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STATE AGE OF MAJORITY AGE OF CONSENT ALABAMA 19. Ala.Code § 26-1-1(1975) 16. Ala. Code § 13A-6-70 (1975) Alaska 18. Alaska State. Ann. Section 25.20.010 16. Alaska State. Ann. Section 11.41.434 (West) Arizona 18. Ariz. Fox. State. Ann § 8-101 (2014) ( Children mean any person under eighteen years of age.) 18, Ariz. Fox. State. Ann. Section 13-1405 (2014). Arkansas 18. Sheet. Code Ann. Section 9-25-101 (West 1975) 16. Sheet. Code Ann. Section 5-14-127 (1975). California 18. Code § 6500 (West 1994) 18. Cal. Section 261.5 (West 2014) Colorado 18. Colo. Fox. State. Ann. Section 13-22-101 (West 1991) 17. Colo. Fox. State. Ann. Section 18-3-402 (West 1991) Connecticut 18. General St. General cons. Del. Code. Ann. tit. 1, § 701 (West 1972) 16 or 18, depending on the age of the perpetrator: Part. Code. Ann. tit. 11, Section 770 (West 1972) Florida 18. Fla. State. Ann. Section 743.07 (West 1973) 18. Fla. State. Ann. Section 794,011 (West 1973) Georgia 18. Ga. Code Ann. Section 39-1-1 (West 1972) 16. Ga. Code Ann. Section 16-6-3 (West 1972) Hawaii 18. Haw. Fox. State. Section 577-1 (West 1972) 16. Haw. Fox. State § § 707-730 (West 1972) Idaho 18. Idaho Code Ann. Section 32-101 (West 1972) 16. Idaho Code Ann. Section 18-1506 (West 1972) Illinois 18. 755 Ill. Comp. State. Ann. 5/11-1 (West 1986) 17. 755 Sick. Comp. State. Ann. 11/6. (West 1986) Indiana 18. Code Ann. Section 34-11-6-2 (West 1998) 16. Code Ann. Section 35-42-4-3 (West 1998) Iowa 18, unless you are convicted as an adult or married before 18. Iowa Code Ann. Section 599.1 (West 1993) 14? See Iowa Code Ann. Section 702.5 (West 1993) and Iowa Code Ann. Section 709.4 (West 1993). Kansas 18, unless you're married after 16, but before 18. Can. State. Ann § 38-101 (West 1978) 16. Can. State. Ann. Section 21-3502. (West) Kentucky 18, unless the child has a disability, then 21. Ky. Fox. State. Ann. Section 2.105 (West 1994) 16. Ky. Fox. State. Ann. Section 510.020 (West 1994) Louisiana 18. 29 (1987) 17. § 80 La. Fox. State. Ann. 14:80 (1987) Maine 18. In 1969 it became the 16th day of 1969. In 1999 there were 100 000 inhabitants in Norway, and in 1999 there were 100 000 inhabitants in Norway. Md. Code. Ann. Est. §13-101(m) (West 2011) (A minor is a person who has not reached the age of 18.) 16. Md. Code. Ann. Crim. Section 3-304 (West) Massachusetts 18. Mass general laws ch. 231, Section 85P (West 1975) 16. Mass general laws ch. 265, Section 23 (West 1975) Michigan 18. Mich. Comp. Lover Ann. §722.52 (West 1990) 16. Mich. Comp. Lover Ann. §750.10a (West 1990) Minnesota 18. Remind. State. Ann. Section 645,451 (West 1973) 16. Remind. State. Ann. Section 609,342 (West 1973) Mississippi 21. Miss. Code Ann. Section 15-1-59 (West 1983) 16. Miss. Code Ann. Section 97–3–65 (West 1983) Missouri 18. Mo. Ann. State. §507.115 (West 1976) 17. Mo. Ann. State. Section 566.020 (West 1976) Montana 18. Mont. Code Ann. (West) Nebraska 19 16 for sexual contact: Neb. Fox. State. Section 28-319. 17 for depleted a minor: Neb. Fox. State. Section 28-805 Nevada 18 16. Nev. Fox. State. Ann. Section 200,364 (West) New Hampshire 18 16. N.H. Rev. State. Ann. Section 632-A:2 New Jersey 18 16. N.J. State. Ann. Section 2C:14-2 (West) New Mexico 18 16. N.M. State. Ann. Section 30-9-11. (West 1978) New York 18 17. Criminal Law Section 130.55 (McKinney 1965) North Carolina 18 16. N.C. General State. Ann. Section 14-27.7A (West 1995) North Dakota 18 Depending on the law, may be 15 or 18. N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 12.1-20-03.1. (West 1997) Ohio 18 16. Ohio Fox. Code Ann. Section 2907.06 (West) Oklahoma 18 16. Okla. State. Ann. Tit, i'm sorry. 21, Section 1123 (West) Oregon 18 18. Or Fox. State. Ann. Section 163,315 (West 1971) Pennsylvania 18 16. 18 Pa. Cons. State. Ann Section 3123 (West) Rhode Island 18 16. R.I. Gen. Law Ann. Section 11-37-6. (West 1956) South Carolina 18 16 (although there are some statutory revisions currently taking place) S.C. Code Ann. Section 16-3-655 (1976) South Dakota 18 16. S.D. Codified laws § 22-22-1. Tennessee 18 18. Tenn. Code Ann. Section 39-13-506. (West) Texas 18 17. The Penal Code Ann. Section 21.11 (West 2009) Utah 18 16 or 18 (gap provision for the age of the offender): Utah Code Ann. Section 76-5-401.2 (West 1953) Vermont 18 16. Vt. State. Ann. tit. 13, Section 2602. (West) Virginia 18 18. Va. Code Ann. Section 18.2-371 (West) Washington 18 16. Wash. Fox. Code Ann. Section 9A.44.079 (West) West Virginia 18 16. W. VA. Code Ann. Section 61-8B-2. (West) Wisconsin 18 16. Wis. State. Ann. Section 948.02 (West) Wyoming 18 16. Wyo. i'm sorry. State. Ann. §6-2-304. (West) The states' statutory rape offenses describe the age at which a person can legally consent to sexual activity. This section focuses on laws that address sexual intercourse.10Table 1 summarizes, where applicable, each state: Age of consent. This is the age at which a person can legally consent to sexual intercourse under any circumstances; Minimum age of the victim. This is the age under which a person cannot consent to sexual intercourse under any circumstances; Age difference. If the victim is over the minimum age and below the age of consent, the age difference is the maximum difference in age between the victim and the defendant in which a person can legally consent to sexual intercourse; and minimum age of the defendant to prosecute. This is the age under which a person cannot be prosecuted for engaging in sexual activities with minors. The table notes the states where this law applies only when the victim is over a certain age. As the first column in Table 1 shows, the age of consent varies by state. In most states (34) it is 16 years. In the remaining states, the age of consent is either 17 or 18 years (6 and 11 states, respectively). A common misconception about statutory rape is that state codes define a single age at which a person can legally consent Sex. Only 12 states have a single age of consent, in which a person cannot consent to sexual intercourse under any circumstances, and over which it is legal to engage in sexual intercourse with another person over the age of consent. For example, in Massachusetts, the age of consent is 16 years. In the remaining 39 states, other factors come into play: age differences, the minimum age of the victim and the minimum age of the defendant. Each is described below. Minimum age requirement. In 27 states that do not have a single age of consent, the statute specifies the age at which a person cannot legally engage in sexual intercourse regardless of the age of the defendant (see the second column in Table 1). Age requirements in these states range from 10 to 16 years. The legality of sexual intercourse with a person above the minimum age requirement and below the age of consent depends on the difference in age between the two parties and/or the age of the defendant. In New Jersey, the age of consent is 16 years, but persons who are at least 13 years old can legally participate in sexual activities if the defendant is less than 4 years older than the