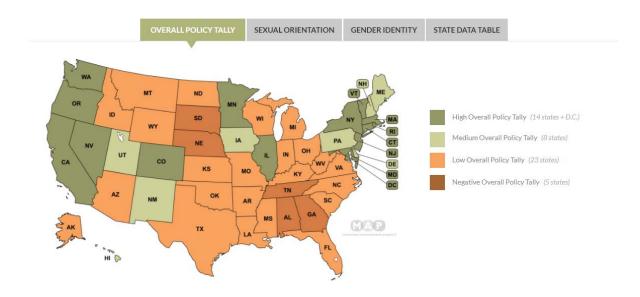
A Guide to MAP's LGBT Equality Maps



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So, you want to have maps on your website, but you worry about the cost or the time to keep them up-to-date. We have the solution! In this guide, you'll find everything you need to know about the Movement Advancement Project's (MAP) LGBT Equality Maps, which solve both your concerns. You can embed all, one, or some topics and a specific state page. Learn more, including:

- How much it costs to get the maps (hint: it's free!)
- Various ways that the maps can be embedded on your own site
- Instructions for embedding the maps and a place to go for help
- Info about keeping the maps current (hint: you don't have to! We do it for you.)
- Ways to stay up-to-date with changes on the maps

What's involved with embedding the LGBT Equality Maps on my site?

Using the maps on your own site is FREE and it is easy. You can be creative with how you use them or you can replicate the maps just as we show them on the MAP website. You can embed a single map, a single state profile, our whole maps suite, or any combination thereof.

How to Embed the Maps

Step-by-step instructions can be found <u>here</u>. You may need to know a little bit about web design or at least how to enter HTML code. If you run into any trouble, or have questions, please email Logan at <u>logan@lgbtmap.org</u>.

Examples of How the Maps Have Been Incorporated

Log Cabin Republicans: http://www.logcabin.org/site/c.nsKSL7PMLpF/b.7866057/k.B808/Mapping the Issues.htm



Family Equality Council: http://www.familyequality.org/get_informed/equality_maps/



How do I update the maps?

You don't have to! Anytime the MAP staff update the LGBT Equality Maps on our website, the changes are pushed out to any sites have embedded the maps. We work hard to keep the maps up-to-date, so you can be assured that your maps will remain current and accurate.

How Do I Know About Changes?

MAP maintains a list-serve for organizations which have embedded the maps as well as other organizations that have maps and want to know about updates. About once a month, MAP staff will send out an email summarizing all the changes that have been made to the maps. This is your chance to learn about the changes in case members come to you with questions. The list-serve is also an opportunity for staff at various organizations to discuss changes and create the best maps possible. If you'd like to sign up for the list-serve, please email logan@lgbtmap.org. You'll receive a Google Groups invitation, which you'll have to then accept.

What if I have ideas about improving the maps?

We are always looking for ways to make the LGBT Equality Maps better! We recently updated all our state profiles and added a number of new maps. Reach out and help us improve this free resource!