



DROP THE KNIFE SAVE A LIFE



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



'WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS & CONTINUING CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE ARE MEETING. I PAY MY RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST AND PRESENT. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLE, FOR THEY HOLD THE MEMORIES AND TRADITIONS OF THIS LAND.



RULES OF ENGAGEMENT



ABOUT YAY

YAY is a multicultural community service organisation that delivers programs to communities in the north and west of Melbourne

“Programs designed by community for community”



WE WANT TO START A **MOVEMENT**
THAT MAKES OUR STREETS, NEIGHBOURHOODS, AND
SCHOOLS SAFER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT THE ONLY
WAY THIS WILL HAPPEN IS WHEN **YOUNG PEOPLE**, AND
THOSE THAT CARE FOR THEM, HAVE THE CONFIDENCE
TO JOIN THE DEBATE, ASK QUESTIONS AND SPEAK
THEIR TRUTH!!!





COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



WHAT IS KNIFE CRIME?



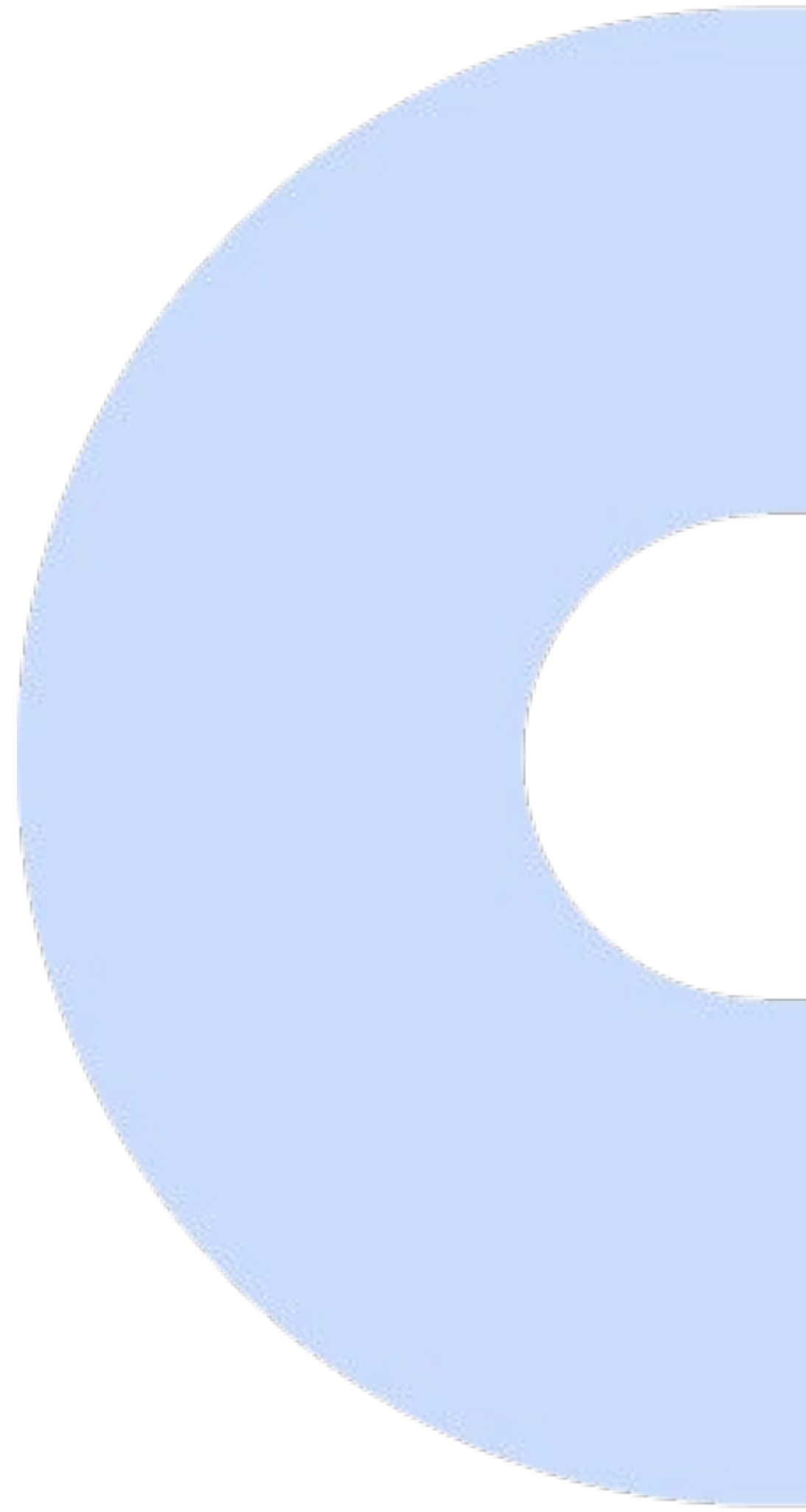
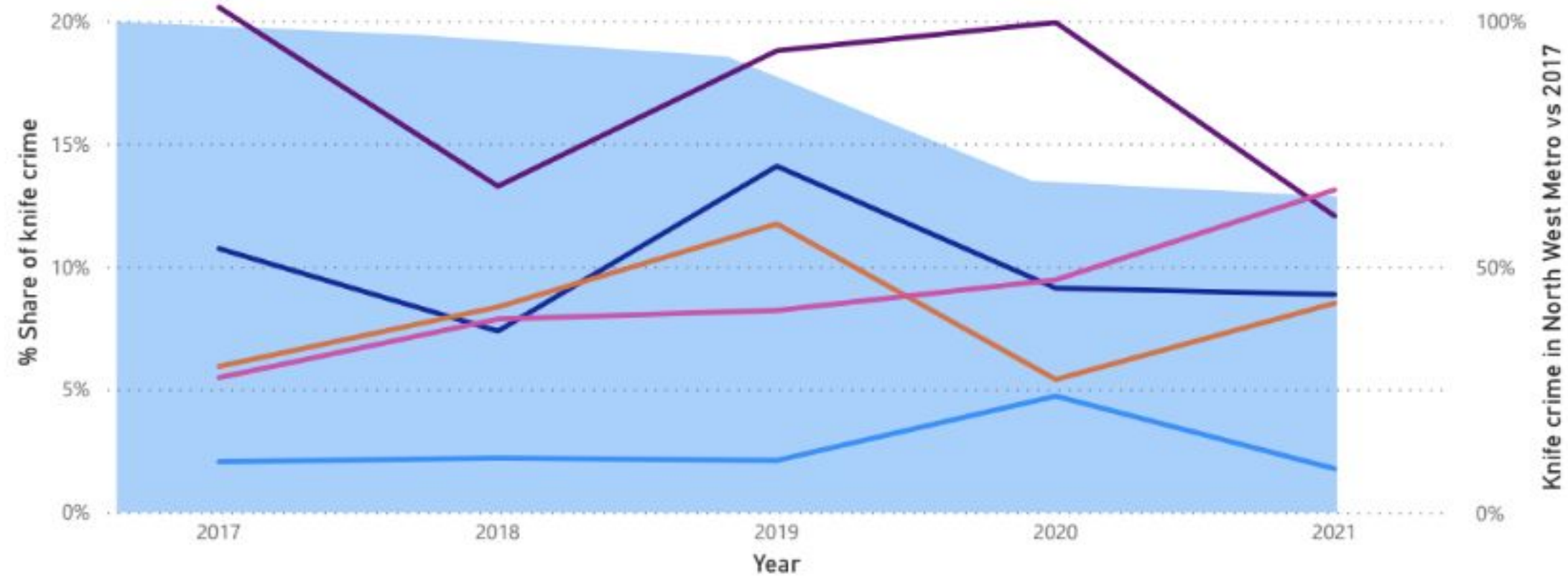
MAINSTREAM MEDIA



