

LGBT+ rights and rollback

LGBT+ rights face alarming setbacks across the globe. Many LGBT+ people encounter violence, discrimination, and unjust policies and legislation, including the death penalty in some places. Much more must be done to promote justice and equality for all.



LGBT+ rights in 2025

Equal marriage in 19.4% of countries

Andorra, Estonia, Greece, Slovenia, Thailand and Liechtenstein **legalised same-sex marriage**, bringing the number of countries with marriage equality to 38 out of 195.

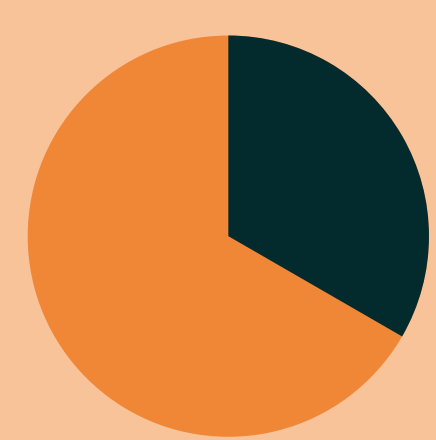
Employment non-discrimination

40 countries prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in the field of employment, and 35 prevent it based on gender identity.

17 countries allow gender self-identification

This allows people to **self-determine their legal gender**, without the need for a psychiatric diagnosis. In July 2025, Sweden will further simplify the process of changing gender on official records.

Recent global setbacks



1/3 of the world bans same-sex acts

Ghana, Mali, Georgia and Bulgaria passed anti-LGBT+ legislation, and Uganda imposed the death penalty for some consensual same-sex acts.

Being gay is punishable by death in 7 countries.



LGBT+ censorship in 61 countries

- Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, and Uganda restricted LGBT+ freedom of expression
- Belarus labeled LGBT+ content “pornography”
- Russia declared the international LGBT+ movement “extremist”
- In January 2025, the US ordered the removal of messages promoting “gender ideology” from communications and policies.

5,000+ trans people killed since 2008

As transphobia spreads, trans and gender-diverse people – especially Black and trans women of colour and trans sex workers – face alarming rates of murder.



Blocking gender-affirming healthcare for minors

Argentina, Australia, the UK, Russia and the US enacted laws restricting or banning gender-affirming medical care for minors.

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