

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 17 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 LGBT+ 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 county, if human rights are not observed nor guaranteed or even worse, violated. A zero rating as lowest rating is only awarded if a county is lacking in important but not elementary categories such as LGBT 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

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Ranking 2023	Country	Total	LGBT Rights								Social & Legal Factors						Outcomes		
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexualit Illegal	Pride Banned	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders	Death Sentences
1	Malta	13	2	2	2	3	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
2	Canada	12	3	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	Switzerland	12	3	2	2	3	-1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Australia	11	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	-1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	Denmark	11	2	2	2	3	1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	New Zealand	11	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	Portugal	11	3	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Uruguay	11	2	2	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
9	Germany	10	2	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
9	Iceland	10	2	2	2	3	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	Spain	10	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	United Kingdom	10	3	2	2	2	-1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
13	Argentina	9	1	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
13	Austria	9	2	2	2	2	1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Colombia	9	2	2	2	3	1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
13	Taiwan	9	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Belgium	8	2	2	2	3	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	France	8	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Greenland	8	1	2	2	3	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Ireland	8	2	2	2	3	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
17	Norway	8	2	2	2	3	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
17	Reunion	8	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Sweden	8	3	2	2	1	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
24	Andorra	7	3	2	2	3	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0
24	French Polynesia	7	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Luxembourg	7	2	2	3	2	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Netherlands	7	2	2	2	2	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	New Caledonia	7	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
29	Chile	6	2	2	2	3	1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
29	Cuba	6	3	2	2	2	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Finland	6	3	2	2	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Guadeloupe	6	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
29	Israel	6	2	1	1	2	-1	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Martinique	6	2	2	2	2	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
35	Brazil	5	2	2	2	3	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
35	Costa Rica	5	2	2	2	3	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
35	Greece	5	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
35	Mexico	5	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
35	Puerto Rico	5	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
35	Slovenia	5	3	2	2	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	South Africa	5	3	2	2	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
35	USA	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
43	Ecuador	4	3	2	0	2	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
43	India	4	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0
45	Gibraltar	3	2	2	2	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45	Guam	3	1	2	2	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	Estonia	2	2	0	1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	Croatia	1	2	1	2	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
48	Czech Republic	1	2	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	San Marino	1	3	1	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
51	Bermuda	0	1	2	2	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0

Ranking 2023	Country	Total	LGBT Rights & Legislation								Social & Cultural Attitudes						Human Rights		
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexuality Illegal	Pride Banned	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders	Death Sentences
51	Italy	0	1	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
51	Liechtenstein	0	1	1	1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
51	Thailand	0	2	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	Virgin Islands	0	1	2	2	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
56	Bhutan	-1	0	-1	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	Bosnia-Herzegovina	-1	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
56	Latvia	-1	1	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
56	Montenegro	-1	2	1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
56	Nepal	-1	3	-1	0	0	1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
56	Vietnam	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	Albania	-2	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
62	Aruba	-2	1	1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	Bolivia	-2	2	0	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
62	Japan	-2	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	Mozambique	-2	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
62	Serbia	-2	2	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
62	Slovakia	-2	2	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
62	St. Maarten	-2	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Angola	-3	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Antigua & Barbuda	-3	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Belize	-3	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	Bulgaria	-3	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	China incl. Hong Kong	-3	0	0	-1	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0
70	Cyprus	-3	1	1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Fiji	-3	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Korea South	-3	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Laos	-3	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Lithuania	-3	2	-1	-1	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Monaco	-3	0	1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70	North Macedonia	-3	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Romania	-3	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
70	Singapore	-3	1	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	Barbados	-4	1	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	Botswana	-4	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Cabo Verde	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	Curacao	-4	1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	El Salvador	-4	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
84	Hungary	-4	2	1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	0	0
84	Kosovo	-4	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Macao	-4	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Mongolia	-4	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Panama	-4	0	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	Samoa	-4	1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
84	Ukraine	-4	1	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
96	Benin	-5	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
96	British Virgin Islands	-5	3	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
96	Cambodia	-5	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
96	Georgia (Europe)	-5	2	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
96	Kazakhstan	-5	0	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
96	Lesotho	-5	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
96	Mali	-5	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0

Ranking 2023	Country	Total	LGBTQ+ Rights								Social & Cultural Factors							
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexuality Illegal	Pride Banned	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders
96	Niger	-5	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
96	Pakistan	-5	1	-1	0	2	1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	-1
96	Peru	-5	1	-1	0	2	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0
96	Seychelles	-5	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
96	Suriname	-5	1	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
108	Armenia	-6	0	-1	0	-0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
108	Gabon	-6	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
108	Guinea-Bissau	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
108	Kyrgyzstan	-6	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0
108	Moldova	-6	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0
108	Philippines	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
108	Sri Lanka	-6	1	-1	-1	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0
108	Vanuatu	-6	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
116	Honduras	-7	2	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0
116	Jordan	-7	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
116	Mauritius	-7	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
116	Namibia	-7	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0
116	Trinidad & Tobago	-7	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	0
121	Bangladesh	-8	0	-1	0	1	1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1
121	Burkina Faso	-8	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0
121	Cook Islands	-8	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0
121	Equatorial Guinea	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0
121	Lebanon	-8	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0
121	Myanmar	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0
121	Nicaragua	-8	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0
121	Paraguay	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0
121	Tajikistan	-8	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
121	Turkey	-8	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2	-1	-1	0
121	Vatican City	-8	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0
121	Venezuela	-8	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
133	Bahrain	-9	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
133	Burundi	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0
133	Grenada	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0
133	Guatemala	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
133	Madagascar	-9	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-2	0
133	Poland	-9	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-2	-1	0
133	Rwanda	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0
133	Tonga	-9	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0
141	Algeria	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0
141	Azerbaijan	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-2	0
141	Bahamas	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0
141	Belarus	-10	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-2	-2	0
141	Central African Rep.	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	0	0
141	Dem.Rep. of Congo	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
141	Djibouti	-10	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-1	0	0
141	Guyana	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1
141	Haiti	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0
141	Kenya	-10	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0
141	Korea North	-10	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	0
141	Oman	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0
141	Papua New Guinea	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	0	0

