



# The Crisis Faced by LGBTIQ People Worldwide

- Anti-LGBTIQ Laws Are Spreading Globally
- **62 countries** criminalize same-sex relationships
- **7 countries** impose the death penalty for same-sex relations
- **\$50 million** in US funding has been cancelled
- Authoritarian governments use anti-LGBTIQ laws to attack democracy

## Canada's Opportunity to Lead

1. *Increase LGBTIQ International Assistance Program to \$25M annually*
  - Represents just 0.3% of Canada's overall aid budget
2. *Increase Canada's Support for LGBTIQ Refugees*
  - Increasing support to LGBTIQ refugees through both the Government Assisted Refugee Program and the private blended sponsorship Rainbow Refugee Assistance Program.

## Why This Matters

- Protects some of the world's most vulnerable
- Counters rise of anti-rights movement
- Strengthens democracy worldwide
- Positions Canada as global human rights leader
- Shows solidarity with 2SLGBTIQ Canadians at home



*In a time where unfortunately around the world there's a backlash struggling against the progress that has been made; in this time Canada will always stand up for the vulnerable and for the equal rights that we cherish.*

**– Prime Minister Mark Carney, June 10, 2025**