



# Public Order Act 1986

## 1986 CHAPTER 64

### [<sup>F1</sup>PART 3A

#### HATRED AGAINST PERSONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS [<sup>F1</sup>OR GROUNDS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION]

[<sup>F1</sup>Meaning of “religious hatred” [<sup>F2</sup>and “hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation”]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 3A inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2007 except so far as relating to the insertion of ss. 29B(3), 29H(2), 29I(2) (b)(4)) by [Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 \(c. 1\), ss. 1, 3\(2\), Sch.](#); S.I. 2007/2490, [art. 2](#)
- F2** Words in cross-heading preceding s. 29A inserted (23.3.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\), ss. 74, 153\(7\), Sch. 16 para. 3](#); S.I. 2010/712, [art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### 29A Meaning of “religious hatred”

In this Part “religious hatred” means hatred against a group of persons defined by reference to religious belief or lack of religious belief.

#### [<sup>F3</sup>29AB Meaning of “hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation”

In this Part “hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation” means hatred against a group of persons defined by reference to sexual orientation (whether towards persons of the same sex, the opposite sex or both).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F3** S. 29AB inserted (23.3.2010) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\), ss. 74, 153\(7\), Sch. 16 para. 4](#); S.I. 2010/712, [art. 2\(d\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Public Order Act 1986, Cross Heading: Meaning of “religious hatred” and “hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation” is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4B inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 1](#)