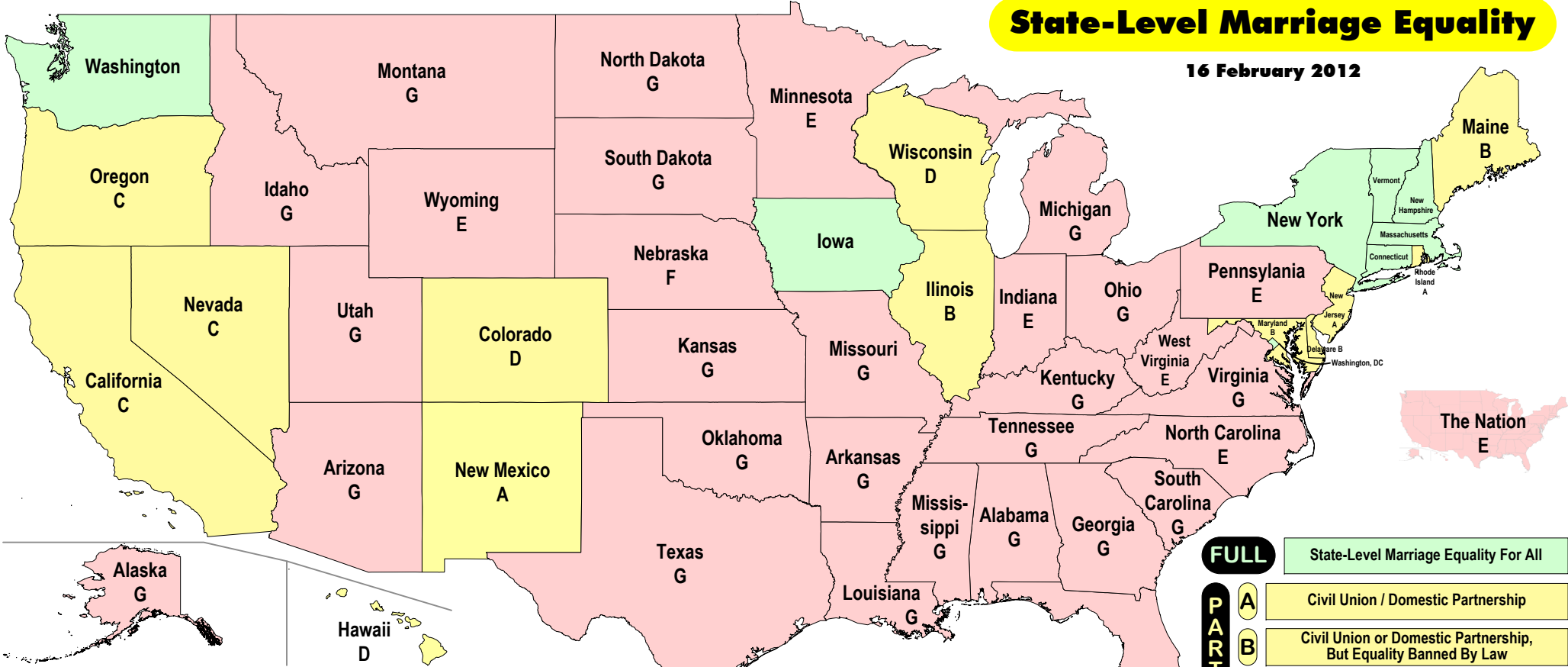


State-Level Marriage Equality

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42% of Americans live in 21 states that recognize various

(CT, DC, IA, MA, NH, NY, VT, WA); civil union (DE, HI, IL, NJ, RI); or domestic

partnership (CA, CO, MD, ME, NV, NM, OR, WI).

Since 1993, all American states have taken positions on marriage equality. Each state allows — or bans — various forms of marriage via its state constitution, via its state laws, or via both its constitution and its laws. Some states have full marriage equality, some restrict equality, and some ban all unions except one-man-one-woman couples, as does the federal 1996 DOMA (Defense-of-Marriage Act). At least 14 federal lawsuits challenging DOMA were filed in trial courts and appeal courts across the nation since 2009.

In 2012 alone, lawmakers, judges, and voters in 16 states, as well as federal judges and Congress, will decide whether to allow — or ban — various levels of marriage equality. Send map feedback to: NFlaherty@MarriageEquality.org.

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FULL	A	State-Level Marriage Equality For All
PARTIAL	B	Civil Union / Domestic Partnership
	C	Civil Union or Domestic Partnership, But Equality Banned By Law
	D	Civil Union or Domestic Partnership, But Equality Banned By Constitution
	E	Civil Union or Domestic Partnership, But Equality Banned By Constitution & By Law
BANNED	F	Equality Banned By Law
	G	Equality Banned By Constitution
	H	Equality Banned By Constitution & By Law