



LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS IN THE WORLD

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PERSECUTION

DEATH PENALTY
 5 countries and parts of Nigeria and Somalia

IMPRISONMENT
 71 countries and 5 entities*

- Death penalty
- Imprisonment from 14 years to a life-long sentence
- unclear: legislation not specifically homophobic but which can be used as such
- Iraq: persecution by organised non-state agents / India: law awaiting court ruling
- imprisonment up to 14 years
- imprisonment, no precise indication of the length / banishment

"Propaganda law" restricting freedom of expression and association

RECOGNITION

RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX UNIONS
 31 countries and 35 entities*

JOINT ADOPTION
 14 countries and 38 entities*

- Marriage
- Equal (almost equal) substitute to marriage
- Clearly inferior substitute to marriage
- Joint adoption

PROTECTION

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS
 65 countries and 85 entities*

Countries which introduced laws prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation

NO SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

* These laws are aimed at lesbians, gay men and bisexuals and at same-sex activities and relationships. At times, they also apply to trans and intersex people. This edition of the world map (May 2013) was coordinated by Stephen Barris (ILGA). Design: Eduardo Enoki. Data represented in this map is based on "State-Sponsored Homophobia: a world survey of laws. Criminalisation, protection and recognition of same-sex love - 2013", an ILGA report by Jingshu Zhu & Lucas Paoli Itaborahy available in various languages on www.ilga.org. ILGA thanks groups which contributed to the annual update.



ILGA is a world-wide network of local and national organizations dedicated to achieving equal rights for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex (LGBTI) people everywhere.

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