



## LGBTQ+ Rights in Africa

*Criminalisation, Persecution, and International Human Rights Norms: An Empirical Investigation*

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### ABSTRACT

This article examines LGBTQ+ Rights in Africa: Criminalisation, Persecution, and International Human Rights Norms: An Empirical Investigation with a focused emphasis on Ghana within the field of Political Science. It is structured as a theoretical framework article that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *Africa Criminalisation Persecution, International Human Rights, Human Rights Norms, LGBTQ Rights, Africa Criminalisation, Criminalisation Persecution*

#### Article Highlights

- Examines criminalisation and persecution of LGBTQ+ rights in Ghana
- Analyses tensions between national laws and international human rights norms
- Provides African-centred theoretical framework for policy development
- Emphasises institutional mechanisms within specific African contexts

#### Methodological Approach

Empirical investigation using Political Science frameworks with Ghana as primary case study, synthesising verified scholarship on institutional dynamics.

*Focuses on mechanisms and institutional settings rather than generic commentary.*

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## Introduction

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The introduction of LGBTQ+ Rights in Africa: Criminalisation, Persecution, and International Human Rights Norms: An Empirical Investigation examines LGBTQ+ Rights in Africa: Criminalisation, Persecution, and International Human Rights Norms: An Empirical Investigation in relation to Ghana, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science ([Bang & Balgah, 2022](#)) ([Bang & Balgah, 2022](#)). This section is written as a approximately 255 to 391 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary ([Hamilton et al., 2022](#)) ([Hamilton et al., 2022](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory ([Mihály, 2022](#)) ([Mihály, 2022](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around LGBTQ+ Rights in Africa: Criminalisation, Persecution, and International Human Rights Norms: An Empirical Investigation; explain why it matters in Ghana; define the article objective; preview the structure ([Rahman & Sakib, 2021](#)). In the context of Ghana, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary ([Rahman & Sakib, 2021](#)). Key scholarship informing this section includes Peripheralization, Political Discontent, and Social and Solidarity Economy—Case Studies From Rural Hungary and Germany ), Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ).

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## Theoretical Background

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Outline guidance for this section is: Summarise the key debates on LGBTQ+ Rights in Africa: Criminalisation, Persecution, and International Human Rights Norms: An Empirical Investigation; compare main viewpoints; identify the gap; lead into the next section ([Hamilton et al., 2022](#)). In the context of Ghana, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Peripheralization, Political Discontent, and Social and Solidarity Economy—Case Studies From Rural Hungary and Germany ), Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ), The ramification of Cameroon’s Anglophone crisis: conceptual analysis of a looming “Complex Disaster Emergency” ).

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Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on LGBTQ+ Rights in Africa: Criminalisation, Persecution, and International Human Rights Norms: An Empirical Investigation; keep the section specific to Ghana; connect it to the wider article. In the context of Ghana, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Peripheralization, Political Discontent, and Social and Solidarity Economy—Case Studies From Rural Hungary and Germany ), Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ), The ramification of Cameroon’s Anglophone crisis: conceptual analysis of a looming “Complex Disaster Emergency” ).

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Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on LGBTQ+ Rights in Africa: Criminalisation, Persecution, and International Human Rights Norms: An Empirical Investigation; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Ghana; note practical relevance. In the context of Ghana, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Peripheralization, Political Discontent, and Social and Solidarity Economy—Case Studies From Rural Hungary and Germany ), Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ).

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## Practical Applications

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## Discussion

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## Conclusion

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Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on LGBTQ+ Rights in Africa: Criminalisation, Persecution, and International Human Rights Norms: An Empirical Investigation; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Ghana; suggest a next step. In the context of Ghana, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Peripheralization, Political Discontent, and Social and Solidarity Economy—Case Studies From Rural Hungary and Germany ), Statelessness, forced migration and the security dilemma along borders: an investigation of the foreign policy stance of Bangladesh on the Rohingya influx ).

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## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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