

Weird Laws from Around the World

Hey kids,

today I'm gonna talk about some of the strangest rules, regulations and ordinances from around the globe.

Our first one comes from the United Kingdom. In 1986, Parliament passed a law known as « the Salmon Act » which, among other things, made it illegal to handle salmon in suspicious circumstances, whatever that means...

- Oh shit!
- Police! Is that fucking fish Jenga?
- No!

Here's another: in many Caribbean countries, it's illegal for a civilian to wear camouflage clothing in public. In other words, you're only allowed to wear really good camouflage!

The USA has its fair share of dumb laws, most of which exist on the state level. For example, in Oklahoma, you can be arrested for making an ugly face at a dog! Knowing the average panhandler, it's fortunate that this law doesn't get enforced much, or else half the state would have to brown-bag it just by the default!

And we can check this off! Looking good! Moving on!

In the state of Florida – and I don't really know why they'd have to enforce this one – it's considered unlawful to have sex with a porcupine...

- Police!
- Hey! Hey! Guys, guys, guys, it's cool. I'm actually a hedgehog.
- Oh! Carry on.

Another good Florida law – this one really kicks the tick: It's illegal for an unmarried female to go skydiving on Sunday! This is how I imagined that law coming into being, right?

- We need to ban skydiving.
- Why is that?
- The sky is God's domain. Us mortals have no right playing in it.
- I'm pretty sure God doesn't care about people jumping out of planes for fun.
- Okay, but how about we just ban people God doesn't like from skydiving, like mmh, unwed women?
- That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. What if it's also the Lord's Day?
- O.K., that's fair!

This next one comes from Russia, where homophobia is fairly commonplace. As one can imagine, gay marriage is a big no-no over there, but in 2013 Vladimir Putin took things a step further and made it illegal to even tell children that gay people exist.

Apparently though, that's not the weirdest rule to come out of a former red state. In China it's actually illegal to reincarnate without the government's permission. Like a lot of Chinese policies, this law was mostly just put in place to piss off Tibet.

Still though, I can see there being a lot of unforeseen consequences here!

- Come in!

- Sir, we found this cat in one of the local temples. We suspect it might have been a Buddhist in a past life.
- Huh! Better execute it just to be safe.
- By your orders, Captain.

Meow!

- Wait a minute! Did your hear that?

Meow!

- There it is again! He said Mao! Oh my God! That must be chairman Mao reincarnated!
 - Sorry Sir, but the orders have already been given.
 - No! Jesus Christ! You just killed our glorious leader!
 - Oh God! You're right! What have I done?
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- Come in!
 - Sir, we found another cat.

Meow!

- Holy shit! That was fast!

Anyway, that's all for today.

'til next time, I'm Sam O'nella and thank you for watching.

(Also I have a Twitter now; Check the description)!