

**Workplace Discrimination and Harassment**

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# About the Data

## Organizational Overview

The mission of the WORLD Policy Analysis Center (WORLD) is to strengthen equal rights and opportunities globally by providing civil society, policymakers, citizens, and other researchers with tools to advance feasible and effective policy approaches for improving the well-being of individuals, families, communities, and societies. WORLD captures quantitatively comparative data for 193 United Nations (UN) countries on adult labor and working conditions, discrimination at work, child marriage, aging, education, constitutional rights, health, disability, family, migration, child labor, environment, and income policies. WORLD works with partners to promote evidence-based decision-making across these areas.

In creating this dataset, our goal was to ensure the accuracy and timeliness of the data we present. We look forward to receiving feedback from data users if they believe that any individual countries have been placed in the wrong category. If you are aware of an error in our data, please contact us at world@ph.ucla.edu to report the error. Please provide a link to the relevant law from which the information can be verified.

## Building the Data Center

We examine constitutional and legal provisions as they set a foundation for citizens’ rights and are a first step toward improving outcomes. Across countries, having laws on paper does make a difference in practice. Laws and constitutional rights lead to change by shaping public attitudes, encouraging government follow-through with inspections and implementation, and enabling court action for enforcement. Even when local enforcement is inadequate, laws may still have an impact by shaping the terms of political debate and providing levers for civil society advocates. Laws are a mechanism by which power can be democratically redistributed, changes in institutions can be created to ensure greater fairness, and a social floor guaranteeing minimum humane conditions can be established.

When determining which laws, rights, and policies to include in the data center, we prioritize policies that meet one or more of the following criteria: 1) there is widespread global consensus on their value; 2) research evidence supports their importance to human development, health or well-being in a variety of geographic, social, and economic circumstances; or 3) input from civil society, policymakers, and other stakeholders indicates there are urgent questions about policy design that comparative data could help address.

#### **Data Sources**

In selecting data sources to analyze, our first priority is to identify sources containing full-text original legislation. To ensure the greatest level of accuracy and comparability across countries, we always aim to read the original laws (primary sources) rather than secondary summaries or policy descriptions. Primary sources allow for more accurate coding across countries, particularly in complex legal areas. Working with primary sources also allows us to provide excerpts or links to actual legislation and constitutions for those interested in passing new laws or creating reform in their countries. We review documents in their original language or in a translation into one of the UN’s official languages.

Secondary sources are used when information is unclear or insufficient for particular countries. In choosing these secondary sources, we prioritize those that are comparable across multiple countries, such as global or regional sources. When using information sources that cover a limited number of countries, we aim to ensure that the information they contain can be made consistent with other sources.

#### **Coding Frameworks**

In this work, coding refers to the process of translating legislative, policy, or constitutional text into a set of features which can be quantitatively analyzed to provide readily understandable summaries of policy approaches across countries and transformed into data visualizations, such as maps or charts. For example, a researcher reviews many pieces of labor and social security legislation and uses them to answer questions such as: Does a country guarantee paid parental leave? Is it available to all parents, only mothers, or only fathers? How long is paid leave? What is the wage replacement rate? How long do workers need to have been employed to access paid leave?

To answer these questions consistently across countries, we first identify the essential policy features that we want to capture, including intrinsic characteristics, such as coverage; important elements identified in policy research; and minimum standards recognized in global agreements, where they exist. Researchers then read legislative text from 20 to 30 countries to develop an understanding of the approaches countries take in each of these areas. A coding framework consisting of questions and close-ended responses is developed to capture the essential policy features systematically across countries based on the range of approaches identified. Research team members then test whether this coding framework accurately captures approaches on an additional ten to twenty nations.

Once we have a viable framework, we seek feedback from civil society and researchers working in these areas to ensure the questions we are asking will provide the critical answers needed to inform policy debates. Their feedback can lead to more scoping and test coding to determine which questions are feasible to answer with available legislation, recognizing that some important areas aren’t always covered by national laws and policies. For example, access to sanitation facilities and safe transportation matters deeply to girls’ ability to complete their education but is rarely addressed in a meaningful way in national-level education laws and policies. In other cases, new areas of research might involve going beyond the initial legislation we planned to code, expanding the scale of the project.

Capturing the richness and variety of approaches taken by different countries is our priority throughout the coding process.

At times, research teams would have already analyzed 60 to 80 countries before coming across a single country whose approach to a particular problem was different enough in important ways that it could not be adequately captured within the coding scheme. In these cases, the coding scheme was revised to add the elements necessary to capture new features of legislation and policymaking that had presented themselves. All previously coded nations were reviewed to determine whether the revised coding system would alter how they were analyzed. In other words, the new coding system, better adapted to the full variety of approaches nations around the world take, was applied to all countries in the end.

The data sources available contained systematic information on legislation and policies but not on implementation. To ensure consistent approaches across countries, reports that contained comprehensive information on policies but only limited incidental information on implementation were coded only for policies. Obtaining systematic sources of information on implementation should be a pressing priority for global organizations.

#### **Coding Process**

Core to ensuring transparency and consistency is developing a codebook that details the rules and examples for coding each question. Researchers rely on this codebook to make decisions on coding policy features. The codebook is designed to be as straightforward as possible, but some questions require judgment calls. To minimize human error, we use a double coding system where two researchers independently code legal text for each country and then meet to compare their results. When two researchers cannot reach consensus based on the existing codebook, they bring these questions to the full coding team and senior analysts. This team meets regularly to discuss any questions or concerns that arise through the coding process. We record detailed minutes of these meetings and update the codebook to reflect any determinations that impact the coding rules.