victim. Age difference. In 27 states, the legality of engaging in sexual intercourse with minors is, at least in some cases, based on the age difference between the two parties (see the third column of Table 1). In 12 of these states, the legality is based solely on the difference between the age of the two parties. For example: In the District of Columbia, it is illegal to engage in sexual intercourse with someone who is under the age of consent (16) if the defendant is 4 or more years older than the victim. Although less common, age differences in some states vary depending on the age of the victim. In Washington, sexual intercourse with someone who is at least 14 years old and under 16 is illegal if the defendant is 4 or more years older than the victim. The age difference decreases in cases where the victim is under 14 years (3 years), which is further reduced if the victim is under 12 years of age (2 years). Minimum age for the defendant to prosecute. Sixteen states set age thresholds for the defendant, where persons cannot be prosecuted for engaging in sexual intercourse with minors (see the last column in Table 1). In Nevada, the age of consent is 16 years; However, sexual intercourse with someone under the age of 16 is illegal only if the defendant is at least 18 years of age (the age at which the defendant can be prosecuted). States that set a minimum age for defendants also tend to have minimum requirements for the victim. Often the age of the defendant is relevant only if the victim is above the minimum requirement of age. In Ohio, sexual intercourse with someone under the age of 13 regardless of the defendant's age. However, if the victim is above this minimum age requirement (13) and under the age of consent (16), it is only illegal to engage in sexual intercourse with the person whose defendant is at least 18 years of age. Some states define minimum age thresholds for defendants and age differences. In North Carolina, the age of consent is 16 years. Sexual intercourse with someone under the age of consent is only unlawful if the defendant is: (1) at least 4 years older than the victim and (2) at least 12 years (age at which the defendant can be prosecuted). Age of consent laws in North America (note that some of the ages listed for some states are outdated) Puberty Less than 12 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 Varies by state/province/region/territory of North America varies the legal age of consent related to sexual activity varies by jurisdiction. The age of consent in Canada is 16 years. As of August 2018, each US state has set its age of consent for either 16 years, 17 years or 18 years. The age of consent in Mexico is complex. Typically, Mexican states have a primary age of consent (which can be as low as 12), and sexual behavior with people under that age is always illegal. Sexual relationships that occur between adults and teenagers under the age of 18 are left in a legal gray area: laws against corruption of minors as well as estupro laws can be applied to such acts, at the discretion of the prosecution. These laws are situational and are subject to interpretation. The general age of consent in Mexico is 17. [1] The age of consent in the countries of Central America ranges from 14 to 18 years. Below is a list of all jurisdictions in North America as listed in the Sovereign States and Dependent Territories list of North America. Overview The age of consent is the age of or above that a person is deemed to have legal capacity to consent to sexual activity. Both parties must be of a lawful age to give consent, although exemptions from the age of the Consent Act exist in some jurisdictions when the minor and the partner are within a certain number of years or when a minor is married to their partner. Persons under the age of consent cannot by law give consent, and sexual relationships involving such persons may be punished with criminal sanctions similar to rape or sexual assault. Non-violent sexual contact with persons under the age of consent can be punishable by varying degrees of severity, ranging from a misdemeanor with a simple fine, to a crime with a penalty equivalent to rape. Different ages can apply if one partner is in a position of power or authority over the other, such as a teacher, manager, coach, parent, or stepfather. For example, in Indiana the age of consent is 16, but it is illegal for a person over the age of 18 to have sex with someone under the age of 18 if they work at their is their parent or a stepfather, or is a person who recruits them to join the military. Historically, the age of consent applies to male-female relationships; same-sex relationships were often illegal regardless of the age of the participants. Modern laws vary, and there may be several ages that apply in any jurisdiction. For example, different ages may apply if the relationship is between partners of the same sex, or if the sexual contact is not strictly vaginal intercourse. Antigua and Barbuda In Antigua and Barbuda, the age of consent is 16 years. [2] The Sexual Offences Act of 1995 increased the age of consent from 14 to 16 years. [3] [4] Sexual intercourse with a woman between fourteen and sixteen 6. (1) Where a male person has sexual intercourse with a female person who is not his wife with her consent and who has reached the age of fourteen years, but has not yet reached the age of sixteen years, he is guilty of an offence and is liable for sentence to prison for ten years. (2) A male person is not guilty of an offence under subsection (1) – (a) if he honestly believed that the female person was sixteen years of age or more: or (b) if the male person is no more than three years older than the female person, and the court is of the opinion that the evidence reveals that as between the male person and the female person, the male person is not completely or substantially to blame. Sexual intercourse with a man under sixteen 7. (1) Where a female adult has sexual intercourse with a male person who is not her husband and who is under 16 years of age, she is guilty of an offence, whether the male person consented to sexual intercourse, and is liable for sentence to prison for seven years. A female adult is not guilty of an offence under subsection (1) – (a) if she honestly believed that the male person was sixteen years of age or more; or (b) if the female adult is no more than three years older than the male person, and the court is of the opinion that evidence reveals that as between the female adult and the male person, the female adult is not completely or substantially to blame. Anguilla (UK) The age of consent in Anguilla is 16 years. This is determined in section 14 of the Penal Code - SEXUAL offences -Sexual offences against minors - pursuant to Article 143. In 1999, a sexual intercourse with persons between the ages of 14 and 16 was booked. [5] [not specifically enough to confirm] Aruba This section may require cleanup to meet Wikipedia's quality standards. The specific problem is: The section relies solely on a permanent death link. Please