



1. UK - Equal rights for LGBT citizens;
public and official opinion mostly
supportive; some prejudice remains

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	No
Female/female relationships illegal	No
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	Yes
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	Gay marriage and civil partnership both recognised



2. Russia - Hostile official and public opinion despite legal rights; no freedom of expression for LGBT people

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	No
Female/female relationships illegal	No
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	No
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No



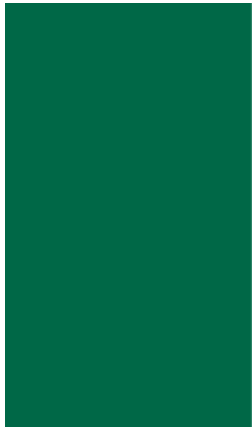
3. Uganda - Hostile public opinion; harsh laws; violence condoned by police

Age of consent laws	No age of consent for same sex act
Male/male relationships illegal	Yes
Female/female relationships illegal	Yes
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	No
Right to change legal gender	No
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No



4. Canada - 'One of the most gay-friendly countries in the world'

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	No
Female/female relationships illegal	No
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	Yes
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	Yes



5. Mexico - Legal advances and some protection; indigenous cultures recognise a '3rd sex' but religious values and 'machismo' lead to public hostility

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	Legal since 1871
Female/female relationships illegal	Legal since 1871
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	Yes
Right to change legal gender	In one state only
Marriage/substitute for marriage	In some states only



6. Guyana - Attempts by the government to decriminalise and prevent discrimination opposed by the church; hostile public opinion

Age of consent laws	No age of consent for same sex acts
Male/male relationships illegal	Yes - life imprisonment
Female/female relationships illegal	Yes- life imprisonment
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	No
Right to change legal gender	No
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No



7. Uruguay- Among the most liberal laws in South America

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	Legal since 1934
Female/female relationships illegal	Legal since 1934
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	Yes
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	Yes



8. South Africa - Equal rights enshrined in the constitution but homophobia and violence common

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	No
Female/female relationships illegal	No
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	Yes
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	Yes



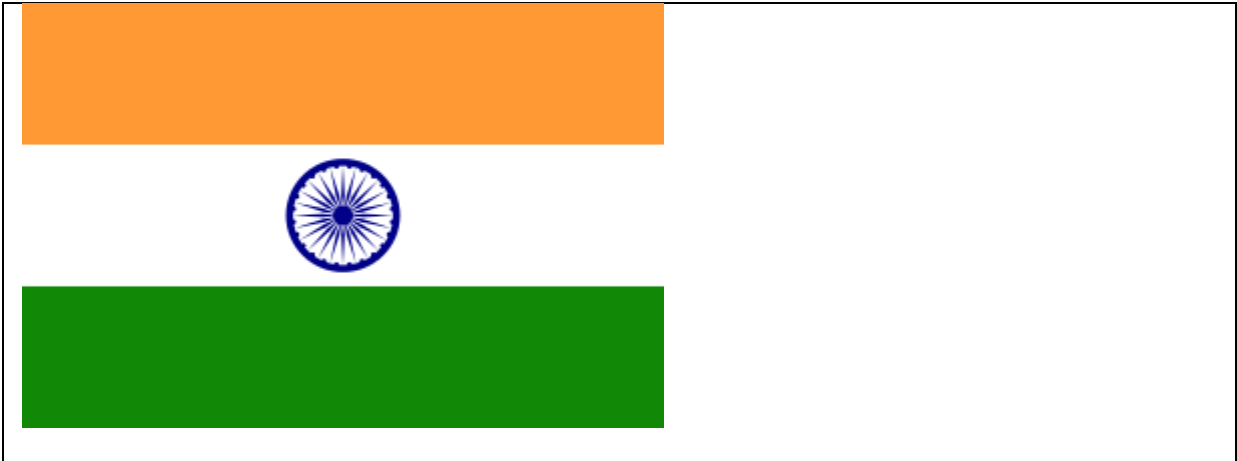
9. Australia - Legal rights improved since the end of the 20th century but marriage still illegal

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	Not since 1994
Female/female relationships illegal	Not since 1994
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	Yes
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No



10. Samoa - Homosexuality is not recognised but '3rd gender' widely recognised and accepted

Age of consent laws	No legal consent for same sex
Male/male relationships illegal	Yes
Female/female relationships illegal	Yes
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	No
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No



11. India - Same sex acts illegal but some lawyers consider this unconstitutional; public hostility but 3rd gender recognised

Age of consent laws	No age of consent for same sex
Male/male relationships illegal	Illegal since 1860
Female/female relationships illegal	Illegal since 1860
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	No
Right to change legal gender	3 rd sex recognised and protected
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No



12. Nepal- Rights for LGBT citizens improved since the new republic in 2007

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	No
Female/female relationships illegal	No
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	Yes
Right to change legal gender	Yes - also 3 rd gender recognised
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No - but under discussion



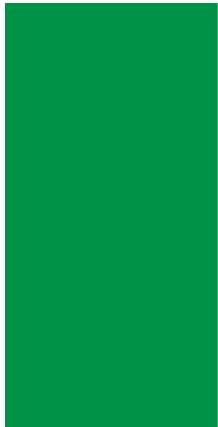
13. Israel - An active LGBT community with many prominent members, despite strong religious influence

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	No
Female/female relationships illegal	No
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	In some fields
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No, but the state recognises marriages performed abroad





14. Qatar - Harsh laws against gay men, applied to foreigners as well as citizens

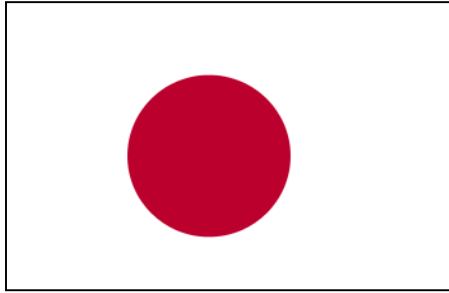
Age of consent laws	Not equal
Male/male relationships illegal	Yes
Female/female relationships illegal	No
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	No
Right to change legal gender	No
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No



15. Italy - Public acceptance and some legal protection but no marriage yet

Age of consent laws	Equal since 1890
Male/male relationships illegal	Not since 1890
Female/female relationships illegal	Not since 1890
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	Yes
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No

 	
16.Sierra Leone - Although harsh laws not enforced, discrimination and violence common	
Age of consent laws	No age of consent for same sex
Male/male relationships illegal	Yes - life imprisonment with hard labour
Female/female relationships illegal	No
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	No
Right to change legal gender	No
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No



17. Japan - No legal protection but in practice little discrimination; a history of male homosexuality in religious and military contexts

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	No - since 1880
Female/female relationships illegal	No - since 1880
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	No
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	No



18. Iceland - First country in the world to have an openly gay head of state

Age of consent laws	Equal
Male/male relationships illegal	No
Female/female relationships illegal	No
Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation banned	Yes
Right to change legal gender	Yes
Marriage/substitute for marriage	Yes - law passed without opposition in 2010