Hate Crime Laws in the U.S.
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States with hate crime laws that include crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity—13 states & the District of Columbia
California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts (effective 7/1/2012), Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, Washington

States with hate crime laws that include crimes based on sexual orientation—17 states
Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin

States with hate crime laws that do not include crimes based on sexual orientation or gender identity—15 states
Alabama, Alaska, Idaho, Indiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia

States that do not have hate crime laws that include crimes based on any characteristics—5 states
Arkansas, Georgia, Michigan, South Carolina, Wyoming

1-Michigan’s hate crime penalty laws do not include sexual orientation, but hate crime data collection laws do.
2-Indiana has no hate crime penalty laws, but does include sexual orientation in hate crime data collection.
3-In 2008, Pennsylvania’s highest court overturned the 2002 amendments to the hate crimes law that added sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, gender, and mental and physical disability, based on the procedural way the legislation was passed by the legislature, not the content of the law.