#### **Accuracy, Analysis, and Updating**

Upon completion of coding, we conduct systematic quality checks. We also carry out targeted checks of countries that appear as outliers globally or for their region or income level.

For each of our databases, we use the most up-to-date sources available. While this approach is designed to achieve accuracy, it is important to note that when publicly available sources have not been fully updated, the most recent amendments may not be captured in our databases. Further, our process of coding legislation inevitably involves important matters of interpretation. For all databases, we welcome receiving feedback and copies of laws from anyone who believes the databases may not be fully up-to-date.

#### **National and Subnational Levels**

Our goal is to understand the scope of policy provisions and whether they extend protections to all, including, for example, workers in the informal economy, racial and ethnic minorities, urban and rural residents, and those in the poorest households. Accordingly, we code for policies in place at a national level with wide coverage. When policies are legislated subnationally, that is, when states or cities provide protections without a national guarantee, we code for the minimum guaranteed level of protection covering all states so as to not overstate safeguards available only in limited localities. In the future, we hope that a team will be able to analyze information about state/provincial policies and laws in all federal systems for each area.

## The Workplace Discrimination & Harassment Database

The WORLD Policy Analysis Center reviewed original legislation and statutory protections extended to the private sector in labor codes, anti-discrimination legislation, equal opportunity legislation, and penal codes for all 193 UN member states.

Original, legislative texts were identified primarily using the International Labour Organization (ILO)’s NATLEX database. Supplemental legislation was also identified through the World Bank. The Workplace Discrimination Database includes legal guarantees in effect through January 2021. In addition to indicators included herein, a detailed expansion of workplace discrimination data on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is currently in progress. For select variables, data is also available for laws as of August 2016 to assess change over time.

This review and analysis does not include legislative prohibitions of discrimination that are not specific to the workplace (such as prohibitions which may apply to public spaces or educational institutions).

Non-discrimination guarantees found in constitutions were analyzed separately in WORLD’s Constitutions database.

#### Gender Discrimination & Sexual Harassment Database

In addition to cross-listing indicators on prohibitions of workplace sexual harassment and discrimination on the basis of gender and caregiving status, the Workplace Gender Discrimination & Sexual Harassment Database includes additional data on multiple discrimination and independent monitoring bodies in effect through January 2021. This separate module can be accessed here: <https://www.worldpolicycenter.org/maps-data/data-download/gender-and-sexual-harassment-data-download>

#### Disability module

Disability indicators included in this full database are also cross-listed in a Disability Dataset alongside measures of disability inclusion in education and constitutions. This dataset can be accessed here: <https://www.worldpolicycenter.org/maps-data/data-download/disability-data-download>

# Data

While exhaustive methods were used to collect data, comparable information was not always available for all 193 UN member states for every indicator. In these cases, the relevant variable will be blank in the datasets.

## Country Identifer Variables

| **Variable Name** | **Variable Values** | **Variable Description** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| country |  | Name of country |
| iso\_2 |  | 2-digit ISO country code |
| iso\_3 |  | 3-digit ISO country code |
| region |  | Country geographical region (World Bank classification)[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| World Bank Country Income Group  (wb\_econ) | 1: Low-income  2: Middle-income  4: High-income | Country income group classification  (World Bank: 2020) |

