



2026 F&M Global Barometers LGBTQI+ Perception Index Survey

Informed Consent

We are asking you to participate in a research survey titled F&M Global Barometers LGBTQI+ Perception Index (GBPI). We will describe this survey to you and answer any of your questions. This survey is being led by Dr. Susan Dicklitch-Nelson, Principal Investigator and Professor in the Department of Government at Franklin & Marshall College.

What this study is about

The purpose of this survey is to gauge the actual human rights climate for LGBTQI+ individuals in their countries. In other words, although legislation may exist to protect LGBTQI+ individuals in their countries, to what extent do individuals actually feel safe, accepted, not fearful of violence or discrimination against them because of their LGBTQI+ status. The results of this survey will be used to inform public policy and human rights policy with regard to LGBTQI+ human rights.

What we will ask you to do

We will ask you to answer the six questions below regarding your perceptions of how safe you feel living as an LGBTQI+ individual in your country in 2026. We will also ask you to answer the seven demographic questions focused on your background, to give us a sense of whether you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex or other. This information will be **anonymous, and completely confidential**. There will be **no identifying information linking you to the answers that you provide**.

Risk and discomforts

We do not anticipate any risks from participating in this survey, however some individuals may wish to terminate the survey if they feel uncomfortable answering any questions. You have the right to terminate the survey at any time.

Benefits

We do not anticipate any direct benefits associated with completing this survey. However, information from this survey may benefit other people now or in the future.

Compensation for participation

Participants will not receive any compensation or extra credit for completing the survey.

Privacy/Confidentiality/Data Security

Participant's privacy and/or confidentiality will be preserved.

This is an anonymous survey. No identifying information will be provided or requested.

Please note that the survey is being conducted with the help of multiple LGBTQI+ non-governmental organizations not affiliated with Franklin & Marshall College and with their own privacy and security policies that you can find at their websites. We anticipate that your participation in this survey presents no greater risk than everyday use of the Internet.

Taking part is voluntary

Your participation in this survey is **voluntary**. You may refuse to participate before the survey begins, discontinue at any time, or skip any questions that may make you feel uncomfortable, with no penalty to you.

If you have questions

The main researcher conducting this survey is Susan Dicklitch-Nelson, a professor at Franklin & Marshall College. Please ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you may contact Dr. Susan Dicklitch-Nelson at susan.dicklitch@fandm.edu or 717-358-4185.