

From the UNDP (2019) study on Tolerance but not inclusion, what is your viewpoint on this issue? Discuss your view by including the forecasting impact on the economic sector and what policies the government should implement to solve any challenges.

The study mentioned that in Thailand even though it has become more open to LGBT society in terms of 'time and place' and 'appropriateness' causing LGBT people to struggle in living openly as they are in the society. In my opinion, it is true that LGBT people can't be open with their identity due to many circumstances even though LGBT are accepted verbally. In reality, there are still discriminations against them including their daily routine such as going to school, office, or other public places. They can't express their identity as much as they want due to the restrictions and how most of the people view them since they are still having negative thoughts towards LGBT people. This could also affect the economic sector through the level of education each member of LGBT society will gain due to the discrimination in schooling since some major problem could be happen due to the bullies happening in schools against the LGBT children which can cause them to drop out. This could eventually lead to less labor entering the labor force or the number of quality labor that could potentially make it to the labor force. The policies that the government should be implementing is to persuade people to truly accept the changes in society and having a public campaign supporting LGBT society. Moreover, laws and regulations related to LGBT people should be equal to the other genders such as marriage law since right now Thailand still don't allow same sex marriage which should be changed long time ago.

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