## The Workplace & Harassment Discrimination Database

### Prohibitions of Workplace Discrimination

| **Variable Name** | **Variable Description** | **Variable Values** |
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| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on gender?  (anyprotect\_gender)  *Data is also available as of 2016: anyprotect\_gender\_2016* | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term ‘gender’ refers to country references to ‘gender’ or ‘sex’ or specific protections for ‘female’ or ‘women’ employees. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit gender-based workplace discrimination broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, promotions and/or demotions, pay, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that the country does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of gender-based workplace discrimination in legislation. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on disability?  (anyprotect\_dis) | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term ‘disability’ includes general references to disabilities (‘handicap’, ‘impaired’, or ‘special needs’), or specific mentions of mental, intellectual, sensory, or physical disabilities. For the purposes of this variable, the term “disability” captures all of these definitions. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit disability-based workplace discrimination broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of disability-based workplace discrimination. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on religion?  (anyprotect\_relig) | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “religion” includes references to ‘creed’, ‘religious belief’, ‘religious opinion’, ‘religious adherence’, ‘religious community’ or ‘confession’. For the purposes of this variable, the term “religion” captures all of these definitions. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of religion broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of religion. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on race/ethnicity?  (anyprotect\_race) | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “race/ethnicity” includes references to ‘color’, ‘clan’, ‘ethnic origin’, or ‘ethnic groups’. For the purposes of this variable, the term “race/ethnicity” captures all of these definitions. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of race/ethnicity broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of race/ethnicity. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on political affiliation?  (anyprotect\_politic) | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “political affiliation” includes references to ‘political beliefs,’ ‘political convictions,’ or ‘political party affiliation.’ For the purposes of this variable, the term “political affiliation” captures all of these definitions. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of political affiliation broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of political affiliation. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on social class?  (anyprotect\_class) | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “social class” encompasses a diversity of terminology used across countries, and includes references to ‘caste’, ‘social background’, ‘economic standing’, ‘economic status’, ‘social condition’, ‘social origin’, ‘socioeconomic status’, ‘disadvantaged’, ‘property status, ‘education’, and others. For the purposes of this variable, the term “social class” captures all of these definitions * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of social class broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of social class. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on age?  (anyprotect\_age) | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “age” includes broad references to ‘age’ and specific protections for minors, the elderly, or individuals above a certain age. For the purposes of this variable, the term “age” captures all of these definitions. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of age broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of age. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on marital status?  (anyprotect\_marital)  *Data is also available as of 2016: anyprotect\_marital\_2016* | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “marital status” includes references to ‘civil status’, ‘married’, ‘relationship status’, ‘personal status,” or whether employees have a husband or wife. * Because caregiving discrimination disproportionately affects women and can begin with the assumption that married women will have children, this variable also includes gendered terminology that reference’s women’s marital status alone. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of marital status broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of marital status. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on maternal status?  (anyprotect\_matfam)  *Data is also available as of 2016: anyprotect\_matfam\_2016* | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “maternal status” includes gender-neutral references to caregiving (‘parenthood’, ‘having children’, workers with ‘family responsibilities’), and gender specific references to ‘motherhood’ or ‘maternity.’ For the purposes of this variable, the term “maternal status” captures all of these definitions, but it does not capture job protections that narrowly apply to mothers’ leave-taking alone. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of maternal status broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, promotions and/or demotions, training, pay, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of maternal status. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on paternal status?  (anyprotect\_patfam)  *Data is also available as of 2016: anyprotect\_patfam\_2016* | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “paternal status” includes gender-neutral references to caregiving (“parenthood’, ‘having children’, workers with ‘family responsibilities’), and gender-specific references to ‘fatherhood’, or ‘paternity’. For the purposes of this variable, the term “paternal status” captures all of these definitions, but it does not capture job protections that narrowly apply to fathers’ leave-taking. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of paternal status broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, promotions and/or demotions, training, pay, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of paternal status. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on migrant status?  (anyprotect\_mig) | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “migrant status” includes references to ‘internal migrants’, ‘foreign migrant workers’, ‘immigrant status’, foreign citizens, and ‘economic migrants.’ For the purposes of this variable, the term “migrant status” captures all of these definitions * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of migrant status broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of migrant status. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on foreign national origin?  (anyprotect\_fno) | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “foreign national origin” includes references to ‘ancestry’, ‘citizenship or origin of parents’, ‘country or place of birth’, ‘homeland’, ‘national descent’, or ‘national origin’. For the purposes of this variable, the term “foreign national origin” captures all of these definitions. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of foreign national origin broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of foreign national origin. |
| Is there at least some prohibition of discrimination at work based on sexual orientation?  (anyprotect\_sexor) | 1: No explicit prohibition  3: Prohibition based on gender  5: Prohibition based on sexual orientation | * The term “sexual orientation” includes references to ‘sexual preference’ and ‘homosexuality’. For the purposes of this variable, the term “sexual orientation” captures all of these definitions. * The term ‘gender’ refers to country references to ‘gender’ or ‘sex’ or specific protections for ‘female’ or ‘women’ employees. * *No explicit protection* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation nor gender broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Prohibition based on gender* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of gender, but does not address sexual orientation. In some countries, these provisions have been interpreted to cover sexual orientation through case law or regulations.   *Prohibition based on sexual orientation* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. |
