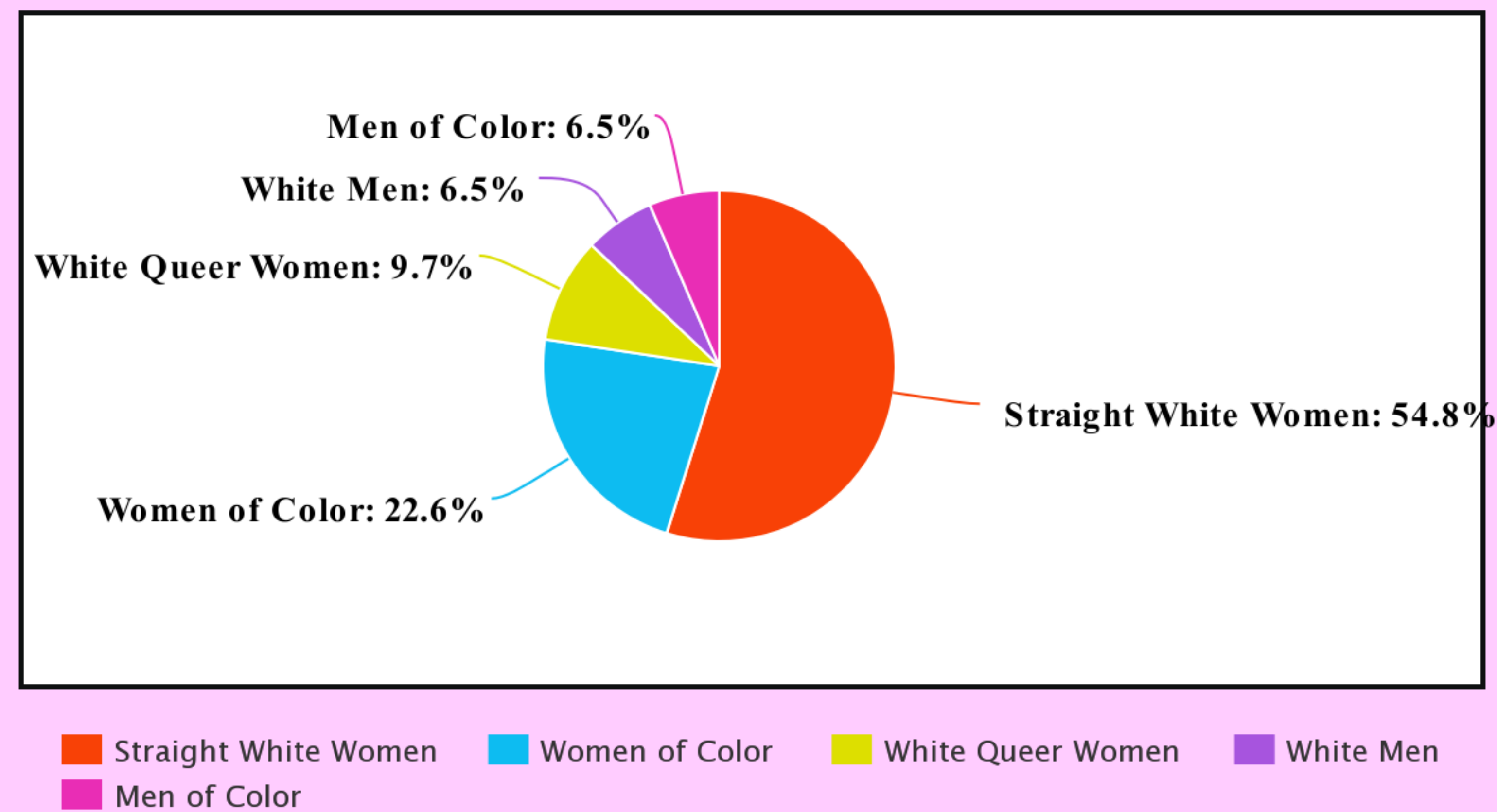


**Abstract**

On August 1994, a new Green Lantern comic titled “Forced Entry” inspired a phrase that has since become a trope in media. The phrase “Stuffed into the Fridge” is commonly shortened to ‘fridged’ which as been popularized by Gail Simone. ‘Fridged’ can be define as a character that is killed for the sole purpose to motivate another character to move the plot forward. I perused multiple tv tropes categories, sifting through examples of how characters have died, along with the circumstances of said death. I viewed multiple demographics of characters, in order to find the prevalent denominator amongst them. The resulting numbers were compiled into a graph to better depict the likelihood of certain characters being fridged. Out of thirty-one characters, the most common character to be fridged were white women at 54.8% of the sample size. Sadly, this is a reflection on society and its connection to hegemonic masculinity.

**Fridged Characters  
TV Tropes**



**TV Trope Pages Used  
For Sample Size**

- Cynicism Catalyst
- Disposable Women
- Revenge by Proxy
- Targeted to Hurt the Hero

**Statement On Data Collected**

*Please note that this is only live action media consumed in the western market for precision and accuracy.*

Gail Simone- The woman who popularized the term ‘fridging.’ She was able to due to a website she created called “Women in Refrigerators.”



The image on the right is part of the Green Lantern comic “Forced Entry” that inspired the creation of “fridging.”

