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THE LGBT SITUATION

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I WRITE about the talks about starting rehabilitation centres for the LGBT community. It is disheartening to see how the government is trying to 'pin social problems on the community'.

This is not the first time we hear the government and 'doctors' refer to the LGBT link to drug abuse, prostitution and HIV; too much misinformation being fed to sit back and keep quiet.

The government did well making it look like every LGBT person has a marijuana garden in his backyard.

If the primary concern is really drug abuse then the government should look at curbing drug trafficking instead of rehabilitating harmless people out of their sexual orientation.

It is not known to me that a gay man or a lesbian would make frequent (if any) trips to find a prostitute.

It looks to me that they are trying to generalise an entire minority group.

I do not buy into this notion, but hypothetically speaking and if what they say is true, isn't it because of the lack of equal opportunity? Isn't it because we are ostracised by an ignorant society and an even more ignorant government? Isn't it because demand encourages supply?

Anybody in his right mind knows that being homosexual or transgendered does not cause HIV/AIDS. People contract AIDS due to many reasons, including having unprotected sex, sharing needles and during blood transfusions. Sexual orientation is not one of them.

I believe statistics show that heterosexuals make up the larger percentage of those HIV positive. Is it fair to say that heterosexuality causes AIDS?

My point is if you practise the above, it makes you susceptible to being HIV positive regardless of sexual orientation.

Everyone has feelings and constantly being told that being who you are causes social ills will cause a person to feel severely insecure.

The more hatred spewed, the more difficult it gets to live a decent life and this here is the real problem — the lack of understanding and compassion, detrimental to society.

If the government wants to 'help' the LGBT community it should start with giving us a chance and see that we are capable and talented and that we can contribute so much value to society.

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