| Is there at least some prohibition of discrimination at work based on gender identity?  (anyprotect\_genid) | 1: No explicit prohibition  3: Prohibition based on gender  5: Prohibition based on gender identity | * The term “gender identity” includes references to ‘gender expression’, ‘gender reassignment’, ‘transgenderism’, or ‘Hijra/Kothi’. For the purposes of this variable, the term “gender identity” captures all of these definitions. * The term ‘gender’ refers to country references to ‘gender’ or ‘sex’ or specific protections for ‘female’ or ‘women’ employees. * *No explicit protection* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of gender identity nor gender broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Prohibition based on gender* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of gender, but does not address gender identity. In some countries, these provisions have been interpreted to cover sexual orientation through case law or regulations. * *Prohibition based on gender identity* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. |
| Is there at least some explicit legislative prohibition of workplace discrimination based on pregnancy?  (anyprotect\_preg)  *Data is also available as of 2016: anyprotect\_preg\_2016* | 1: No  5: Yes | * The term “pregnancy” includes references to ‘pregnancy’ or ‘potential pregnancy.’ It does not include job protections that narrowly apply to leave-taking alone. * *No* means that country legislation does not explicitly prohibit workplace discrimination on the basis of pregnancy broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, pay, promotions and/or demotions, training, nor terminations. * *Yes* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of workplace discrimination on the basis of pregnancy. |
| Does legislation explicitly prohibit discrimination in hiring or recruitment on the basis of *characteristic*?  (hir\_\*)  *Data is also available as of 2016 for gender only: hir\_gender\_2016* | 1: No prohibition  2: General prohibition of discrimination in hiring or recruitment  4: Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on *characteristic*  5: Yes, *characteristic*-specific prohibition | This is a series of variables examining legislative prohibitions of discrimination in hiring or recruitment across the following *characteristics*: gender (\_gender), disability (\_dis), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg), maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * *Hiring or recruitment* includes explicit legislative prohibitions against discrimination during pre-employment, or the hiring or recruitment process. * *No prohibition* means that legislation does not take an explicit approach to prohibiting discrimination in hiring or recruitment on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *General prohibition of discrimination in hiring or recruitment* means that legislation prohibits discrimination in hiring or recruitment generally— for example, by prohibiting discrimination based on “any status” or stating no worker may be discriminated against. This general prohibition is not specifically extended on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. * *Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on characteristic* means that legislation extends a prohibition of discrimination at the workplace on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus, but does not explicitly address discrimination in hiring nor recruitment on this basis. These broad prohibitions use language that could extend prohibition of discrimination across any aspect of work. * *Yes, characteristic-based prohibition* means that legislation either: a) extends an explicit *characteristic*-based prohibition of discrimination in hiring or recruitment, or b) extends a broad prohibition of *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination alongside a general prohibition of discrimination in hiring or recruitment to all workers. |
| Does legislation explicitly prohibit discrimination in promotions and/or demotions on the basis of *characteristic*?  (promdemo\_\*)  *Data is also available as of 2016 for gender only: promdemo\_gender\_2016* | 1: No prohibition  2: General prohibition of discrimination in promotions and/or demotions  4: Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on *characteristic*  5: Yes, *characteristic*-specific prohibition | This is a series of variables examining legislative prohibitions of discrimination in promotions and/or demotions across the following *characteristics*: gender (\_gender), disability (\_dis), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg). maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * *Promotions and/or demotions* includesexplicit legislative prohibitions against discrimination in promotions, advancement, discipline, demotions, and in certain cases, prohibition of discrimination in performance evaluations. * *No prohibition* means that legislation does not does not take an explicit approach to prohibiting discrimination in promotions and/or demotions on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *General prohibition of discrimination in promotions and/or demotions* means that legislation prohibits discrimination in promotions and/or demotions generally—for example, by prohibiting discrimination based on “any status” or stating no worker may be discriminated against. This general prohibition is not specifically extended on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. * *Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on characteristic* means that legislation extends a prohibition of discrimination at the workplace on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus, but does not explicitly address discrimination in promotions nor demotions on this basis. These broad prohibitions use language that could extend prohibition of discrimination across any aspect of work. * *Yes, characteristic-specific prohibition* means that legislation either: a) extends an explicit *characteristic-*based prohibition of discrimination in promotions or demotions, or b) extends a broad prohibition of *characteristic* -based workplace discrimination alongside a general prohibition of discrimination in promotions or demotions to all workers. |
| Does legislation explicitly prohibit discrimination in access to employer-provided training on the basis of *characteristic*?  (train\_\*)  *Data is also available as of 2016 for gender only: train\_gender\_2016* | 1: No prohibition  2: General prohibition of discrimination in training  4: Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on *characteristic*  5: Yes, *characteristic*-specific prohibition | This is a series of variables examining legislative prohibitions of discrimination in employer-provided training across the following *characteristics*:, gender (\_gender), disability (\_dis), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg), maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * *Employer-provided training* refers to vocational training or retraining opportunities provided by an employer. * *No prohibition* means that legislation does not take an explicit approach to prohibiting discrimination in employer-provided training on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *General prohibition of discrimination in training* means that legislation prohibits discrimination in employer-provided training generally— for example, by prohibiting discrimination based on “any status” or stating no worker may be discriminated against. This general prohibition is not specifically extended on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. * *Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on characteristic* means that legislation extends a prohibition of discrimination at the workplace on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus, but does not explicitly address discrimination in employer-provided training on this basis. These broad prohibitions use language that could extend prohibition of discrimination across any aspect of work. * *Yes, characteristic-specific prohibition* means that legislation either: a) extends an explicit *characteristic*-based prohibition of discrimination in employer-provided training, or b) extends a broad prohibition of *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination alongside a general prohibition of discrimination in employer-provided training to all workers. |
