



# "The most controversial World Cup in history." World Cup 2022: What to Expect in Qatar - Sky News

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<https://youtu.be/ebMUYAJRnt4>

## LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Watch the video. Rewrite these statements to be true.

1. This will be the second World Cup ever held in the Middle East.
2. Local Qatari workers have been rewarded for their efforts in building the infrastructure.
3. Teams will not be supporting LGBTQ+ rights while playing in the World Cup.
4. Denmark are wearing a black jersey to protest Qatar's criminalization of homosexuality.
5. Qatar has built 8 brand new stadiums to host the World Cup.
6. Preparing for the World Cup has cost the country hundreds of millions of dollars.
7. Fans from outside of Qatar will not be allowed to attend.
8. The United States willingly gave their nomination to Qatar.
9. Several investigations have proven corruption during the nomination process.
10. Brazil France and Argentina are boycotting the tournament.
11. Wales are playing in their first ever World Cup.

## VOCABULARY

controversy = prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion  
migrant worker = a person who moves to another country for employment  
mourning = the expression of sorrow for someone's death  
infrastructure = the basic facilities needed to operate a society or enterprise  
human rights = a right which is believed to belong to every person

## SPEAKING ACTIVITY

What do you think of these controversies concerning the 2022 World Cup?

- a. Qatar is accused of paying actors to be fans to promote the country.
- b. Qatar officially banned alcoholic beverages from sale within the stadiums.
- c. The World Cup will cost Qatar approximately \$220 billion.
- d. This will be the first World Cup held in the northern winter.
- e. Migrant workers have faced exploitation, and low wages - \$1 per hour.
- f. By some estimates, over 6500 migrant workers have died during the construction of the stadiums and infrastructure for World Cup 2022.
- g. FIFA has promised that LGBT+ couples will not face arrest while holding hands or kissing in public in Qatar.
- h. Many accommodations have been labelled as unacceptable.
- i. Qatar will be the smallest country to ever host the World Cup.

## WRITING ACTIVITY

Respond to the letter from the president of FIFA telling participating nations to avoid discussion of Qatar's poor human rights records and stop "handing out moral lessons to the rest of the world" and to "focus on the football" as to "not allow football to be dragged into every ideological or political battle that exists".



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This will be the first World Cup to be held in the Middle East or Muslim country.

2. Local Qatari workers have been rewarded for their efforts in building the infrastructure.

There is controversy over the treatment and deaths of low-paid migrant workers.

3. Teams will not be supporting LGBTQ+ rights while playing in the World Cup.

Same sex relationships are illegal in Qatar. Many teams will be supporting LGBTQ+ rights and freedoms in different ways.

4. Denmark are wearing a black jersey to protest Qatar's criminalization of homosexuality.

Denmark are wearing a black jersey referencing the color of mourning for the migrant workers' deaths.

5. Qatar has built 8 brand new stadiums to host the World Cup.

Of the 8 host stadiums, 7 are brand new and one has undergone major redevelopment.

6. Preparing for the World Cup has cost the country hundreds of millions of dollars.

This has cost hundreds of billions of dollars.

7. Fans from outside of Qatar will not be allowed to attend.

An estimated 1.2 million fans from around the world are expected to visit Qatar during the World Cup.

8. The United States willingly gave their nomination to Qatar.

Qatar beat the United States in the final round of the selection process.

9. Several investigations have proven corruption during the nomination process.

An investigation did not find any evidence of improper activity.

10. Brazil France and Argentina are boycotting the tournament.

Brazil France and Argentina are the tournament favorites.

11. Wales are playing in their first ever World Cup.

Wales are playing their first World Cup since 1958.