



Lawmakers in Ghana are preparing a law that will make the life of LGBT+ people much harder. LGBT+ people are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and **transsexual** people.

They say that the law supports family **values**, but people from the LGBT+ community do not agree. They say that the law will mean more problems in families, and it will divide people. The new law says that lawyers who will support LGBT+ people can go to prison for up to 10 years. LGBT+ people can spend three to five years in prison. The same will happen to anyone who will have surgery to change their **gender**.

Most politicians agree with the new law, and Christian leaders strongly support it.

Difficult words: **transsexual** (a man who feels to be a woman or a woman who feels to be a man), **value** (the things which someone believes, and he thinks that they are important in life), **gender** (when a person is either a man or a woman).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *transsexual*, *value* and *gender*
2. What does LGBT+ mean?
3. What are lawmakers preparing to do for the LGBT+ community in Ghana?
4. What do lawmakers say about the law?
5. Why do the people from the LGBT+ disagree with it?
6. What will happen to lawyers who will support the LGBT+ people? And what about to anyone who will have surgery to change their gender?
7. What do most politicians and Christian leaders think about the new law?

Express Your Thoughts

1. How big is the LGBT+ community in your country?
2. What is your attitude towards the LGBT+ people?
3. Do you think the law in your country is fair to everyone regardless of gender?