



LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS IN THE WORLD

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PERSECUTION

DEATH PENALTY

5 countries and parts of Nigeria and Somalia

IMPRISONMENT

78 countries and 6 entities*

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

RECOGNITION

RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX UNIONS

30 countries and 31 entities*

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

PROTECTION

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

57 countries and 82 entities*

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

NO SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

*Include part of a federation, state, province, federal district, any other administrative and/or territorial unit. 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 2012) was coordinated by Stephen Barris (ILGA). Design: Renné Ramos & Eduardo Enoki. Data represented in this map is based on "State-Sponsored Homophobia: a world survey of laws criminalising same-sex sexual acts between consenting adults - 2012", an ILGA report by Lucas Paoli Itaborahy (available on www.ilga.org in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French). ILGA thanks groups which contributed to the annual update.



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