

Spartacus publishes the Gay Travel Index every year since 2012. The index measures the legal situation and living conditions for members of the queer community in the respective country.



There are currently 18 categories ranging from marriage for all to the death penalty for homosexuals. Countries are color-coded, with dark green representing the most liberal and queer-friendly countries – and red representing the most dangerous countries for persons belonging to sexual and/or gender minorities to visit and live in.

The index attempts to strike a balance between the rights of the local LGBTQIA+ community and the demands of queer vacationers. The safety of these people in the respective country as well as increasing the visibility of abuses are important to us. We are convinced that there are holidaymakers who choose countries where the community is an accepted and loved part of society. But there are also vacationers who consciously want to travel to a country in order to enter into a dialogue with the oppressed local queer community. The index is intended to offer both attitudes a valid evaluation basis for a decision.

HOW THE RATING SYSTEM WORKS

It has a negative impact on the rating of a country, if human rights are not observed nor guaranteed or even worse, violated. A zero rating as lowest rating is only awarded if a country is lacking in important but not elementary categories such as LGBTQIA+ marketing or anti-discrimination legislation. The weighing of the factors as well as the categories themselves are subject to constant editorial monitoring. Both can be modified if necessary, which we indicate clearly if it is done.

Countries in which the death sentences for homosexuals is enshrined in law but is no longer performed have received one negative point. If people are still executed in a country because of their homosexuality, the country has been given five negative points. We can thus assure that the countries concerned get their deserved place at the bottom of our ranking.

Countries in which Islamic sharia law applies in parts (Indonesia / Aceh, Pakistan and Libya minus one point) or are applied (Nigeria minus three points) are a special case in this system.

REFERENCES

www.rainbow-europe.org, www.ilga.org, www.wikipedia.org, www.transrespect.org, www.transequality.org, www.equaldex.com, openly accessible NGO portals and government organisations

Ranking 2025	Country	Total																		
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBTQIA+ Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexuality Illegal	Pride Banned	Censorship	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders	Death Sentences
1	Canada	13	3	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	Iceland	13	2	2	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1	Malta	13	2	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Portugal	13	3	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Spain	13	2	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Germany	12	2	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
6	New Zealand	12	2	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	Australia	11	2	2	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	Norway	11	2	2	2	3	-1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
8	Switzerland	11	3	2	2	3	-1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Uruguay	11	2	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
12	Belgium	10	2	2	2	3	-1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Chile	10	2	2	2	3	2	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
12	Denmark	10	2	2	2	3	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
15	Argentina	9	1	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
15	Austria	9	2	2	2	2	1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Finland	9	3	2	2	3	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Greece	9	2	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Greenland	9	2	2	2	3	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Ireland	9	2	2	2	3	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
15	Luxembourg	9	3	2	2	3	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Netherlands	9	3	2	2	2	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Sweden	9	3	2	2	2	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
15	Taiwan	9	3	2	2	1	-1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	United Kingdom	9	3	2	2	2	-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Andorra	8	3	2	2	3	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	France	8	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	French Polynesia	8	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Reunion	8	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Brazil	7	2	2	2	3	0	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
30	Colombia	7	2	2	2	3	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
30	Costa Rica	7	2	2	2	3	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
30	Estonia	7	2	2	2	2	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	New Caledonia	7	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
35	Cuba	6	3	2	2	2	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Guadeloupe	6	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
35	Martinique	6	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
35	Slovenia	6	3	2	2	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Israel	5	2	1	1	2	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Mexico	5	3	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
41	Puerto Rico	4	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
41	South Africa	4	3	2	2	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0
41	Thailand	4	2	2	2	-1	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Ecuador	3	3	2	0	2	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0
44	Gibraltar	3	2	2	2	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Guam	3	1	2	2	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	India	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
48	Croatia	2	2	1	2	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
48	Cyprus	2	1	1	0	3	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
48	Czech Republic	2	2	1	1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Liechtenstein	2	1	2	2	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
48	USA	2	1	2	2	0	-1	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
53	Aruba	1	1	2	0	0	-1	0	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53	Bolivia	1	2	1	1	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0

