

Uganda Anti-Gay Timeline

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| 1950 | Penal Code Act 1950, Section 145-147, prohibits same-sex sexual acts as felonies. |
| 2002 | Evangelical Scott Lively visits Uganda twice to coordinate with anti-gay extremist leaders Stephen Langa and Martin Ssempe to share and implement anti-gay strategies. |
| 2004 | The Ugandan Broadcasting Council fined Radio Simba and forced it to issue a public apology after hosting homosexuals on a live talk show. |
| 2005 | Authorities raid the home of Juliet Victor Mukasa, LGBTI activist and leader, forcing her into hiding. |
| 09/29/2005 | President Yoweri Museveni signs a constitutional amendment prohibiting marriages between same-sex couples, making Uganda the second country in the world to do so. |
| 08/2006 | <i>The Red Pepper</i> , a Ugandan tabloid, publishes 45 first names and professions of alleged gay men. |
| 08/21/2007 | James Nsaba Buturo, Minister of Ethics & Integrity, holds anti-gay rally of hundreds. The rally is in reaction to a news conference in which LGBTI activists call for respect of their rights. |
| 08/24/2007 | Martin Ssempe, anti-gay activist and minister, pens a letter stating that homosexuality is against Ugandan culture. |
| 09/23/2007 | Human Rights Watch warns the Ugandan government that their hostility towards the gay community puts them at greater risk for HIV. |
| 10/12/2007 | Human Rights Watch publishes a letter to Congressional Caucus cautioning United States support of anti-gay measures in Uganda. |
| 03/05/2009 | Family Life Network, an anti-gay organization in Uganda, hosts a two day conference for religious leaders, teachers, and social workers to brainstorm future anti-gay efforts. |
| 03/15/2009 | Anti-Gay Task Force, whose mission is to “wipe out” gay practices in Uganda, is formed as a consequence of the Family Life Network conference. |
| 03/17/2009 | Evangelical Scott Lively publishes a Report from Uganda, detailing his anti-homosexuality meetings and stadium speeches. He says his work |

in Uganda was described as “like a nuclear bomb against the ‘gay’ agenda in Uganda.”

- 04/15/2009 Christopher Kibansanga, Shadow Minister of Information & National Guidance, expresses, “We must exterminate homosexuals before they exterminate society.”
- 10/13/2009 David Bahati, member of Parliament for the ruling party, National Resistance Movement, introduces Anti-Homosexuality Bill, which includes the death penalty for “aggravated homosexuality.” The death penalty is later removed amid international pressure.
- 01/14/2010 President Yoweri Museveni says he will not back a bill that will impose a death sentence for “aggravated homosexuality.”
- 10/09/2010 *Rolling Stone*, a Ugandan tabloid, publishes the full names, addresses, photographs, and preferred social hangouts of 100 allegedly gay and lesbian Ugandan, calling for their execution.
- 01/04/2011 A High Court judge issues a permanent injunction preventing *Rolling Stone* from any further outings, ruling that the outings and accompanying incitation to violence threatened fundamental rights and freedoms and violated the constitutional right to privacy.
- 01/26/2011 LGBTI activist David Kato is murdered at his home. Kato was one of several gay people outed by a local newspaper in 2010, when his photo appeared under the headline “Hang them.”
- 05/17/2011 Parliament member David Bahati introduces an altered version of the Anti-Homosexuality bill, removing the death penalty clause and adding the crime of “attempted homosexuality.”
- 02/14/2012 Samuel Lokodo, Minister for Ethics & Integrity, raids and shuts down an LGBTI planning, advocacy, and leadership workshop in Entebbe.
- 06/27-28/2012 Spectrum Uganda Initiatives listed in an *Observer* article about NGO’s LGBTI advocacy. The article also includes a picture of LGBTI activists, including John.
- 07/13/2012 Sexual Minorities Uganda, a Ugandan gay rights group, sues evangelical Scott Lively for inciting the persecution of LGBTI persons in Uganda.
- 2/24/2013 John Wambere’s name and picture are published in *Salt & Pepper’s* article, entitled, “Busted: How Gays Operate in Uganda.”
- 12/20/2013 Ugandan Anti-Homosexuality Act is passed by Parliament
- 02/24/2014 President Yoweri Museveni signs into law the Anti-Homosexuality Act

- 02/24/2014 Ugandan activists report an increase of anti-gay harassment and violence, detailing evictions, threats of violence and death, unlawful raids, arrests, and “correctional rape.”
- 02/25/2014 *The Red Pepper* publishes the names of 200 LGBTI people labeled by the tabloid as “Uganda’s Top Homos.”
- 02/28/2014 Scotland proposes a plan to offer asylum to any Ugandan persecuted by the new anti-gay laws.
- 03/7-13/2014 John Wambere’s name is mentioned several times in a *Hello!* newspaper article outing gay people in Uganda.
- 04/02/2014 30,000 Ugandans rally at a Kampala stadium in support of the passing of the Anti-Homosexuality Act of 2014.
- 04/04/2014 Ugandan police raid the offices of United States-funded Walter Reed project, which is known to offer HIV services to LGBTI people.
- 04/17/2014 Two Ugandan men are scheduled to go on trial for homosexuality, the first people to be charged since the Anti-Homosexuality Act was passed.
- 04/20/2014 Sandra Ntebi, an activist in Uganda who manages a LGBTI help hotline, says that she and her colleagues have received reports of about 130 different cases of anti-LGBTI harassment and discrimination since the Anti-Homosexuality Bill was signed into law.
- 04/28/2014 Ugandan cabinet drafts a new law that would bar non-governmental organizations from “promoting homosexuality.”