help improve this section if you can. In 2018, 100,000 people were discharged in 201 (Learn How and When to Remove This Template Message) The age of consent in Aruba is 15 years, as set out in Article 251 of the Penal Code in Aruba (which Aruba adapted after secession from the Netherlands Antilles) which reads: Article 251: A person who, out wedlock, with a person who has reached the age of twelve but has not reached fifteen, carries out indecent acts consisting of or including sexual penetration of the body is responsible for a prison sentence of no more than eight years or a fine of mostly 100 000 florin . [6] Bahamas This section needs to be updated. Update this article to reflect recent events or recently available information. In 2018, 100,000 people who were discharged in 201 in the Bahamas are the age of consent for opposite-sex activity at 16 years, and the age of consent for same-sex activity is 18 years. Homosexuality was legalized in 1991, but public homosexuality is a crime that carries a 20-year prison sentence without parole. [7] [need update] 11. (1) Any person who has unlawful sexual intercourse with a person who is at or over fourteen years of age and under sixteen years of age, either with or without the consent of the person with whom he had unlawful sexual intercourse, is guilty of an offence and liable for life imprisonment subject to, on a first sentence for the offence, a prison sentence of seven years and, in the case of a second or subsequent sentence for the offence, a prison sentence of fourteen years. [8] Barbados This section needs to be updated. Update this article to reflect recent events or recently

available information. In 2018, 100,000 people were discharged in 201 Barbados, the age of consent is 16 years. § 5, part I Sexual intercourse with another with the other's consent and that the other person has achieved 14 years, but has not yet achieved 16 years that the person is guilty of one offence and is responsible for conviction on charges of a period of 10 years. [9] Belize In Belize, the age of consent is 16 years, regardless of sexual orientation or gender. [10] The legislation reads: The Penal Code [CAP. 101:1][10:11] Section 47.1 Each person who, with or without consent, has sexual intercourse with a person under fourteen years of age commits the offence of unlawful sexual intercourse and is responsible for conviction to prison for a period not less than twelve years, but can extend to prison for life. § 47.2 Each person who has unlawful sexual intercourse with a person over fourteen years but under sixteen years of age commits an offence and is liable for imprisonment for a period of no less than five years, but not more than ten years. Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands (UK) This part needs expansion. You can help by adding it. In 2018, 100 000 people who were discharged in 201 Age of sexual consent is 16 years, regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender. [12] Canada The Tackling Violent Crime Act came into force on 1 January 2015. age of the younger partner. A youth of twelve or thirteen can consent to sexual activity with a person less than two years older than them. A fourteen- or fifteen-year-old can consent to sexual activity with a partner less than five years older than them. [14] Criminal law (including the definition of the age of consent) is in the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal government, so the age of consent is uniform throughout Canada. Section 151 of the Penal Code of Canada makes it a crime to touch, for a sexual purpose, any person under the age of 16. Section 153 then proceeds to prohibit sexual touching of a person under 18 by a person under three circumstances: if he or she is in a position of trust or authority against the youth, if the youth are in an addiction relationship with him or her, or if the relationship is exploitative. The term position of trust or authority is not defined in the guidelines, but the courts have ruled that parents, teachers and health professionals have a position of trust or authority towards young people they care about or teach. Section 153 (1.2) of the guidelines provides for a judge to imply whether a relationship is exploitative by assessing its nature and circumstances, including how old the youth is, the difference in age between the partners, how the relationship developed, and the degree of control or influence that the older partner has over the youth. The position of trust under 18 anti-exploitation rules was extended in 2005 by Bill C-2 where a judge may choose to ask the concept of a situation to be sexual exploitation based on the nature and circumstances of the relationship, including the age of the younger party, the age difference, the development of the relationship (how it developed, e.g. quickly and secretly over the Internet), control or influence over the young person (degree of control or influence the other person had over the young person person). This passed before the 2008 changes, and they were not repealed so that they are still in force and may apply to adults in these situations with young people over 18 years of age (16-17). Where a defendant is charged with an offence under the s. 151 (Sexual intervention), p. 152 (Invitation to Sexual Touch), p. 153(1) (Sexual Exploitation), p. 160(3) (Bestiality in the presence of or of children), p. 173(2) (Indecent acts), or is charged with an offence under p. 271 (Sexual abuse), p. 272 (Sexual abuse with a weapon, threats to a third party , or causing bodily harm), or p. 273 (Aggravated sexual assault) in relation to a complainant under sixteen years of age, it is not a defense that the complainant consented to the activity that forms the subject of the charge. The history of the Canadian age of consent See also: Age of consent reform in Canada During the 19th century, the age of consent for heterosexual vaginal sex was 12; I The Parliament raised the age of consent to 14. The punishment for anyone who had sexual intercourse with someone under the age of 14 was life imprisonment and flogging, while the punishment for anyone who tried to seduce an underage girl was two years in prison and flogging. [16] Canada also had laws against seducing underage girls who were over the age of consent. In 1886, a law was passed that made the seduction of a girl over 12 and under 16 of the former chaste character a criminal act; the seduction of a woman under 18 under the promise of marriage was also made illegal in 1886, and amended in 1887 to apply to women under the age of 21. [17] After the age of consent was raised to 14 years, the laws against seducing underage girls were changed to apply to those older than 14, and various laws of this type have been in force throughout the 20th century. [17] The age of consent was raised from 14 to 16 in the spring of 2008, when the Violent Crime Act became effective. The new measures still allow for near-in-age exceptions between 12 and 16: if there is no more than a two-year gap for the 12 and 13, or a five-year gap for those 14 