



Background Paper

Committee: Human Rights

Topic: Advancing International Human Rights to Protect Against Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

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Sexual orientation definition is “An inherent or immutable enduring, romantic or sexual attraction to other people” and gender identity is “One’s innermost concept of self as male, female, a blend of both or neither-how individuals perceive themselves and what they call themselves. One’s gender identity can be the same or different from their sex that had assigned at birth”. Discrimination based on your sexual orientation and gender identity is a problem that had always existed all over the world, homophobic and transphobic attitudes had affected people from all ages and people from the LGBTQ+ community. The amount of discrimination that these people get based on their sexual orientation and their gender identity has gotten people not only mentally abused but also physically attacked, assaulted, killed, beaten up and also the discrimination that they get at their jobs or not getting a job because of the discrimination. This is a topic that since the 1990s the United Nations (UN) have been concerned about this and other violations that go against their human rights from protecting LGBTQ+ community from discrimination and violence that through the years haven't changed, it does not require making a specific the LGBTQ+ rights since everyone independent of their gender identity or sexual orientation must have the protection, security, and privacy that the international human rights law provides.

Discrimination to gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender, and related identities (LGBTQ+ community) have been on for many years, but this has had people have less education due to discrimination, unemployment, violence, deaths, bullying. In Serbia, the LGBTQ+ community is less paid and has low socioeconomic status due to the discrimination that they are receiving,

this making their poverty rate increase from 16% to 20%. One in ten LGBTQ+ has experienced sexual assault and around more of the half of transgender and bisexual people had experienced sexual violation, the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Projects (NCAVP) estimates, 61% of bisexual women, 37% of bisexual men, and the 26% of gay men, 44% of lesbian women have experienced physical violence, rape, stalking in compared to the other 35% straight women and to the 29% of straight men, 46% bisexual woman been raped in compare to the other 17% of straight woman and 13% of lesbians, 47% transgender people have been sexually assaulted through their life. In 2011 the Human Rights Council made the first resolution due to sexual orientation and gender identity and to violence and discrimination.

Discrimination against sexual orientation and gender identity is a problem that has been affecting the LGBTQ+ community and this discrimination causes unfair and harm things in education, health care, employment, mentally abused, assaulted, physically attacked, violence, and in some cases can cause death. People from the LGBTQ+ community in most are difficult to live their lives without violence and abuse, that's why LGBTQ+ activists make campaigns and movements to be free to love whom you want without discrimination and violence.

“The richness, beauty and depths of love can only be fully experienced in a climate of complete openness, honesty and vulnerability”

-Anthony Venn Brown

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Definitions

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity-terminology-and-definitions>

Combating discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/discrimination/pages/lgbt.aspx>

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity#1>

Sexual Assault and the LGBTQ Community

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-assault-and-the-lgbt-community>

Discrimination

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/discrimination/>

World Bank Group

<https://www.bancomundial.org/es/topic/socialdevelopment/brief/sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity>