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The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) undertook a project to document and explore the phenomena of blackmail and extortion facing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in sub-Saharan Africa which was launched with a consultation held in Johannesburg in October 2007. It commissioned research in five countries - Cameroon, Ghana, Malawi, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe - exploring blackmail and extortion

and their effect on the lives of LGBT people. This research is compiled in the present volume, which both explores the scope of blackmail and extortion against LGBT Africans, and suggests steps that might be taken to hold perpetrators accountable and deliver justice to victims. Contributions: Introduction: Blackmail and extortion of LGBT people in sub-Saharan Africa (Ryan Richard Thoreson); Theorizing blackmail and extortion: Blackmail in Zimbabwe: troubling narratives of sexuality and human rights (Oliver Phillips); The impact of blackmail and extortion: Extortion and blackmail of Nigerian lesbians and bisexual women (Unoma Azuah), 'Because of you': blackmail and extortion of gay and bisexual men in Ghana (Mac-Darling Cobbinah), Blackmail among gay people in Malawi (Wiseman Chibwezo), Extortion and blackmail on the basis of sexual orientation in Africa: a case study of Cameroon (Charles Gueboguo and Marc Epprecht); Responding to blackmail and extortion: Dealing with blackmail - notes from a Zimbabwean lawyer (Derek Matyszak); Conclusion: responding to blackmail and extortion as human rights violations (Ryan Richard Thoreson). [ASC Leiden abstract]

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