and 15. In 1969, the Penal Code was amended to grant exemptions to the criminalization of consensual intercourse, including exceptions for husbands and wives and all persons over the age of 21. In 1998, Section 159 was adopted, reducing the current age from 21 to 18. [18] In June 2019, Bill C-75 repealed Section 159, which made intercourse subject to the same age of consent requirements as other sexual acts. [19] Female homosexuality was never illegal in the former British colonies; oral sex was legalized in 1969 with the same age of consent as vaginal sex. Cayman Islands (UK) The age of consent in the Cayman Islands is 16 years. [20] The defilement of girls under sixteen years of age, etc. 134. (1) The person who illegally and carnally - (a) knows any girl under the age of twelve is guilty of an offence and liable for imprisonment for twenty years; or (b) know that a girl between twelve and sixteen years is guilty of an offence and can be imprisoned for twelve years. Indecent assault on woman 132. (1) It is an offence for a person to make an indecent assault on a woman. (2) A girl under the age of 16 cannot give consent that would prevent an act of being an abuse in connection with this section. Caribbean Netherlands The age of consent in the Caribbean Netherlands (Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius) is 16, as specified by the Penal Code BES. Art. 251, which reads: Art. 251: A person who, outside marriage, with a person who has reached the age of twelve but has not reached sixteen, carries lewd acts consisting of or including sexual penetration of the body is responsible for a prison sentence of no more than sixteen years. Before prosecution, the public will, if possible, allow the minor to indicate whether prosecution is deemed desirable. Clipperton Island (France) Clipperton Island is an uninhabited nine-square-mile coral basin in the eastern Pacific Ocean, a state private property under the Direct Authority of the French Government, administered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in France. The laws of France where applicable. [22] See age of consent in Europe#France. Costa Rica See also: LGBT rights in Costa Rica Costa Rica do not have an exact age of consent, but have age differences between sexual partners, regardless of gender. [23] Costa Rica's Law 9406 makes it illegal for a person 18 years of age or older to have sexual relations with another person under the age of 15 if the older party is five or more years older than the minor. If the younger sexual partner is between 15 and 17 years, the maximum age difference is allowed seven years. Cuba This section has several problems. Please help improve it or discuss these issues on the discussion page. (Learn how and when to remove these template messages) This section needs expansion. You can help by adding it. In 2018, 100 000 people were discharged in 201 This section may require cleanup to meet Wikipedia's quality standards. The specific problem is: Section relies solely on a dead link. Please help improve this section if you can. In 2018, there were 100,000 people discharged in 201 (Learn How and When to Remove This Template Message) (Learn How and When to Remove This Template Message) The age of consent in Cuba is 16 years. [24] [further explanation required] Curaçao (Netherlands) The age of consent in Curaçao is 15 years, as specified by the Penal Code of the Netherlands Antilles (which Curaçao did not change after the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles). Art. 251, which reads: Art. 251: A person who, outside of marriage, with a person who has reached the age of twelve but has not reached fifteen, carries lewd acts consisting of or including sexual penetration of the body is responsible for a prison sentence of no more than sixteen years. [25] For children 12-14 prosecution only takes place on a complaint by the minor, his parents, teacher, or guardianship board. Dominica In Dominica is the age of consent 16 years. The defilement of girls between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) years, Article 4 of the Sexual Offences Act (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), any person who - a) illegally and karlig knows, or attempts to have illegal carnal knowledge of a girl of or over fourteen (14) years of age and under the age of sixteen (16) years (...) - can be detained for seven years. [26] The Dominican Republic The age of consent in the Dominican Republic is 18 years. [27] El Salvador In El Salvador, the age of consent appears to be 18 years (although the laws are not clear cuts in relation to sexual acts with persons between the ages of 15 and 18). UNDER 15 YEARS: YEARS: A MENOR O INCAPAZ Art. 159. - El que tuviere acceso carnal por vía vaginal o anal con menor de quince años de edad o con otra persona aprovechándose de su enajenación mental, de su estado de inconsciencia o de su incapacidad de resistir, será sancionado con prisión de catorce a veinte años. [28] Approximate translation: Anyone who has vaginal or intercourse with a minor under fifteen years of age or of another person by taking advantage of their madness, their state of unconsciousness or inability to resist shall be punishable by imprisonment of fourteen to twenty years. CHILDREN BETWEEN 15 and 18 YEARS OF AGE: Additional laws apply to sex with persons between 15 and 18 years old. Article 169 makes it illegal to promote, facilitate, administer, fund, instigate or organize in any way the use of persons under the age of eighteen in sexual or erotic acts individually or organized, public or private. Art. 169. - El que promoviore, facilitare, administrare, financiare, instigare u organizare de cualquier forma la utilización de personas menores de dieciocho años en actos sexuales o eróticos, de manera individual u organizada, de forma pública o privada, será sancionado con pena de tres a ocho años de prisión. An igual responsabilidad incurrirá quien con conocimiento de causa autorizare el uso o arendare el inmueble para realizar cualquiera de las actividades descritas en el inciso anterior. [28] Approximate translation: Article 169 - Any person who promotes, facilitates, manages, funds, instigates or organizes in any way the use of persons under eighteen years of age in sexual or erotic acts, individually or organized, public or private, shall be punishable by a penalty of three to eight years in prison. Similarly, anyone who knowingly authorizes the use or rents a property to perform any of the activities described in the preceding paragraph incurs criminal liability. Article 167 makes it illegal to promote or facilitate the corruption of a person under eighteen (...) through various sexual acts of carnal knowledge, even if the victim agrees to participate in them. CORRUPCIÓN DE MENORES E ICAPACES Art. 167. - El que promoviore o facilitare la corrupción de una persona menor de dieciocho años de edad o de un deficiente mental, mediante actos sexuales diversos del acceso carnal, aunque la víctima consintiere participar en ellos, será sancionado con prisión de seis a doce