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			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	“Conversion Therapy”	LGBTQIA+ Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexuality Illegal	Pride Banned	Censorship	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders	Death Sentences
53	Nepal	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
53	San Marino	1	3	1	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
53	Virgin Islands	1	2	2	2	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
58	Bermuda	-1	1	1	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
58	Bhutan	-1	0	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
58	Bosnia-Herzegovina	-1	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
58	Curacao	-1	1	2	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
58	Italy	-1	1	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
58	Latvia	-1	1	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
58	Montenegro	-1	2	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
58	Vietnam	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	Albania	-2	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
66	Belize	-2	3	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	Japan	-2	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
66	Korea South	-2	0	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
66	Namibia	-2	1	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
66	Serbia	-2	2	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
66	Singapore	-2	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
66	Slovakia	-2	2	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
66	Ukraine	-2	1	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	Angola	-3	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	Antigua & Barbuda	-3	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	Fiji	-3	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
75	Laos	-3	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
75	Lithuania	-3	2	-1	-1	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
75	Marshall Islands	-3	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	Monaco	-3	0	1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
75	Mongolia	-3	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
83	North Cyprus	-3	1	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	North Macedonia	-3	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Peru	-3	1	-1	0	2	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
84	Romania	-3	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	St. Maarten	-3	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	Barbados	-4	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	Botswana	-4	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
88	Cabo Verde	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	Cambodia	-4	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	Kosovo	-4	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
88	Macao	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
88	Micronesia	-4	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
88	Mozambique	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
88	Panama	-4	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
88	Saint Lucia	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	Suriname	-4	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
99	Armenia	-5	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
99	British Virgin Islands	-5	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
99	China incl. Hong Kong	-5	0	0	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0
99	Cook Islands	-5	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
103	East Timor	-5	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
104	El Salvador	-5	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0
104	Hungary	-5	2	1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0
104	Lesotho	-5	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
104	Mauritius	-5	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
104	Moldova	-5	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
104	Niger	-5	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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104	Samoa	-5	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
104	Seychelles	-5	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
112	Benin	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
112	Bulgaria	-6	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
112	Guinea-Bissau	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
112	Sao Tome and Principe	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
112	Sri Lanka	-6	1	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
112	Vanuatu	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
118	Azerbaijan	-7	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	0	0
118	Honduras	-7	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
118	Kiribati	-7	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
118	Kyrgyzstan	-7	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
118	Pakistan	-7	1	-1	0	2	1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
118	Palau	-7	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
118	Philippines	-7	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
118	Poland	-7	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
118	Saint Kitts and Nevis	-7	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
118	Trinidad & Tobago	-7	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
128	Burkina Faso	-8	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
128	Gabon	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
128	Grenada	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
128	Lebanon	-8	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0
128	Mali	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
128	Nicaragua	-8	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
128	Paraguay	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0
128	Tuvalu	-8	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
128	Vatican City	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0
128	Venezuela	-8	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
138	Guatemala	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
138	Guinea	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0
138	Kazakhstan	-9	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	0	0	0
138	Sierra Leone	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
138	Tajikistan	-9	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
138	Tonga	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
144	Bahamas	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
144	Bahrain	-10	0	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
144	Bangladesh	-10	0	-1	-1	1	1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	0
144	Burundi	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
144	Central African Rep.	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
144	Comoros Islands	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
144	Dominica	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
144	Equatorial Guinea	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
144	Guyana	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
144	Haiti	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	0
144	Kenya	-10	0	-1	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	0
144	Myanmar	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0
144	Papua New Guinea	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
144	Republic of the Congo	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
144	Rwanda	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
144	Saint Vincent and the	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
144	Togo	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
144	Turkey	-10	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
162	Chad	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
162	Dem.Rep. of Congo	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0

Ranking 2025	Country	Total	LGBTQIA+ Rights								Societal & Legal Climate							Violence & Justice		
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBTQIA+ Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexuality Illegal	Pride Banned	Censorship	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders	Death Sentences
162	Djibouti	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
162	Dominican Republic	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
162	Gambia	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
162	Georgia (Europe)	-11	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	-1	0
162	Korea North	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0	0
162	Liberia	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
162	Madagascar	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
162	Maldives	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
162	Solomon Islands	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
162	Uzbekistan	-11	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
174	Belarus	-12	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-2	0	0
174	Eswatini	-12	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	-2	0
174	Ghana	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
174	Ivory Coast	-12	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	0	0	0
174	Jamaica	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-2	0
174	Jordan	-12	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
174	Mauritania	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	0	0	-1
174	Oman	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0
174	Sudan	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
174	Zambia	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	0
184	Algeria	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	0	0
184	Eritrea	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
184	Indonesia	-13	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
184	Senegal	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	0	0
184	Syria	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-1	-1
189	Brunei	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	0	0	-1
189	Egypt	-14	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	0
189	Ethiopia	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
189	Indonesia/Aceh	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	-1
189	Malawi	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-2	0
189	Morocco	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-1	0
189	South Sudan	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
189	Tunisia	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	-1	0
189	Turkmenistan	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0	0
189	Zimbabwe	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	-2	0
199	Cameroon	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	-2	0
199	Iraq	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	-1	0
199	Malaysia	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	0
199	Tanzania	-15	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-1	0
203	Kuwait	-16	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	0	0
203	Libya	-16	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	-1
203	United Arab Emirates	-16	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1
206	Nigeria	-17	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	0	-3
206	Qatar	-17	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	0	-1
206	Russia	-17	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	0
209	Uganda	-18	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	-3
210	Somalia	-19	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-2	-5
211	Chechnya	-21	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5
212	Afghanistan	-22	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5
212	Iran	-22	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-5
212	Saudi Arabia	-22	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	-5
215	Yemen	-23	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-1	-5