| Does legislation explicitly guarantee equal pay on the basis of *characteristic*?  (pay\_\*)  *Data is also available as of 2016 for gender only: pay\_gender\_2016* | 1: No guarantee  2: General guarantee of equal pay  3: Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on *characteristic*  4: Guarantees equal pay based on *characteristic*  5: Guarantees equal pay for work of equal value based on *characteristic* | This is a series of variables examining legislative prohibitions of discrimination in pay across the following *characteristics*: gender (\_gender), disability (\_dis), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg) maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * *No guarantee* means that legislation does not take an explicit approach to prohibiting discrimination in pay on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *General guarantee of equal pay* means that legislation guarantees equal remuneration, equal pay for equal work, or equal pay for work of equal value generally— for example, by prohibiting discrimination based on “any status” or stating no worker may be discriminated against. This general prohibition is not specifically extended on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. * *Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on characteristic* means that legislation extends a prohibition of discrimination at the workplace on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus, but does not explicitly address discrimination in pay on this basis. These broad prohibitions use language that could extend prohibition of discrimination across any aspect of work. It also includes cases where *characteristic*-based discrimination is prohibited in terms of employment. * *Guarantees equal pay* means that legislation either a) extends an explicit guarantee to equal remuneration or equal pay for equal work on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus, or b) extends a broad prohibition of workplace discrimination on this basis alongside a guarantee for equal remuneration or equal pay for equal work to all workers. * *Guarantees equal pay for work of equal value* indicates a guarantee that types of work that require similar skill levels and are similarly productive are paid the same. In these cases, legislation either: a) extends an explicit guarantee to equal pay for work of equal value on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus, or b) extends a broad prohibition of workplace discrimination on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus alongside a general guarantee to equal pay for work of equal value to all workers. |
| Does legislation explicitly prohibit discrimination in terminations on the basis of *characteristic*?  (term\_\*)  *Data is also available as of 2016 for gender only: term\_gender\_2016* | 1: No prohibition  2: General prohibition of discrimination in terminations  4: Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on *characteristic*  5: Yes, *characteristic*-specific prohibition | This is a series of variables examining legislative prohibitions of discriminatory terminations across the following *characteristics*: gender (\_gender), disability (\_dis), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg). maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * *Terminations* includes explicit legislative prohibitions against discriminatory terminations or dismissals from the workplace, or guarantees of continuance of employment. * *No prohibition* means that legislation does not take an explicit approach to prohibiting discrimination in terminations on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *General prohibition of discrimination in terminations* means that legislation prohibits discrimination in terminations generally— for example, by prohibiting discrimination based on “any status” or stating no worker may be discriminated against. This general prohibition is not specifically extended on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. * *Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on characteristic* means that legislation extends a prohibition of discrimination at the workplace on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus, but does not explicitly address terminations. These broad prohibitions use language that could extend prohibition of discrimination across any aspect of work. * *Yes, characteristic-specific prohibition* means that legislation either extends: a) an explicit prohibition of discriminatory terminations on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus, or b) extends a broad prohibition of workplace discrimination on the basis of this *characteristic* alongside a general prohibition of discriminatory termination to all workers. |
| Does legislation explicitly prohibit indirect discrimination on the basis of *characteristic*?  (indir\_\*)  *Data is also available as of 2016 for gender only: indir\_gender\_2016* | 1: No indirect discrimination provisions  2: General prohibition of indirect discrimination  5: Yes, *characteristic*-specific prohibition | This is a series of variables examining legislative prohibitions of indirect discrimination across the following *characteristics*: gender (\_gender), disability (\_dis), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg) maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * *Indirect discrimination* indicates a prohibition of imposing standards, criteria, or other requirements that disproportionately impact persons on the basis of *characteristic in focus* and have the effect of discrimination on this basis. In these cases, legislation either explicitly prohibits indirect discrimination, or prohibits the imposition of unreasonable requirements that particularly disadvantage persons on the basis of *characteristic*. Legislative prohibitions of indirect discrimination may extend across any aspect of work, or specific aspects of work such as hiring. * *No prohibition* means that legislation does not take an explicit approach to prohibiting indirect discrimination on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *General prohibition of indirect discrimination* means that legislation prohibits indirect discrimination generally— for example, by prohibiting indirect discrimination based on “any status” or stating no worker may be indirectly discriminated against. This general prohibition is not specifically extended on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. * *Yes, prohibition on the basis of characteristic* means that legislation extends an explicit prohibition of indirect discrimination on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. |
| Are employers required to guarantee reasonable accommodation to workers with disabilities?  (accomm) | 1: No  2: No, but provision of reasonable accommodation is not considered discrimination  3: No, but employers are encouraged to provide reasonable accommodation  5: Yes | * *Reasonable accommodation* as measured here, corresponds with the definition of reasonable accommodation outlined in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, namely: “necessary and appropriate modifications and adjustments not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case, to ensure to persons with disabilities the enjoyment or exercise on an equal basis with others of all human rights and fundamental freedoms” * *No* means that legislation does not require employers to guarantee reasonable accommodation to individual workers with disabilities. This does not mean that legislation prohibits the extension of accommodations to employees. * *No, but provision of reasonable accommodation is not considered discrimination* means that legislation does not require employers to provide reasonable accommodation to workers with disabilities, but makes clear that taking affirmative steps to provide accommodations to workers is not a form of discrimination * *No, but employers are encouraged to extend reasonable accommodation* means that legislation does not require employers to provide reasonable accommodation to workers with disabilities, but legislation encourages provision, e.g. by stating that “employers should promote adoption of appropriate measures” or outlining that the State should provide support for employer provision of reasonable accommodations * *Yes* means that legislation explicitly requires that employers provide workers with disabilities reasonable accommodations. |

