

Human Rights of LGBT individuals

Assignment 3



Why should LGBT individuals have Human Rights?

- Equality, Acceptance, love
- They are equal to other non-LGBT individuals (Marks, 2006)
- To become a visible minority
- Freedom to marry and form a family
- Freedom of choice, expression and belief (Human Rights Act 1998)
- Same-sex relationship is considered punishable by death (Khambay, 2016)
- Due to acceptance of LGBT people, legal equality prevail to be elusive in many states (Wyoming Equality, 2017)
- 70% of LGBT individuals have concealed their relationship from the public (The Guardian, 2018)



Image: Deto, 2018.

LGBT around the world.

- LGBT individuals can be executed for same-sex relationships (AJ+, 2015)
- Tortured to death in Saudi Arabia for being transgender (Fanack, 2018)
- Nigerian law has ostensibly banned same-sex relationships (Channels Television, 2013)
- LGBT individuals denied their full set of human rights (Marks, 2006)
- Individuals at risk of:
 - Discrimination
 - Violence
 - Poor mental health
 - Death
- By the end of 2006, South Africa introduced same-sex marriage (eNCA, 2014)

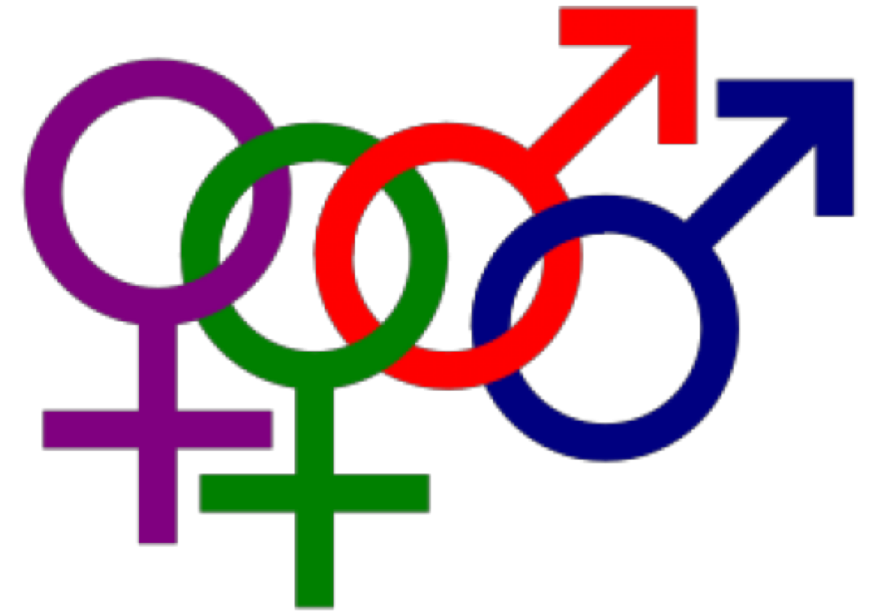


Image: Lee, 2012.

Powerful politicians!



- Donald Trump doesn't agree with same-sex marriage
- Trump does not have the ability to change same-sex marriage ruling - the supreme court established this right for LGBT individuals
- Trump supports a proposed law which can undermine the rights of gay and lesbian individuals
 - LGBT individuals can lose out on government benefits and grants because certain people don't believe in gay marriage
- Mike Pence (right) is against developing gay rights
- Former President, Barack Obama became the first sitting president to support same- sex marriage

BBC, 2016.

Lopez, 2018.



Image: Wikipedia, 2019.

- Hillary Clinton (right) became the first female to be elected in the US senate
- All individuals are born with freedom and human rights
- LGBT individuals are still considered to be an invisible minority
- A global consensus that recognizes LGBT rights is a crucial factor
- LGBT individuals are killed over their sexuality
- Rights of LGBT individuals are protected in countries such as, Columbia and Argentina.



(Xtra, 2012)

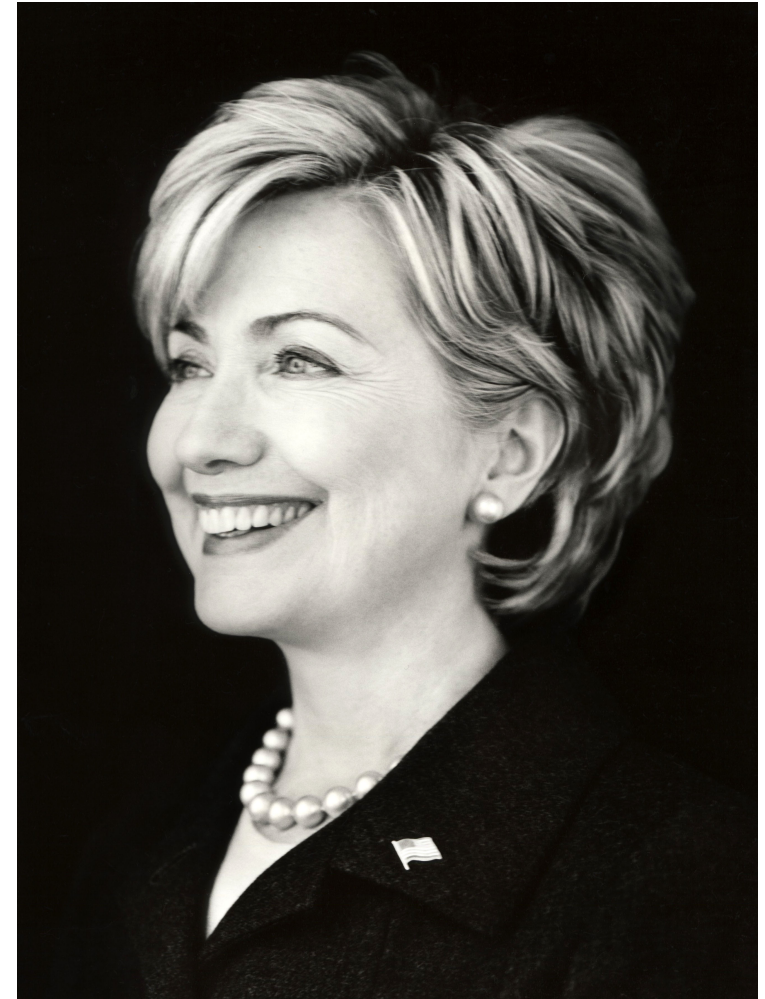


Image: Goldstein, 2006.

- Same-Sex relationship is considered a 'sin' in some Islamic countries
- Homosexuality is considered a crime
- Same-sex marriage still illegal in 40% of countries



(Gal and Collman, 2018)



Image: Gal and Collman, 2018.

- (Luu, 2017)



Image: Gal and Collman, 2018.

“Respect for
Human Rights
can transform
out society”
(Marks, 2006)



To conclude:

- Rights of LGBT still have a long way to go in terms of equality, acceptance and freedom to express themselves as an individual.
- Individuals should be judged on their abilities and skills, not their sexual orientation and preferred gender.
- Being gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender does not affect your ability to succeed in society or in the workplace.

Former president Obama once said, each and every individual deserves to be treated equally, in the eyes of the law and in the eyes of society (Obama. Cited, AP Archive, 2015).

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