Ranking 2023	Country	Total	LGBTQ+ Rights								Societal & Legal Context								
			Anti-Discrimination Legislation	Marriage / Civil Partnership	Adoption Allowed	Transgender Rights	Intersex / 3 rd Option	Equal Age of Consent	"Conversion Therapy"	LGBT Marketing	Religious Influence	HIV Travel Restrictions	Anti-Gay Laws	Homosexuality Illegal	Pride Banned	Locals Hostile	Prosecution	Murders	Death Sentences
141	Republic of the Congo	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
141	Sierra Leone	-10	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	0	0	0
141	Togo	-10	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
141	Tunisia	-10	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0
141	Zambia	-10	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Brunei	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1
159	Chad	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Comoros Islands	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Dominica	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Dominican Republic	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	-2	0
159	Eswatini	-11	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-2	0
159	Gambia	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Ghana	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Indonesia	-11	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Ivory Coast	-11	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	-1	0	0	-2	0	0	0
159	Liberia	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Maldives	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Senegal	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Solomon Islands	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	0	0	0
159	Sudan	-11	0	-1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Syria	-11	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1
159	Turkmenistan	-11	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
159	Uzbekistan	-11	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
177	Eritrea	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0
177	Ethiopia	-12	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	0
177	Indonesia/Aceh	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	-1
177	Iraq	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	0	-2	-1	-1	0
177	Jamaica	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-2	0
177	Mauritania	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	-1
177	Morocco	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0
177	Russia	-12	0	-1	0	1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-2	0
177	Tanzania	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	0	0
177	Uganda	-12	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-1	0
177	Zimbabwe	-12	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-2	0
188	Cameroon	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-2	0
188	Malawi	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-2	0
188	Malaysia	-13	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0
191	Egypt	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-1	0
191	Kuwait	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	0	0
191	Libya	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-2	-1
191	Nigeria	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	0	-3
191	Qatar	-14	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	0	-1
191	United Arab Emirates	-14	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1
197	Yemen	-17	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-1
198	Somalia	-18	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-2	-5
199	Afghanistan	-19	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-5
199	Chechnya	-19	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	-2	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-5
199	Iran	-19	0	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-1	0	-2	0	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-5
199	Saudi Arabia	-19	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-1	-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 ten 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 in the post-Trump era: 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 LGBT+

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 LGBT+ 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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1	California	11	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	0
1	Colorado	11	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
1	New York	11	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	-1
1	Washington	11	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
5	Illinois	10	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
5	Massachusetts	10	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	-1	0
5	Nevada	10	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	0
5	New Mexico	10	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
5	Oregon	10	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
5	Washington DC	10	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
11	Connecticut	9	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
11	Hawaii	9	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
11	New Jersey	9	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
11	Virginia	9	2	2	1	2	-1	1	1	1	0	0
15	Maine	8	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
15	Maryland	8	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
15	Rhode Island	8	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
15	Vermont	8	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	0
19	Minnesota	7	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	0
20	New Hampshire	6	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	0
21	Delaware	5	2	2	-1	2	0	1	0	0	-1	0
21	Utah	5	2	-1	1	2	0	1	0	1	-1	0
23	Pennsylvania	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1
24	Ohio	3	2	2	1	0	0	-1	0	1	-1	-1
25	Georgia	2	2	1	-1	1	0	-1	1	1	-1	-1
25	Idaho	2	1	2	1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
25	Indiana	2	1	1	1	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
25	Iowa	2	2	2	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
25	Michigan	2	2	2	-1	0	0	0	1	0	-1	-1
25	Wisconsin	2	2	1	-1	1	0	0	0	0	-1	0
31	Kansas	1	2	1	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
32	Alaska	0	1	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
32	Arizona	0	1	0	-1	1	0	-1	0	1	-1	0
32	Arkansas	0	1	0	1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
32	Florida	0	1	-1	0	1	-1	-1	2	1	-1	-1
32	Kentucky	0	1	1	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
32	Louisiana	0	1	0	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	0
32	Missouri	0	1	1	-1	2	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
39	Nebraska	-1	1	1	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
39	North Carolina	-1	1	2	-1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-1
39	North Dakota	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
39	South Carolina	-1	1	2	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
39	South Dakota	-1	1	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	0
44	Mississippi	-2	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
44	Wyoming	-2	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
46	Alabama	-3	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0
46	Montana	-3	1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1
46	Texas	-3	1	0	-1	1	-1	-1	0	1	-1	-2
46	West Virginia	-3	1	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-2
50	Tennessee	-4	1	-1	-1	0	0	-1	0	1	-1	-2
51	Oklahoma	-5	1	-1	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	-1	-1