

The Frontline: The World Cup Rainbow Divide

What happens when divisions over LGBTI issues become the leading stories surrounding a major sporting event like the World Cup? This episode of The Frontline deep-dives into the ‘One Love’ armband controversy and what it means for the LGBTI movement. Listen to the episode below or find it where you listen to your podcasts [at this link](#).

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The big story at the beginning of the World Cup 2022 centred on FIFA banning all players on European teams from wearing the ‘One Love’ armband during matches, highlighting the human rights situation for LGBTI people in Qatar.

But what happens when diverging opinions on LGBTI issues become the leading stories surrounding a major sporting event like the World Cup? Do these stories serve the LGBTI communities in countries where people are at risk? Do they serve the greater goals of the LGBTI movement for equality? Or is the focus on LGBTI people and LGBTI issues not creating a Rainbow Divide, in which the human rights of one group are separated from the human rights of all?

This episode of The Frontline will explore the complexities around singling out of LGBTI rights at the Qatar World Cup, when so many other human rights abuses are taking place in the country, if it further fuelled an ‘us and them’ human rights narrative, and what responsibility lies with the media in the reporting of this and other LGBTI centred stories.

Our guests are [Ryan Heath](#), Editorial Director with [Politico](#); [Gurchaten Sandhu](#), Director of Programmes at [ILGA World](#), and the Executive Director of [ILGA-Europe](#), Evelyne Paradis.

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