

Criminalisation of same-sex acts between men

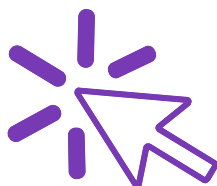


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The long history of Section 175 of the German Criminal Code started which made same-sex acts between men a criminal offence.

On 1 January 1871, Section 175 of the Criminal Code came into force, initially for the North German Confederation and, one year later, for the newly founded German Empire. The section made same-sex acts between men a criminal offence. The National Socialists tightened the paragraph in 1935. This version remained in force in the Federal Republic of Germany until the reforms of the paragraph in 1969 and 1973. Since then, only sexual acts with male adolescents under the age of 18 have been punishable, whereas the age of consent for lesbian and heterosexual acts was 14. It was not until after reunification in 1994 that Section 175 was also repealed for the territory of the old Federal Republic. A total of around 140,000 men were convicted under the various versions of Section 175.

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