años. [28] Approximate translation: Article 167 - Any person who promotes or facilitates the corruption of a person under the age of eighteen or a mentally disabled person through various sexual acts of carnal knowledge, even if the victim agrees to participate in them, shall be punishable by imprisonment of six to twelve years. Article 171 deals with obscene exhibition, and also seems to set the age of consent to 18 years. EXHIBITIONISTAS Art. 171. - El que ejecutare o hiciere ejecutar a otros actos lúbricos o de exhibición obscena, o indecorosa, a lugar público o expuesto al público o bien ante menores de dieciocho años de edad o deficientes mentales, será sancionado con prisión de dos a cuatro años. [28] Approximate translation: Art. 171. Anyone who acts or acts of public conduct by lewd or lustful display, or indecency in a public place or place open to the public or to minors under eighteen years or mentally disabled, shall be punishable by imprisonment from two to four years. Articles 163 and 154 of the Penal Code (Código Penal Code) recontract estupro and make it illegal to use deception (engaño) or to take advantage of one's superiority (superioridad) arising from a relationship to gain sexual access to teenagers between the ages of 15 and 18. ESTUPRO Art. 163. - El que tuviere acceso carnal por vía vaginal o anal mediante engaño, con persona mayor de quince años y menor de dieciocho años de edad, será sancionado con prisión de cuatro a diez años. [28] Approximate translation: Art. 163. Anyone who has vaginal or intercourse, using deception, with a person over fifteen and under eighteen years, shall be punishable by imprisonment of four to ten years. ESTUPRO POR PREVALIMIENTO Art. 164. - El que tuviere acceso carnal por vía vaginal o anal con persona mayor de quince y menor dieciocho años de edad, prevaleándose de la superioridad originada por cualquier relación, será sancionado con prisión de seis a doce años. [28] Approximate translation: Art. 164. Anyone who has vaginal or intercourse with a person over fifteen and under eighteen years, depending on the superiority arising from any relationship, shall be punishable by imprisonment from six to twelve years. Greenland (Denmark) The laws of Denmark, where applicable, apply. [30] See age of consent in Europe#Denmark. Grenada The age of consent in Grenada is 16 years. The sentence is 30 years in prison if the victim is under 14 years old, and 15 years in prison if the victim is 14 to 16 years old. [31] Guadeloupe (France) For this section, see Age of consent in Europe# France. Guatemala In Guatemala, the age of consent is 18 years, regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender. The Sexual Violence, Exploitation and Human Trafficking Act was passed in February 2009, giving sentences from 13 to 24 years in prison, depending on the age of young people, for sex with a minor. [32] Haiti This section needs expansion. You can help by adding it. In 2018, 100,000 people were discharged in 201 The age of consent in Haiti is 18 years. [33] [further explanation needed] Honduras Honduras, the age of consent is considered to be 14 years. [34] Article 142. The stupor of a person older than fourteen (14) and under eighteen (18) years of age who exploits trust, hierarchy or authority is with six (6) to eight (8) years in prison. When rape is committed by deception is punishable by five (5) to seven (7) years in prison. Article 143. Sexual intercourse with parents or children, brothers or the relationship between adopter and adopted, with stepparents, when the victim is over eighteen (18) years of age constitutes incest, will be punished by four (4) to six (6) years in prison and shall continue under complaint from the injured party or his legal representative. When the victim is older than fourteen (14) and under eighteen (18) years, the penalty should be increased in a medium (1/2). Article 144. Whoever for a sexual nature and by force, intimidation or deceit abducts or retains a person shall be punishable by imprisonment of four (4) to six (6) years. When the victim of this crime is a person under eighteen (18) years of age, it is punishable by the penalty prescribed in the previous paragraph increased by half (1/2). Jamaica In Jamaica, the age of consent is 16 years. Over twelve (12) and under sixteen (16), Article 50, offence against the person The person who illegally and carnally knows and abuses any girl who is over twelve (12) years and under the age of sixteen (16) years shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and is convicted thereof, shall be liable for imprisonment for a period not exceeding seven years; [35] Martinique (France) For this section, see Age of consent in Europe# France. Mexico's legislative framework Mexico is divided between federal and state governments. The federal law establishes the age of 12 as the minimum age of consent, while the age at which there are no restrictions on consensual sexual activities is 18 (sex with someone 12-18 is not illegal in itself, but may still be open to prosecution under certain circumstances). Local state laws can override the federal law. In practice, the decision on whether to prosecute is left to state authorities regardless of the younger person's age. At the state level, the minimum age of consent varies between 12 (and puberty in a few states) and 15, while the age at which there are no restrictions on consensual sexual activities ranges from 16 to 18 (the most common 18). Estupro Estupro is a crime that exists throughout Mexico, as well as in other Latin American jurisdictions. Although definitions vary from state to state, it is usually defined as sexual behavior with a child who has reached the minimum age of consent but is under 18 years of age (16 or 17 in some states) when the child's consent is obtained by seduction and/or deceit. For example, the law of Aguascalientes reads: El estupro consiste a realizar cópula con persona mayor de doce y menor de dieciséis años de edad, obteniendo su consentimiento por medio de seducción o engaño. (translation: Estupro consists in copulation with a person over twelve and below years of age, and obtained their consent through seduction or deceit). Traditional estupro is used only for actions committed with a girl, and required chastity or honesty of the girl. The vast majority of Mexican states have modernized their laws by removing the requirement for chastity or honesty and by making the laws gender neutral. However, traditional laws still exist in some states: for example, read the law of Baja California: Al que realice cópula con mujer de catorce años de edad y menor de dieciocho, obteniendo su consentimiento por medio de la seducción o el engaño (translation: Whoever copulates with a chaste and honest woman over fourteen and under eighteen years old, and gets his consent through seduction or betrayal). All states except Baja California have removed the requirement of chastity or honesty and the definition of estupro that applies only to girls. The exact type of coercion that must be used varies from