STATS

Share of North West Metro knife crime in top 5 LGAs

LGA ● Banyule ● Brimbank ● Hume ● Melbourne ● Wyndham



KEY DRIVERS OF RISKY BEHAVIOUR



FEAR

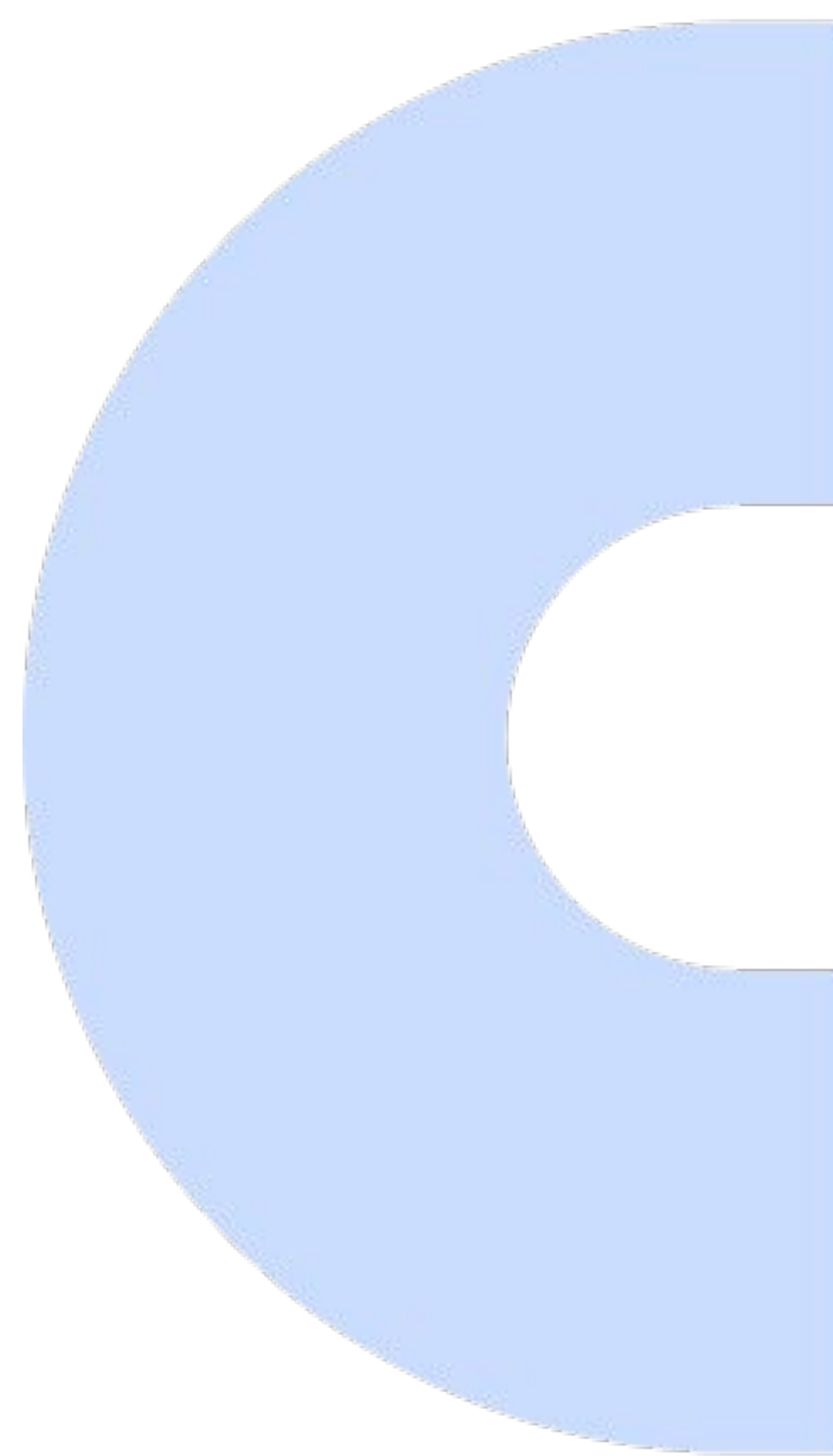
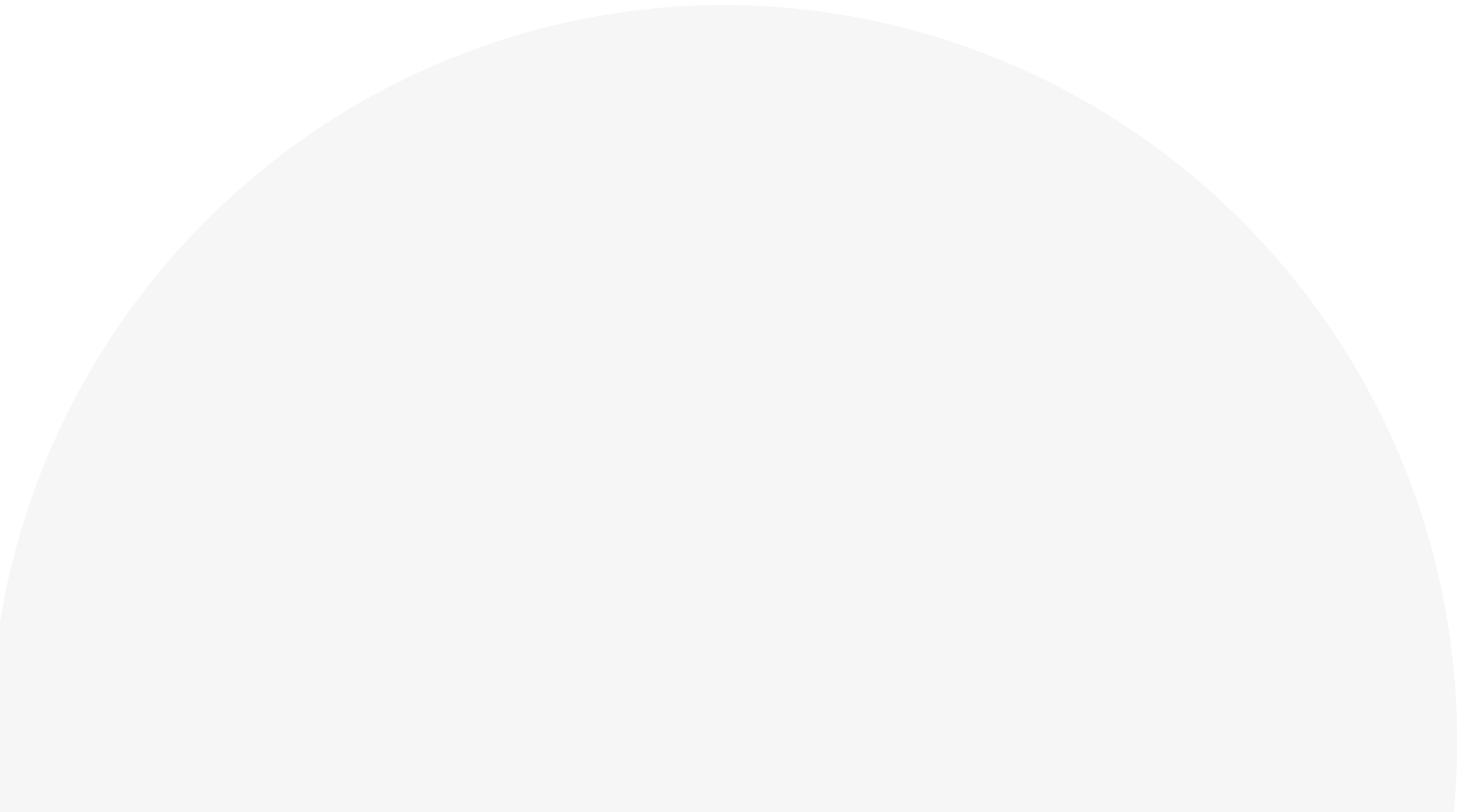
- Young people fearful of being stabbed and victimized.
- Scared of being attacked or humiliated.
- Disputes on social media cause add to the fear.
- Postcode beefs “Where you from”?

IDENTITY

- When youth don't have a sense self their behaviors can easily be shaped by external factors
- The balance between the different cultures that youth experience (western culture & ethnic cultures) impacts their difficulty with forming one identity.



CONSEQUENCES OF KNIFE CRIME



WHERE TO FROM
HERE?





THANK YOU