g., in Romanian territories until the 19th century)
- Forced assimilation policies (e.g., Spain)
- Racial persecution culminating in the Roma Holocaust



Antigypsyism continues today in structural and institutional forms.

How Antigypsyism Operates Today

Historical Continuities

Anti-Roma laws and exclusionary practices have shaped European nation-building processes and continue to influence public attitudes.

Institutional Discrimination

Segregated schooling, housing marginalization, police profiling, weak implementation of inclusion strategies, and unequal access to basic rights and opportunities

Political & Media Narratives

Stereotypes reinforced in public discourse.
Scapegoating during economic and social crises.

Why Addressing Antigypsyism Matters

Combating antigypsyism is essential for:

- Democratic legitimacy
- Social cohesion
- Human rights protection
- Genuine European equality