state to state. For example, the federal law only refers to deceit, omitting seduction (it reads: Al que tenga cópula con persona mayor de doce años y menor de dieciocho, obteniendo su samtykkeimiento por medio de engaño, translation: Whoever copulates with a person over twelve and under eighteen years old, obtain his/her consent through deceit). [36] [37] Federal Law Article 261 of the Federal Criminal Code (PDF) states that: Whoever, for no purpose to reach copulation, performs a sexual act in a person under the age of 12 or in a person who does not have the capacity to understand the meaning of the law or who for any reason cannot resist, or requires the law to be carried out, will be punished with a period of 2 to 5 years in prison. If the offender uses moral or physical violence, an extra half period is added to the first time. Article 266 refers to the previous Article 265, which covers the rape of adults in general and establishes a period of 8 to 14 years imprisonment for sex obtained through physical or moral violence. Article 266 then states that: It corresponds to rape and will be punished with the same punishment: (1st clause) - which without violence performs a copulation with a person under the age of 12. The third clause of this article punishes with the same penalties also vaginal or anal introduction of objects, without violence and with lustful goals, in a person under the age of 12 or in a person who does not have the capacity to understand the meaning of the fact, or for some reason can not resist. If any of the aforementioned actions are carried out with physical or moral violence, the sentence is raised in up to half. Another article, 266 Bis, determines an additional penalty of up to half under certain circumstances - (a) when there are multiple offenders; (b) when the offence is committed by a parent, guardian, stepfather or companion (amasio) with the mother; (c) when there is abuse of by someone as a civil servant; d) when the crime is committed by a person who has the minor under their custody, guard or education, or yet through abuse of trust. There is another crime in Article 262 for consenting sex with adolescents aged 12 to 18, when consent is obtained through deceit. The sentence is 3 months to 4 years in prison. However, this crime is only prosecuted through a complaint from the minor or his/her parents or guardians, as set out in Article 263. Artículo 262 del Código Penal: Al que tenga cópula con persona mayor de doce años y menor de dieciocho, obteniendo su consentimiento por medio de engaño, se le aplicará de tres meses a cuatro años de prisión. [38] Translation: Article 262: He who copulates with a person over twelve years of age and under eighteen years of age, and obtains his consent through deceit Article 201 prohibits the corruption of a minor under the age of 16. [38] Further reading: Official version - Mexican Chamber of Deputies website (PDF) (in Spanish) (PDF). Archived from the original (PDF) on 7 February 2010. Retrieved 18 February 2007. In 2009, it was published from the original on 27 February 2009. Retrieved 3 October 2010. Local laws Updated as of December 2018[update]: The state minimum age of consent (sex with persons under this age is always illegal) Age at which there are no restrictions (sex with persons under this age is not illegal in itself, but it is still open to prosecution) Violación equiparada Estupro Aguascalientes 12 16 120 118 Baja California 14 18 (chaste and honest women only) 177 1 82 Baja California Sur 12 12 1 18 286 290 Campeche 14 18 162 164 Chiapas 14 18 235 239 Chihuahua 14 18 172 172 14 18 235 239 Chihuahua 14 18 172 172 172 172 Coahuila 15 18 229 235 Colima 14 18 146 148 Durango 14 18 177 181 Guanajuato 1 4 16 181 185 Guerrero 12 18 179 187 Hidalgo 15 18 180 185 Jalisco 18 (15 whose seduction is disproved) 18 142-L , 142-M 142-L, 142-M México 15 18 273 271 Mexico City(Former DF) 12 18 181 bis 180 Michoacán 12 18 240 170 Morelos 12 18 154 159 Nayarit Puberty 18 289 291 Nuevo León 13 18 267 262 Oaxaca 12 (estupro presumed under 15) 18 272 264, 265 Querétaro 14 18 161 167 Quintana Roo 14 18 127 130 San Luis Potosí 14 18 173 179 Sinaloa 12 18 180 184 Sonora 12 18 219 215 Tabasco Unable to understand 17 150 155 Tamaulipas 12 18 275 270 Tlaxcala 14 18 289 291 Veracruz Adolescent 18 190 Quarter 189 Yucatán 15 18 315 311 Zacatecas 12 18 237.1 237.4 All Mexican states (as well as Mexico City) have corruption of minors statutes that can , when complaining from the family (or minor), used to punish sexual relations with persons under eighteen. Although actual prosecutions for violations of corruption of minors (and the age of consent age of a person in general) tends to be sporadic, regional and highly situational, many Mexican states nonetheless classify corruption of minors as a Delito Grave (Major Crime) in their penalty codes. In addition, all states Estupro laws that can, by complaint from the family (or less), be used to prosecute adults who engage in sexual intercourse with minors by seduction or deceit (the exact definitions of this crime vary from state to state, see section estupro above). In some Mexican jurisdictions, prosecutors have chosen to prosecute consensual sexual activity involving adult and minor minors only by complaint from the minor, or a custody complaint. The Age of Consent in Mexico City (formerly the Federal District, DF) is 12, one of the lowest in the world, and the general criminal law in Mexico's capital is close to the federal law on this subject, although it is tougher in some aspects - higher penalties and broader definitions. According to Estatuto del Gobierno del Distrito Federal (PDF) (in Spanish) (government statutes in the Federal District), Article 42, Clause XII, the district legislature has powers to legislate in criminal law. Article 175 of the Federal District Criminal Code refers to the previous Article 174, which stipulates a term of 6 to 17 years in prison for the rape of adults, while defining copulation as the introduction of the penis into the human body through the vagina, anus or mouth. Article 175 (violación) then states that: It corresponds to rape and will be punished with the same punishment: (first clause) - which performs a copulation with a person under the age of 12 or with a person who does not have the capacity to understand the meaning of the law or who for some reason cannot resist. The second clause defines it as introducing into the vagina or anus an element, instrument or any part of the human body different from the penis as having committed the same crime, in relation to the same persons. Article 177 covers sexual assault and punishes other acts referred to as unintended acts -such as without intent to reach copulation, performing a sexual act with a person under the age of 12 or a person who does not have the capacity to understand the meaning of the action or who for any reason cannot resist it, or as a requirement that such action be observed or performed , will be punished by 2 to 7 years in prison. In both articles (175 and 177) there is an