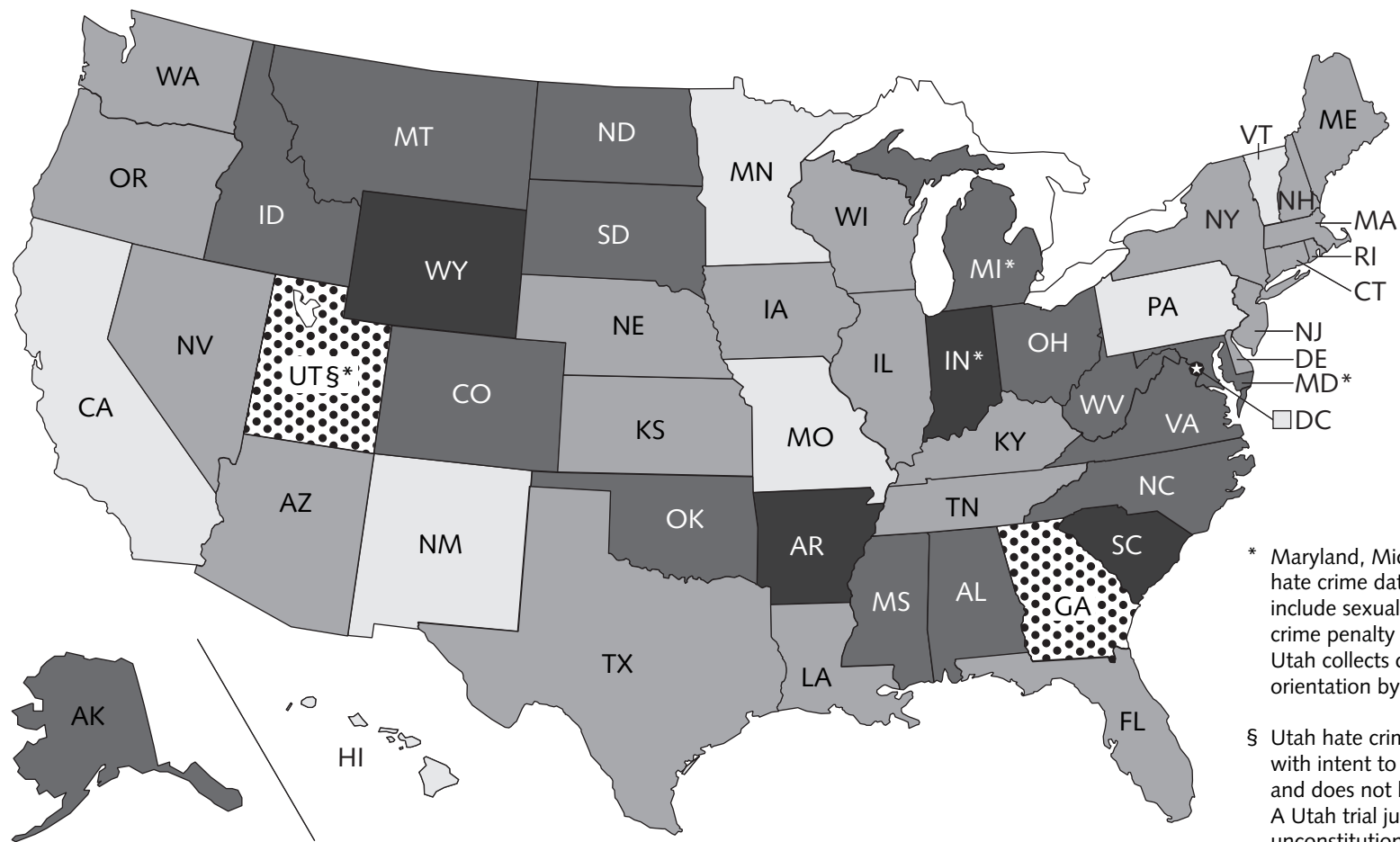


Hate Crime Laws in the U.S.

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* Maryland, Michigan, and Indiana hate crime data collection laws include sexual orientation, but hate crime penalty laws do not. Utah collects data including sexual orientation by practice, not by law.

§ Utah hate crime law addresses crimes with intent to "intimidate or terrorize" and does not list specific categories. A Utah trial judge ruled the law unconstitutionally vague.

- Hate crime laws include crimes based on sexual orientation and gender identity—7 states and the District of Columbia
- Hate crime laws include crimes based on sexual orientation—22 states
- Hate crime laws do not include crimes based on sexual orientation—15 states
- Hate crime laws address crimes motivated by bias or prejudice and do not list categories—2 states
- Do not have hate crime laws that include crimes based on any characteristics—4 states



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