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### Homosexuality in Ghana

1. Anrafi, John and Anglea A. Gyasi-Gyamerah. “Religiosity and Attitudes toward Homosexuality: Views of Ghanaian University Students.” *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, 25 (2014): pp 173-201. 10.1163/9789004272385\_011

According to the article, homosexuality is an extremely sensitive topic in Ghana because of people’s religious and moral views. The country is not ready to accept homosexuals, an outlook that was exhibited in 2007 when the government declined the opportunity for the meeting of homosexuals to take place in Accra. This was statement to the world that the nation was not willing to compromise its religious values to embrace homosexuality. The reading goes on to say that the government’s attitude conforms to people’s views on the issue, which are negative. The findings of this article reveal the plight of homosexuals in Ghana. They undergo immense discriminations, a condition which makes most of them not to reveal their sexual orientations.

2. Elizabeth, Baisley. “Framing the Ghanaian LGBT rights debate: competing decolonisation and human rights frames.” *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 49.2 (2015): 383-402, DOI: 10.1080/00083968.2015.1032989

According to the article, the members of the lesbians, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community in Ghana experience numerous challenges because of the nation’s negative

attitude towards them. The LGBT activists are overpowered by the opponents of homosexuality who view sexual minorities as individuals suffering from mental disorders. The condition was facilitated by people's corrupted mind frame, which made it difficult for them to embrace sexual diversity. For this reason, it is difficult to advocate for the rights of the members of the LGBT from a human rights perspective. Thus, the article explores the challenges that the homosexuals face in Ghana because of the nation's religious and cultural values, which have corrupted people's judgment on the issue.

3. Gyasi-Gyamerah, Angela and Charity S. Akotia. "Religious commitment and prejudicial attitudes toward homosexuals in Ghana." *IFE Psychologia*, 24.2(2016). ISSN : 1117-1421

According to this reading, the homosexuality issue generates passionate conversations in Ghana, which shows that the nation is not yet ready to accept it. People's arguments are driven by the view that same-sex intercourses violate the society's culture, religions, and morals. Consequently, Ghanaians have developed prejudicial views towards the members of the LGBT community. The condition has led to most homosexuals hiding their sexual orientations because of the fear of being discriminated. The findings indicate that people's social conditioning has a significant impact on how individuals treat the homosexuality issue. In Ghana, people's religious and cultural views have made people to view homosexuals are being unfavorable.

4. Isaack, Wendy, and Neela Ghoshal. "no Choice but to Deny Who I Am": Violence and Discrimination against Lgbt People in Ghana. , 2018.

According to this book, Ghana's record on the treatment of lesbians, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons is mixed. In the recent past, Ghanaian leaders have publicly

claimed that they would support the initiatives to end violence on the homosexuals across the nation. However, they have failed to repeal the laws that make it difficult to be gay in the nation. Consequently, homosexuals have ended up being discriminated in the communities they live. Moreover, there the homophobic statements made by the government officials, religious, and traditional leaders have made it difficult for the gays to enjoy their rights. These aspects imply that Ghana is still a long way to go to embrace homosexuality because of people negative attitude towards sexual diversity.

5. Tettey, John. "Homosexuality, Moral Panic, and Politicized Homophobia in Ghana: Interrogating Discourses of Moral Entrepreneurship in Ghanaian Media." *Africa, Media and Globalization*, 9.2 (2016). pp 86-106. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cccr.12132>

The article explores the role of the Ghanaian media on the issue of homosexuality. According to John Tettey, the nation's press has played a significant role in the condemnation of the members of the LGBT community in Ghana. It has politicized homophobia of homosexuality, a condition that has led to politicians and citizens making it difficult for the homosexuals to have rights. The outlook implies that it is almost impossible to implement any laws that favor the welfare of the gays as the political class is against same-sex. The article claims that the treatment of homosexuals in Ghana contradicts with the essence of liberal democracy the nation claims to profess. The condition has been contributed by the media, which has sustained heterosexism, thereby making hard for the society to embrace diverse sexual views.

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