

NCAVP ALERT



National Advocacy
for Local LGBTQH Communities

NCAVP Commends the United Nations for its First Ever Report on the Human Rights of LGBT People; Calls for End to Violence Against LGBTQH People

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs ([NCAVP](#)) commends the United Nations ([UN](#)) for the historic release of their [report](#) *Discriminatory Laws and Practices and Acts of Violence Against Individuals Based on their Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity* on December 15, 2011. This report, produced by the UN Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights, is the first UN report ever to document global discrimination and violence against people based on their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. In their report, **the United Nations referenced NCAVP's [report](#) *Hate Violence Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV-Affected Communities in the United States in 2010*** to provide data on anti-LGBTQH homicides in the United States. NCAVP is grateful to Stephanie Jones, a long term NCAVP supporter, for her work to have NCAVP's data included in this report.

The UN documented violence against LGBT people in every region of the world based on official statistics on hate crimes, reporting by regional organizations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including NCAVP. The UN suggests that violence against LGBT people tends to be especially vicious in comparison to other bias-motivated violence, but that this violence is difficult to quantify due to the small number of States that have systems to monitor and document this violence. The report also shows that 76 countries retain laws that are used to criminalize people on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, and in at least five countries it is a crime punishable by death to engage in same sex activity. In the United States, NCAVP documented a 13% increase in reports of anti-LGBTQH violence between 2009 and 2010, and anti-LGBTQH murders increased 23% from 2009 (22 murders) to 2010 (27 murders).

NCAVP is encouraged by the strong global message the UN has sent with this report reiterating that under international human rights law, all States have the obligation to prevent violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. NCAVP calls on the UN's Member States, community members, anti-violence organizations, and public officials to join efforts to end violence against LGBTQH communities in the United States and abroad.

CALL TO ACTION

Fulfill the UN's Recommendations: NCAVP stands in solidarity with the United Nations in calling on their Member States to prevent, investigate, and document anti-LGBTQH violence, to repeal laws that make non-heterosexual conduct illegal, establish policies to permit relevant documents to be reissued reflecting gender identity and name, to implement LGBTQH-

sensitization training for all law enforcement personnel, and to support public campaigns to counter homophobia and transphobia.

Prevent: NCAVP encourages communities to create programs, campaigns, and curricula to prevent anti-LGBTQH harassment and violence and to promote safety. NCAVP is available to provide support and resources to communities for their violence prevention efforts.

Respond: NCAVP recommends increasing support for LGBTQH survivors of violence by increasing funding for services and banning barriers to service and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

Report Violence: NCAVP encourages anyone who has experienced violence to contact a local anti-violence program for support and to document this violence.

Get Involved: Join NCAVP in our efforts to prevent and respond to LGBTQH violence. To learn more about our national advocacy, receive technical assistance or support, or locate an anti-violence program in your area, [contact us](#).

NCAVP works to prevent, respond to, and end all forms of violence against and within lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and HIV-affected (LGBTQH) communities. NCAVP is a national coalition of local member programs, affiliate organizations and individuals who create systemic and social change. NCAVP is a program of the [New York City Anti-Violence Project](#).

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