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### Ukraine must reject planned anti-gay laws

The Ukrainian parliament must reject two draft laws which are a direct assault on lesbian, gay and bisexual people's rights and in contravention of the country's international obligations to protect the right to non-discrimination, Amnesty International said.

The draft laws purport to protect the rights of children by denying them information relating to homosexuality.

If enacted, this legislation would have the effect of discriminating against lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals in their exercise of the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

"The draft laws appear to be the outcome of stereotypical views on homosexuality rather than the result of a thorough process aimed at seeking the views of children and ensuring their best interest," said Heather McGill, Amnesty International's expert on Ukraine.

"If it is to live up to European and international human rights standards, the Ukrainian government must strive to create a society in which diversity is viewed not as a threat, but as a source of enrichment for society as a whole."

**See also:**

[Ukraine: Proposed laws discriminate against LGBTI people and violate children's rights](#)

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