SEXUAL ORIENTATION LAWS IN THE WORLD - CRIMINALISATION

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SEXUAL ACTIVITY
- Against nature: 30 States
- Buggery: 13 States
- Morality law: LGB expression: 7 States (and some provinces)

MAXIMUM SENTENCES
- Category A: Death: 13 States (or parts of)
- Category B: 15 years to Life: 14 States
- Category C: 8 to 14 years: 23 States
- Category D: 3 to 7 years: 19 States
- Category E: 1 month – 2 years (or a fine): 8 States

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ACTUAL OFFENCE THAT GENERATES MAXIMUM SENTENCES
- Promotion (“propaganda”) laws: 2 States
- Sexual act: 11 States
- Sodomy: 11 States

CATEGORIES OF MAXIMUM SENTENCES
- Relationship between females is illegal (45 States)
- Relationship between males is illegal (73 States)
- There were arrests, prosecutions etc. in the last 3 years (45 States)

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