### Sexual Harassment and Discriminatory Harassment

| **Variable Name** | **Variable Description** | **Variable Values** |
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| Is sexual harassment explicitly prohibited in the workplace?  (sh\_covered)  *Data is also available as of 2016: sh\_covered\_2016* | 1: Sexual harassment not explicitly prohibited  2: Not prohibited, but at least some protection  3: Only harassment of women  5: Yes, for both women and men | * *Sexual harassment not explicitly prohibited* indicates that legislation did not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, or did not otherwise prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by someone in a position of authority. * *Not prohibited, but at least some protection* means that legislation did not explicitly prohibit sexual harassment at work, but did have provisions that offered at least some protection, such as being able to terminate an employment contract on the basis of sexual harassment or stating that employers have a duty to respond to incidents of sexual harassment. * *Only harassment of women* indicates that legislative language extended the prohibition to women only—by using language specific to women or including the prohibition in legislative provisions specific to women. * *Yes, for both women and men* means legislative language extended the protection to both women and men or used explicitly gender-neutral language. |
| Are both sexual behavior-based and sex-based harassment explicitly prohibited in the workplace?  (sh\_ssb)  *Data is also available as of 2016: sh\_ssb\_2016* | 1: Neither explicitly prohibited  2: Not prohibited, but at least some protection  3: Only sexual behavior-based harassment prohibited  4: Only sex-based harassment prohibited  5: Both sexual behavior-based and sex-based harassment prohibited | * *Sexual behavior-based harassment* refers to unwanted sexual behaviors, advances, and conduct * *Sex-based harassment* refers to discriminatory behavior on the basis of gender—which includes stereotyping, and derogatory jokes * *Neither explicitly prohibited* means that legislation does not explicitly prohibit sexual behavior-based harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit discriminatory harassment on the basis of sex. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *Not prohibited, but at least some protection* means that legislation does not explicitly prohibit sexual harassment at work, but does have provisions that offered at least some protection, such as being able to terminate an employment contract on the basis of sexual harassment or stating that employers have a duty to respond to incidents of sexual harassment. |
| What sexual behaviors are legally defined as sexual harassment at work?  (sh\_def) | 1: Sexual harassment not legally prohibited  2: Sexual harassment is narrowly defined  3: Quid pro quo or unwanted sexual advances only  5: Quid pro quo and conduct that creates a hostile work environment  9: Sexual harassment is not defined | * *Quid pro quo* refers to conduct based on gender or unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature—where rejection of or submission to such conduct is used explicitly or implicitly as a basis for decisions that impact that person’s job * *Conduct that creates a hostile work environment* refers tobehaviors that—while not necessarily targeted at an individual—create conditions at the workplace that undermine workers’ dignity. Behaviors that create a hostile work environment may include unwelcome or humiliating jokes or comments of a sexual nature, or portrayal of offensive sexually-explicit materials. * *Sexual harassment not legally prohibited* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *Sexual harassment is narrowly defined* means sexual harassment provisions do not broadly cover any form of sexual advance. For example, legislation may only prohibit sexual touching. * *Sexual harassment is not defined* means legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment, but a definition or description of specific prohibited sexual behaviors does not accompany the prohibition. |
| Is sexual harassment by coworkers legally prohibited?  (sh\_commit\_cowork) | 1: Sexual harassment not legally prohibited  2: Not prohibited by coworkers  5: Explicitly prohibited by coworkers or anyone in the workplace  9: Position not specified | * *No prohibition* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *Not prohibited by coworkers* means that legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment by employers/supervisors (and their representatives) or by persons in positions of authority, but not by coworkers. * *Explicitly prohibited by co-workers or anyone in the workplace* means legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment by coworkers or includes explicit language extending the prohibition to anyone encountered in the workplace. * *Position not specified* means legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment, but the prohibition does not explicitly address the position of potential perpetrators. |
| Is sexual harassment by customers legally prohibited?  (sh\_commit\_cust) | 1: Sexual harassment not legally prohibited  2: Not prohibited by customers  5: Explicitly prohibited by customers or anyone in the workplace  9: Position not specified | * *No prohibition* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *Not prohibited by customers* means that legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment by employers/supervisors (and their representatives), by persons in positions of authority, and/or by co-workers, but not by customers. * *Explicitly prohibited by customers or anyone in the workplace* means legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment by *customers* or includes explicit language extending the prohibition to anyone encountered in the workplace. * *Position not specified* means legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment, but the prohibition does not explicitly address the position of potential perpetrators. |
| Is sexual harassment by contractors or third parties legally prohibited?  (sh\_commit\_contr) | 1: No prohibition  2: Not prohibited by contractors or third parties  5: Explicitly prohibited by contractors, third parties, or anyone in the workplace  9: Position not specified | * *No prohibition* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *Not prohibited by contractors or third parties* means that legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment by employers/supervisors (and their representatives) by persons in positions of authority, and/or by co-workers, but not by contractors or third parties. * *Explicitly prohibited by contractors, third parties, or anyone in the workplace* means legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment by contractors or third parties, or includes explicit language extending the prohibition to anyone encountered in the workplace. * *Position not specified* means legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment, but the prohibition does not explicitly address the position of potential perpetrators. |
| Does legislation explicitly prohibit work-related sexual harassment that happens outside the workplace?  (sh\_where) | 1: No explicit prohibition of sexual harassment at work  3: Only workplace sexual harassment explicitly covered  5: Explicitly covers harassment outside the workplace  9: Place not specified | * *Sexual harassment is not explicitly prohibited* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *Only workplace sexual harassment explicitly covered* indicates that legislation does specifically prohibit sexual harassment and it explicitly extends this prohibition to the workplace, but not to other work-related environments. * *Explicitly covers harassment outside the workplace* means that legislation specifically prohibits sexual harassment at work in environments outside of the workplace; for example, a law may prohibit sexual harassment anywhere related to the carrying out of job functions, or may prohibit harassment through work-related communications. * *Place not specified indicates* that legislation does specifically prohibit sexual harassment at work, but it does not specify where – in the workplace or otherwise – this prohibition applies. |
| Do sexual harassment prohibitions cover job seekers?  (sh\_app) | 1: No explicit prohibition of sexual harassment at work  3: Covers employees or other specific groups only  5: Yes, explicitly covered  9: Coverage not specified | * *No prohibition* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *Covers employees or other specific groups only* means that the prohibition against sexual harassment covers specific groups that are not job seekers, such as employees or employers, or broadly covers individuals in the workplace without further specifics. * *Yes, explicitly covered* means that job seekers are explicitly covered by sexual harassment provisions, or that sexual harassment is considered a form of discrimination and discrimination against jobseekers is prohibited separately. * *Not specified* means legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment, but the prohibition does not explicitly address who is covered. |
| Do sexual harassment prohibitions cover interns, apprentices, or employees in training?  (sh\_int) | 1: No explicit prohibition of sexual harassment at work  3: Covers employees or other specific groups only  5: Yes, explicitly covered  9: Coverage not specified | * *No prohibition* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *Covers employees or other specific groups only* means that the prohibition against sexual harassment covers specific groups that are not interns, apprentices, or employees in training, such as employees or employers, or broadly covers individuals in the workplace without further specifics. * *Yes, explicitly covered* means that interns, apprentices or employees in training are explicitly covered by sexual harassment provisions, or that sexual harassment is considered a form of discrimination and discrimination against interns, apprentices or employees in training is prohibited separately * *Not specified* means legislation explicitly prohibits sexual harassment, but the prohibition does not explicitly address who is covered. |
| Is there a prohibition of workplace sexual harassment based on sexual orientation?  (sh\_prohibit\_orient)  *Data is also available as of 2016: sh\_prohibit\_orie*  *nt\_2016* | 1: Sexual harassment not explicitly prohibited  2: No prohibition explicit to sexual orientation AND sexual harassment prohibition covers women only  3: Prohibition extends to both genders, but no prohibition explicit to sexual orientation  5: Prohibition explicit to sexual orientation or same-sex sexual harassment | * *Sexual harassment not explicitly prohibited* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee * *No prohibition explicit to sexual orientation AND sexual harassment prohibition covers women only* means that there is no protection against sexual harassment specific to sexual orientation and, at the same time, sexual harassment is prohibited against women only. * *Prohibition extends to both genders, but no prohibition explicit to sexual orientation* means that there is no protection against sexual harassment specific to sexual orientation but, at the same time, sexual harassment is prohibited against both genders. * *Prohibition explicit to sexual orientation or same-sex sexual harassment* means that the prohibition against sexual harassment specifically includes sexual harassment on the basis of sexual orientation or, alternatively, specifically prohibits sexual harassment against someone of the same sex. |
| Is there a prohibition of workplace sexual harassment based on gender identity?  (sh\_prohibit\_gender\_id)  *Data is also available as of 2016: sh\_prohibit\_gender\_id\_2016* | 1: Sexual harassment not explicitly prohibited  2: No prohibition explicit to gender identity AND sexual harassment prohibition covers women only  3: Prohibition extends to both genders, but no prohibition explicit to gender identity  5: Prohibition explicit to gender identity | * *Sexual harassment not explicitly prohibited* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee * *No prohibition explicit to gender identity AND sexual harassment prohibition covers women only* means that there is no protection against sexual harassment specific to gender identity and, at the same time, sexual harassment is prohibited against women only. * Prohibition extends to both genders, but no prohibition explicit to gender identity means that there is no protection against sexual harassment specific to gender identity but, at the same time, sexual harassment is prohibited against both genders. |
| Does legislation explicitly prohibit discriminatory workplace harassment on the basis of *characteristic*?  (harass\_\*) | 1: No prohibition  2: General prohibition of harassment  3: Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination based on *characteristic*  4: Guaranteed in separate legislation  5: Yes, *characteristic*-specific prohibition | This is a series of variables examining legislative prohibitions against discriminatory workplace harassment across the following *characteristics*: disability (\_dis), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg), maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * Discriminatory workplace harassment includes explicit legislative prohibitions against harassment at the workplace. * *No prohibition* means that legislation does not take an explicit approach to prohibiting discriminatory harassment on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *General prohibition of harassment* means that legislation prohibits discriminatory harassment generally— for example, by prohibiting discrimination based on “any status” or stating no worker may be discriminated against. This general prohibition is not specifically extended on the basis of the specific *characteristic* in focus. * *Broad prohibition of workplace discrimination on the basis of characteristic* means that legislation broadly protects individuals from workplace discrimination on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus, but does not explicitly address workplace harassment. These broad prohibitions use language that could extend prohibition of discrimination across any aspect of work. * *Yes, characteristic-specific prohibition* means that legislation either extends: a) an explicit prohibition of discriminatory harassment on the basis of the *characteristic* in focus, or b) extends a broad prohibition of workplace discrimination on the basis of the *characteristic* alongside a general prohibition of discriminatory workplace harassment to all workers. |

