

Ban on conversion therapies



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France prohibits practices aimed at changing a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

This law aims to better combat conversion therapies. According to its explanatory memorandum, these "therapies" are based on the premise that homosexuality, bisexuality, and trans identity are illnesses that should be cured. Generally targeting a young audience, they have dramatic and lasting effects on the physical and mental health of those who undergo them: depression, isolation, suicide. These practices, which can take the form of interviews, workshops, exorcisms, electroshock therapy, or hormone injections, have no medical or therapeutic basis. The text introduces a new offense into the penal code, punishing "repeated practices, behaviors, or statements aimed at modifying or eliminating a person's real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, resulting in an alteration of their physical or mental health."

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