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## [Blasphemy laws exist in 69 countries, report finds](#)

Posted: Wed, 13 Nov 2019

Sixty-nine countries have blasphemy laws and penalties have hardened in parts of the world in recent years, a report has found. [Read More »](#)

## [NSS urges government to review its language on blasphemy laws](#)

Posted: Thu, 15 Aug 2019

The NSS has asked the government to review its stance on blasphemy laws amid concern that ministers only criticise their "misuse". [Read More »](#)

## [Protect free speech, NSS tells Scottish review of hate crime laws](#)

Posted: Fri, 22 Feb 2019

The NSS has urged the Scottish government to protect free speech and abolish blasphemy laws as it considers proposals on hate crime. [Read More »](#)

## [Event to mark 30th anniversary of fatwa against Salman Rushdie](#)

Posted: Fri, 08 Feb 2019

An event to commemorate the women who defended the right to publish *The Satanic Verses* is to be held in London next Thursday. [Read More »](#)

## **Pakistani court upholds blasphemy acquittal in death row case**

Posted: Tue, 29 Jan 2019

Pakistan's top court has upheld its decision to acquit Asia Bibi, who spent eight years on death row on blasphemy charges. [Read More »](#)

## **Report highlights religious threat to global human rights**

Posted: Mon, 10 Dec 2018

Blasphemy laws, supremacist ideologies, sectarianism, 'caste' systems and exclusionary laws are among the ways religion restricts human rights globally, according to a parliamentary group. [Read More »](#)

## **Pakistani court orders woman facing death for blasphemy to be freed**

Posted: Wed, 31 Oct 2018

Pakistan's Supreme Court has ordered the freeing of Asia Bibi, who awaited a death sentence for blasphemy for eight years. [Read More »](#)

## **Ireland votes to remove blasphemy from constitution**

Posted: Tue, 30 Oct 2018

The NSS has welcomed Irish voters' decision to repeal the blasphemy provisions in their country's constitution. [Read More »](#)

## **NSS writes to Foreign Office over blasphemy case in Pakistan**

Posted: Fri, 12 Oct 2018

The NSS has urged the Foreign Office to do what it can to secure the release of a woman facing execution in Pakistan for blasphemy. [Read More »](#)

## **Campaign to repeal Ireland's blasphemy law launched**

Posted: Wed, 26 Sep 2018

The NSS has backed a campaign to repeal Ireland's blasphemy law which is being launched on Sunday, ahead of a referendum on the subject. [Read More »](#)

## **Ireland set to hold blasphemy referendum on 26 October**

Posted: Wed, 19 Sep 2018

The NSS has said Ireland's impending referendum on its blasphemy law should prompt "global action in defence of free speech on religion". [Read More »](#)

## **NSS condemns Spain's blasphemy laws after actor detained**

Posted: Thu, 13 Sep 2018

The NSS has called for Spain to abolish its blasphemy laws following the detainment of an actor accused of offending religious sentiment. [Read More »](#)

## **Council withdraws advert from toilet after Hindu complaints**

Posted: Thu, 13 Sep 2018

The NSS has criticised a north London council for removing an advert featuring a temple from a toilet after a Hindu group complained. [Read More »](#)

## **Pakistan's PM calls on 'Muslim world' to raise 'blasphemy' at UN**

Posted: Fri, 31 Aug 2018

Pakistan's prime minister has called on "Muslim countries" to raise a coordinated objection to cartoons of Muhammad at the UN. [Read More »](#)

## **Hindu leader calls on Italian brewery to withdraw "inappropriate" beer**

Posted: Thu, 26 Jul 2018

The NSS has warned of the need to resist "a competitive offence-taking culture" after a Hindu group asked a brewery to withdraw a beer. [Read More »](#)

## **NSS: Irish referendum should prompt “celebration of free speech”**

Posted: Thu, 21 Jun 2018

The NSS has said Ireland's upcoming referendum on blasphemy should "prompt a debate about celebrating free speech as a positive value". [Read More »](#)

## **NSS calls on Scottish government to repeal blasphemy laws**

Posted: Tue, 20 Mar 2018

The NSS has called on the Scottish government to repeal its blasphemy laws as the SNP's governing body considered the measure. [Read More »](#)

## **ECHR: Lithuania infringed free expression over religious icons**

Posted: Thu, 01 Feb 2018

Lithuania violated the right to free expression by fining a fashion company for using religious imagery in adverts, the ECHR has ruled. [Read More »](#)

## **Secularism ‘regressing on a global scale’, says report**

Posted: Tue, 05 Dec 2017

The idea that secularism and human rights will inevitably establish themselves is "deeply complacent and apathetic," a report says. [Read More »](#)

## **Joke leads to ad ban after Hindu fundamentalists complain**

Posted: Thu, 23 Nov 2017

An advert has been taken off the air in Australia following complaints that it insulted the elephant-headed Hindu god Ganesha. [Read More »](#)

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