### Employer Responsibility to Prevent Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

| **Variable Name** | **Variable Description** | **Variable Values** |
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| Are employers required to take steps to prevent workplace discrimination on the basis of *characteristic*?  (\*\_empl\_resp) | 1: No explicit prohibition of *characteristic* discrimination at work  2: No explicit requirements  4: General requirement, but no specific measures  5: Employers required to take one or more measures | This is a series of variables examining requirements for employers to prevent discrimination across the following *characteristics*: gender (\_gender), disability (\_dis), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg) maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * *No prohibition of workplace discrimination based on characteristic* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, promotions and/or demotions, training, pay, nor terminations. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *No explicit requirements* means that legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination, but it does not at the same time pair this prohibition with an explicit requirement that employers actively prevent it. * *General requirement, but no specific measures* means that employers are generally required to prevent *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination, but there are no specific descriptions of the form that this prevention should take. * *Employers required to take one or more measures* means that employers are explicitly required to take at least one concrete preventive action against *characteristic-*based workplace discrimination, such as, for example, providing training to employees, developing a code of conduct, or raising awareness of existing legislation. |
| Are employers required to take steps to prevent workplace sexual harassment?  (sh\_empl\_resp) | 1: No prohibition of workplace sexual harassment  2: No explicit requirements  4: General requirement, but no specific measures  5: Employers required to take one or more measures | * *No prohibition of workplace sexual harassment* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee * *No explicit requirements* means that legislation does explicitly prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, but it does not, at the same time, pair this prohibition with an explicit requirement that employers actively prevent it. * *General requirement, but no specific measures* means that employers are generally required to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace, but there are no specific descriptions of the form that this prevention should take. * *Employers required to take one or more measures* means that employers are explicitly required to take at least one concrete preventive action against sexual harassment in the workplace, such as, for example, providing training to employees, developing a code of conduct, or raising awareness of existing legislation. |
| Can employers be held legally responsible for sexual harassment at work?  (sh\_legresp) | 1: No explicit prohibition of sexual harassment at work  2: No explicit legal responsibility  5: Employers can be held legally responsible | * *Sexual harassment is not explicitly prohibited* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *No explicit legal responsibility* means that legislation does explicitly prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, but legislation does not pair this prohibition with an explicit provision that employers can be held legally responsible. * *Employers can be held legally responsible* means that legislation prohibits sexual harassment at the workplace and explicitly allows employers to be held vicariously liable or to be found negligent if sexual harassment occurs and the employer failed to prevent and/or respond to reports of sexual harassment. |

