SEXUAL ORIENTATION LAWS IN THE WORLD - CRIMINALISATION

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Promotion ("propaganda") laws
3 States

Sexual act
15 States

Sodomy
11 States

Against nature
30 States

Buggery
13 States

Morality law: LGB expression
19 States (and some provinces)

Relationship between females is illegal
45 States (including Egypt)

Relationship between males is illegal
72 States (including Egypt)

Arrests (documented) in the past 3 years
(45 States)

Barriers to NGO formation, establishment or registration (25 States)

Note: the country entries on these criminalising States in State-Sponsored Homophobia outline the full range of penal provisions and sanctions under which same-sex sexual relations are targeted. In this map we chart only the category in which maximum sentences fall.

The data represented in these maps are based on State-Sponsored Homophobia: a World Survey of Sexual Orientation Laws: Criminalisation, Protection and Recognition, an ILGA report by Aengus Carroll and Lucas Ramon Mendos. The report and these maps are available in the six official UN languages: English, Chinese, Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish on ILGA.org. This edition of the world map (May 2017) was coordinated by Aengus Carroll and Lucas Ramon Mendos (ILGA), and designed by Eduardo Enoki (eduardo.enoki@gmail.com).