extra half period in case of physical or moral violence. And according to Article 178, there is also a penalty of an additional two-thirds of the term under the same circumstances under which article 266 Bis of the Federal Law (see above), added by two new circumstances - (clause V) when the victim is inside a private vehicle or a public service vehicle; and (Clause VI) when the crime is committed in a or isolated place. It's a crime crime estupro stipulated in Article 180, which refers to consented sex with adolescents aged 12 to 18, when consent is obtained through any kind of betrayal. The sentence is 6 months to 4 years in prison. This crime needs a complaint (querrela) to be prosecuted. There is a corruption of minor statutes (Article 184) that can be used to punish with imprisonment, for seven to twelve years, adults who engage in sexual relations with persons under eighteen. This situation exists throughout Mexico and can be prosecuted by complaining about the victim or the victim's family. Montserrat (UK) The age of consent in Montserrat is 16 years. [39] Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under the age of 16 121 years. (1) According to the provisions of the section, a man who has unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl over thirteen years of age and under 16 years of age shall be guilty of an offence and may be jailed for two years. (2) It is immaterial in the case of a charge of an offence under this section that sexual intercourse was had with the consent of the girl in question. Indecent assault on a woman 122. (1) According to the provisions of this section, any man who makes an indecent assault on a woman shall be guilty of an offence and responsible- (...) (2) A girl under the age of 16 cannot give consent that would prevent an act of being an abuse in connection with this section. Nicaragua In Nicaragua the age of consent is 18 years, but when it comes to young people 16-17, the law (Article 175) is not clear cut. Article 170. Statutory rape[40] Anyone who is married or in a stable de facto union or who is of age and who, without violence or intimidation, has or allows carnal access with a person between the ages of 14 and 16 years, shall be sentenced to prison for a period of two to four years. Article 175. Sexual exploitation, pornography and paid sexual acts with adolescents Anyone who induces, provides, promotes or uses persons under the age of 16 or a disabled person for sexual or erotic purposes, forces them to testify or participate in an act or show publicly or privately, even if the victim agrees to testify or participate in such an act, shall be sentenced to prison for a period of five to seven years , or four to six years if the victim is between 16 and 18 years. (...) Article 168. Rape of children under the age of 14 Anyone who has or permits carnal access with a person under the age of 14 or who, for sexual purposes, inserts or forces the victim to insert a finger, object or instrument, using the vagina, anus or mouth, with or without consent, shall be sentenced to prison for a period of 12 to 15 years. Article 172. Sexual assault Anyone who engages in indecent acts with or inappropriate touching of another person, without their consent. (...) Under no circumstances shall the victim be deemed to have given consent if the victim is under the age of 14 or has a disability or illness. Panama In Panama, the age of consent is generally 18 years, although sexual behavior with children aged 14 to 18 years is not always illegal. [41] Artículo 176. Quien, valiéndose de una condición de ventaja, logre acceso sexual con persona mayor de catorce años y menor de dieciocho, aunque medie consentimiento, será sancionado con prisión de dos a cuatro años Translation: Article 176. Whoever, with the help of a benefit condition, achieves sexual intercourse with a person over fourteen and under eighteen, even with consent, shall be punishable by imprisonment from two to four years This does not apply if the age difference is less than 5 years and the partners are in a stable relationship. No se aplicarán las sanciones señaladas en este artículo cuando entre la víctima y el agente exista una relación de pareja permanente debidamente comprobada y siempre que la diferencia de edad en supere los cinco años. Translation: The sanctions in this article do not apply if there are a couple of relationships duly established between the victim and the agent, and the age difference does not exceed five years. Puerto Rico (U.S.) See also: Age of consent in the U.S. The age of consent in Puerto Rico is 16 years. There is a 4-year exemption for close age with a minimum age of 14 years. [42] Article 130. - Sexual abuse.- Any person performing sexual penetration, either an orogenital action or vaginal or anal sex penetration, whether genital, digital, or instrumental ... to be punished... when the victim has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years, except when the victim is over fourteen (14) years old and the age difference between the victim and the accused is four (4) years of age or less. Article 133.- Lewd acts.- Any person who, without intent to consummate the crime of sexual abuse described in Article 130, exposes another person to an act that tends to arouse, arouse or satisfy the sexual passion or desire of the accused ... to be punished ... when the victim has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years at the time of the law. Saint Kitts and Nevis The age of consent in Saint Kitts and Nevis is 16. [44] Saint Vincent and the Grenadines The Age of Consent in Saint Vincent and the Grenadine is 15 years old. The penalty for the statutory rape of a girl over 13 years, but under 15 years is five years in prison. Under 13 years of age, there is a life imprisonment. [46] Sint Maarten (Netherlands) The age of consent in Sint Maarten is 15 years, as specified in the Dutch Antilles penal code (which Sint Maarten did not change after the dissolution of the Dutch Antilles). Art. 251, which reads: Art. 251: 1. A person who, outside of marriage, with a person who has reached the age of twelve but has not reached fifteen, performs obscene acts consisting of or including sexual penetration of the body is responsible for a prison sentence of no more than sixteen years. [25] The prosecution for violating the above article only takes place on a complaint by the minor, his parents, teacher or guardianship board (Art. 251, 2. 3. 4.) [47] Trinidad and Tobago The age of consent in Trinidad and Tobago is 18 years, according to the Children Act, 2012. 