### Preventing Retaliation

| **Variable Name** | **Variable Description** | **Variable Values** |
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| What types of retaliation are prohibited for reporting workplace discrimination on the basis of *characteristic*?  (\*\_rettype) | 1: No explicit prohibition of *characteristic* discrimination at work  2: No prohibition of retaliation  3: Only dismissal  4: Harassment or disciplinary action  5: Any adverse action | This is a series of variables examining prohibitions of retaliation for reporting workplace discrimination across the following *characteristics*: gender (\_gender), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg), maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * *No prohibition of workplace discrimination based on characteristic* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, promotions and/or demotions, training, pay, nor terminations. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee * *No prohibition of retaliation* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of *characteristic-*based workplace discrimination, but it does not at the same time pair this prohibition with an explicit prohibition of retaliatory action or dismissal for reporting workplace discrimination. * *Only dismissal* means that there is some prohibition of *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination, but legislation only guarantees that workers cannot be dismissed for reporting *characteristic-*based discrimination. * *Harassment or disciplinary action* means that legislation prohibits *characteristic-*based workplace discrimination and harassment or disciplinary action for reporting it, but not both, as well as retaliatory dismissal. * *Any adverse action* means that legislation prohibits *characteristic-*basedworkplace discrimination and guarantees that workers are protected from all forms of adverse action for reporting it. |
| What types of retaliation are prohibited for reporting sexual harassment at work?  (sh\_rettype) | 1: No explicit prohibition of sexual harassment at work  2: No prohibition of retaliation  3: Only dismissal  4: Harassment or disciplinary action  5: Any adverse action | * *No prohibition of workplace sexual harassment* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *No prohibition of retaliation* means that legislation does explicitly prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, but it does not, at the same time, pair this prohibition with an explicit prohibition of retaliatory action for reporting workplace discrimination. * *Only dismissal* means that legislation prohibits sexual harassment, but only guarantees that workers cannot be dismissed for reporting sexual harassment. * *Harassment or disciplinary action* means that legislation prohibits sexual harassment and prohibits harassment or disciplinary action for reporting sexual harassment, but not both, as well as retaliatory dismissal. * *Any adverse action* means that legislation prohibits sexual harassment and guarantees that workers are protected from all forms of adverse action for reporting sexual harassment. |
| Is retaliation prohibited for participating in workplace investigations of discrimination on the basis of *characteristic*?  (\*\_retpart) | 1: No explicit prohibition of *characteristic* discrimination at work  2: No prohibition of retaliation  3: Only individuals who report  5: Explicit coverage for workers participating in investigation  9: Coverage not specified | This is a series of variables examining prohibitions of retaliation for reporting workplace discrimination across the following *characteristics*: gender (\_gender), religion (\_relig), race/ethnicity (\_race), political affiliation (\_politic), social class (\_class), age (\_age), marital status or women’s marital status (\_marital), migrant status (\_mig), foreign national origin (\_fno), pregnancy (\_preg), maternal status (\_matfam), and paternal status (\_patfam).   * *No prohibition of workplace discrimination based on characteristic* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination broadly, nor specifically against discrimination in hiring, promotions and/or demotions, training, pay, nor terminations. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *No prohibition of retaliation* means that country legislation does explicitly prohibit at least one of these forms of *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination, but it does not at the same time pair this prohibition with an explicit prohibition of retaliatory action or dismissal for reporting workplace discrimination. * *Only for individuals who report* means that there is some prohibition of *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination and retaliation is prohibited against individuals who report discrimination at work and/or file a discrimination claim to an independent body, but not against other employees who might participate in an investigation. * *Explicit coverage for workers participating in investigation* means that legislation both explicitly prohibits *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination and prohibits at least some form of retaliatory action for workers participating in the investigation, such as by providing testimony. * *Coverage not specified* means legislation both explicitly prohibits *characteristic*-based workplace discrimination and prohibits retaliation, but does not clearly specify who is covered by prohibitions of retaliation. |
| Is retaliation prohibited for participating in workplace investigations of sexual harassment?  (sh\_retpart) | 1: No explicit prohibition of sexual harassment at work  2: No prohibition of retaliation  3: Only individuals who report  5: Explicit coverage for workers participating in investigation  9: Coverage not specified | * *No prohibition of workplace sexual harassment* indicates that legislation does not specifically prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, nor does it prohibit sexual harassment perpetrated by a person in a position of authority. This does not mean that legislation denies this guarantee. * *No prohibition of retaliation* means that legislation does explicitly prohibit sexual harassment at the workplace, but it does not at the same time pair this prohibition with an explicit prohibition of retaliatory action or dismissal for reporting sexual harassment. * *Only for individuals who report* means that sexual harassment is legally prohibited and retaliation is prohibited against individuals who report sexual harassment at work and/or file a sexual harassment claim to an independent body, but not against other employees who might participate in an investigation. * *Explicit coverage for workers participating in investigation* means that legislation both explicitly prohibits sexual harassment and prohibits at least some form of retaliatory action for workers participating in the investigation, such as by providing testimony. * *Coverage not specified* means legislation both explicitly prohibits sexual harassment and prohibits retaliation, but does not clearly specify who is covered by prohibitions of retaliation. |

1. While Malta is classified as part of the Middle East and North Africa by the World Bank (WB), it is also a member of the European Union (EU) and therefore more likely to have legislation reflecting the EU’s principles and directives. Thus, we classified Malta as a part of Europe and Central Asia. All other countries retained their WB classifications. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)