



CODE OF FEAR

by Appolain Siewe (Appolain)



SYNOPSIS

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In 2013, the young journalist Eric Lembembe was murdered in Cameroon. He was tortured and beaten to death because he was gay and had fought for gay rights. Shocked by this gruesome murder in his home country, film-maker Appolain Siewe sets off for Cameroon to find out more about the situation of LGBTQ people there. He soon realises that Lembembe's murder is no isolated case. Homosexuality is still a criminal offence in Cameroon, as it is in almost all African countries. Being gay is completely taboo and considered an embarrassment for families. While making the film, Siewe examines his own homophobic upbringing and seeks contact with members of his family. Since living in Europe, his outlook has changed. For his father, on the other hand, making a film on the subject is...

FESTIVALS

2023

Toronto Black Film Festival, Canada

2024

FIPADOC Biarritz

26 TiDF Thessaloniki

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Appolain Siewe (Appolain) · PRODUCER Appolain Siewe (Appolain)

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82 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

CODE DER ANGST

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Conflicts, Human Rights

PREMIERE

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