The legal situation for queer people varies widely within the 50 federal US states. We have therefore decided in 2020 to publish the USA Index again and to examine each state individually.

For 15 years now, a culture war over liberality has been intensifying in the USA. What began with anti-trans laws and campaigns culminated in tough censorship since Trump's first administration: In schools in more and more (Republican-governed) states in particular, it is forbidden to teach or even talk about sexual orientation or gender identity. We have therefore added the *censorship* rating category.

The *hate crime laws, gay and trans* panic defense* and *queer infrastructure* categories are tailored specifically for the USA. This is where differences between the individual countries manifest themselves

With *queer infrastructure* we have in addition to the category of LGBTQIA+

marketing created a balance to the presentation of the legal situation. Here we've taken a look at which states have more than one city with prides, queer establishments, and other events. This may put small states at a disadvantage, but it makes sense that even states with regressive and anti-queer legislation can have cities with great queer diversity and offerings.

Under the *hostility* heading, we mainly counted murders of members of the LGBTQIA+ community in the last year. Other physical or verbal assaults were weighted when the final score was inconclusive based on the number of murders. Incidents in which people were offended or being physically attacked is almost every-

where. This can also happen in states that have not received any negative points.

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Ranking 2025	State	Total	Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Hate Crime Law	Censorship	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBTQIA+ Marketing	Queer Infrastructure	Gay and Trans* Panic Defense	Locals Hostile
1	New York	15	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	0
2	California	14	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	0
3	Nevada	13	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	1
3	Oregon	13	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
3	Washington	13	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
6	Colorado	12	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
6	New Jersey	12	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
6	Washington DC	12	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
9	Illinois	11	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
9	Massachusetts	11	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	-1	1
9	New Mexico	11	3	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
12	Connecticut	10	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
12	Hawaii	10	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
12	Maryland	10	3	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
12	Virginia	10	2	2	1	2	-1	1	1	1	0	1
16	Maine	9	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
16	Minnesota	9	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
16	Vermont	9	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
19	Michigan	8	2	2	-1	2	0	1	1	1	0	-0
19	Rhode Island	8	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	-1
19	Utah	8	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	-1	1
22	New Hampshire	7	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
23	Pennsylvania	6	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	-1	0
24	Arizona	5	2	2	-1	1	0	0	1	1	-1	0
25	Ohio	4	2	2	1	0	0	-1	0	1	-1	0
26	Delaware	2	2	0	-1	2	-1	1	0	0	-1	0
26	Georgia	2	2	0	-1	1	0	-1	1	1	-1	0
26	Wisconsin	2	2	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	-1	0
29	Alaska	0	1	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
29	Idaho	0	1	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
29	Kentucky	0	1	-1	-1	1	0	1	1	0	-1	-1
29	Missouri	0	1	0	-1	2	0	-1	0	1	-1	-1
33	Florida	-1	1	-1	0	1	-2	-1	1	1	-1	0
33	Indiana	-1	1	0	0	1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
33	Iowa	-1	2	0	-1	1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
33	Louisiana	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	0
33	Nebraska	-1	1	0	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
33	Texas	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	0
39	Kansas	-2	2	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
39	North Carolina	-2	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0
39	North Dakota	-2	1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
42	Mississippi	-3	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
42	South Dakota	-3	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
42	Tennessee	-3	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1
42	West Virginia	-3	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
42	Wyoming	-3	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
47	Alabama	-4	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1
47	Arkansas	-4	0	0	-1	0	-1	-1	1	0	-1	-1
47	South Carolina	-4	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1
50	Montana	-5	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1
51	Oklahoma	-6	1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0	-1	-1