

Prides throughout the world: a mixed picture (2018-2023)

'Prides', or 'riots' originally, were born in the late 1960s in the United States, following violent arrests of LGBTI+ people by the police. Today, Prides serve several purposes: celebrating the community, commemorating LGBTI+ people, informing on the rights of LGBTI+ people, or claiming their rights. Increasingly numerous around the world, the Prides of recent years are to moderate, between progressivism and violence.

I. From 2018 to 2023: 5 years' progress for the Prides around the world

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countries in 2022 hosted Prides or similar events such as festivals during Pride month.

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countries in 2022 hosted Prides in other cities than their capital.

- **The 2019 New York Pride welcomed around 5 million people. It is the largest gathering ever observed. The biggest parade was that of Sao Paulo in 2022.**
- **In Hungary, despite the legal restrictions, Budapest saw its biggest Pride in 2021: 35,000 people on the streets.**
- **In 2021, Rwanda's first Pride was organised. It was an 'alternative' pride, for educational purposes. Between 250 and 300 people attended.**

"Alternative" Prides took place:

- **On the internet during COVID-19, through posts and hashtags.**
- **On Instagram following some the opposition of certain governments with lives.**

III. Violence against Prides and their participants

In 2021, very few Prides were observed on the African continent, (only South Africa stood out), and none took place in the Middle East.



In 2021, Prides in Asia were difficult. No Prides were held in Central Asia, and only a few in South Asia (India, Pakistan). Regarding South-East Asia, only a few Prides took place (Thailand and Vietnam, for example).

Attacks and intimidation

- **In 2021 Tbilisi's Pride (Georgia) was attacked by far-right groups.**
- **In 2022, although Ghana's publicity campaigns promoted the Pride, it was impossible for the activist to organise it.**
- **In 2023, several Prides were cancelled or took place in a climate of tension (Seoul, Florida).**

Over the past 5 years, Prides have spread all over the world and are nowadays organised on all the continents. Although the associations feared that COVID-19 would cause them to run out of steam, the LGBTI+ community is particularly celebrated given the 2022 figures and those forecast for 2023. Nevertheless, violence against the LGBTI+ community is on the rise, and Prides are under increasing threats from violent and radical groups.

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