18. Subject to section 20, a person who sexually penetrates a child commits an offence and is responsible for conviction on charges, to prison for life. 19. (1) Subject to Section 20, where a person touches a child and- (a) the touch is sexual; and (b) the child is under sixteen years of age, the person commits an offence. (2) A person who commits an offence under subsection (1) is responsible- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine of fifty thousand dollars and to prison for ten years; or (b) on indictment, to imprisonment for twenty years. (3) When a person commits an offence under subsection (1), and the touching involves the placement of any body part or object on the penis or bodily opening of a child, that person is liable for conviction for the charge of imprisonment for life. There are three near-in-age exemptions, pursuant to section 20: 20. (1) A person who is sixteen years of age or older, but under the age of 21, is not liable under section 18 if he is less than three years older than the child he claims to have committed the offence against; b) he is not in a familial relationship with the child or in a position of trust in relation to the child; c) he is not of the same sex as the child; and (d) circumstances do not reveal any element of exploitation, coercion, threat, deception, grooming or manipulation in the relationship. (2) A person who is fourteen years of age or older but under the age of 16 is not liable under section 18 or 19 if he is less than two years older than the child he claims to have committed the offence against; b) he is not in a familial relationship with the child or in a position of trust in relation to the child; c) he is not of the same sex as the child; and (d) circumstances do not reveal any element of exploitation, coercion, threat, deception, grooming or manipulation in the relationship. (3) A person who is twelve years of age or older, but under fourteen years of age, is not liable under section 18 or 19 if he is less than two years older than the child he claims to have committed the offence against; b) he is not in a familial relationship with the child or in a position of trust in relation to the child; c) he is not of the same sex as the child; and (d) circumstances do not reveal any element of exploitation, coercion, threat, grooming or manipulation in the relationship. The general age of consent of the United States in the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and the inhabited U.S. territories Main article: Ages of consent in the United States In the United States, the age of consent is made at the state, territorial and federal district level. There are several federal statutes relating to protecting minors from sexual predators, but none of them impose an age limit on sexual acts. On June 26, 2003, both heterosexual and homosexual sodomy became legal in all U.S. states, territories and the District of Columbia under the U.S. Supreme Court decision Lawrence v. Texas[50] (between non-commercial, consensual adults in a private bedroom). In the state v. Limon (2005), Kansas Supreme Court used Lawrence as a precedent to overturn the state's Romeo and Juliet law, which proclaimed lesser penalties for heterosexuals than homosexuals convicted of similar age of consent related offenses. [51] Each U.S. state has its own age of consent, as does the District of Columbia. August 1, 2018, the age of consent in each state in the United States were either 16 years, 17 years, or 18 years. The most common age of consent is 16 years. [52] Virgin Islands (U.S.) See also: Age of consent in the U.S. The age of consent is 18 years. However, there is a near-in-age exemption that allows minors 16 and 17 years of age to consent with someone no more than five years older than themselves and minors 13 to 15 years of age to consent with each other, but not with any 16 or over. Article § 1700. Aggravated rape in the first degree prohibits sexual intercourse or sodomy with a child under the age of 13. Sexual acts with minors are aggravated by the use of force, intimidation or the position of authority of the perpetrator, and by the fact that the minor, under the age of 16 and not the perpetrator's spouse, lives in the same household as the perpetrator. Article 1700 Article 1702 Article 1702 Article 1708). Other relevant articles in the Penal Code are: Section 1702. Rape in the second degree (a) Any person over the age of 18 who commits in circumstances that do not constitute rape in the first degree, an act of sexual intercourse or sodomy with a person who is not the perpetrator's spouse who is at least 16 years of age, but less than 18 years, and the perpetrator is 5 years of age or older than the victim , is guilty of rape in the second degree and shall be imprisoned no more than 10 years. Section 1703. Rape to the third degree Any person under the age of 18, but over 16 years of age who commits an act of sexual intercourse or sodomy with a person who is not the perpetrator's spouse who is under the age of 16 but over 13 years of age, under circumstances that do not constitute rape in the first degree, is guilty of rape in the third degree and shall be subject to the family's jurisdiction of Superior Court Sexual contact, that is, non-penetrating sex, defined as intentional touching of a person's intimate parts, either directly or through clothing, to arouse or to satisfy sexual desires of any person is not allowed with children under 16 years of age, but a near-in-age exemption allows those aged at least 13 to engage in such actions with partners under the age of 18. Section 1708. Unlawful sexual contact to the first degree A person who engages in sexual contact with a person who is not the perpetrator's spouse. (...) (2) when the other person is under thirteen years of age; Section 1709. Unlawful sexual contact to the second degree A person over eighteen years of age who engages in sexual contact with a person who is not the perpetrator's spouse who is over thirteen but under sixteen years of age is guilty of unlawful sexual contact in the second degree and shall be imprisoned no more than 1 year Parafrasing Virgin Islands Code: V.I.C. § 1700-1709 Virgin Islands Code and appeals records Francis vs. VI NOTE : failure actually with the age of the victim is not a defense. See also North America portal Human sexuality portal Law portal Age of consent reform Ages consent in Africa Ages consent in Asia Ages consent in Europe Ages consent in Oceania Ages consent in South America Child sexual abuse Fantasy defense Jaiibai Youth sexuality in Canada Sex education Comprehensive sex education References ^ Mexico Age of Consent & Statutory Rape Laws. www.ageofconsent.net. 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Such cases shall be punishable by fifteen (15) to twenty (20) years in prison and are as follows: 1) When the victim is under fourteen (14) years; 2) When the victim is found deprived of reason or will or when for some reason can not resist; 3) When the active to commit the rape crime intentionally diminishes or abolishes the will of the victim using these narcotic or psychotropic substances, including alcohol or committed the violation to find the taxpayer in the previous subject of situation;. Article 141. committing acts of desire, exploiting the conditions or using the means specified in the preceding article makes the victim of another or others in acts of desire other than sexual intercourse shall be punishable by imprisonment of five (5) to eight (8) years. 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