



# **LGBTI in Taiwan**

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- AIDS Prevention and Control Act (1990), renamed HIV Infection Control and Patient Rights Protection Act (2007)
  - Fees for treatment included in health care plan
  - Protect HIV patients from discrimination
- Laws regarding women / gender equality, combined with LGBTI rights:
  - Gender Equality Education Act (2004):
    - Covering different genders, sexual orientation, gender identity
    - Gender education in school
  - Act of Gender Equality in Employment (2006):
    - Employers must not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation
  - Domestic Violence Prevention Act (2007):
    - Expand the scope of protection to gay and lesbian relationships
  - In 2006, first proposal of the "Same-sex Partner Law" in the Legislative Yuan
  - In 2015, Kaohsiung city to first open registration for civil partnerships
  - In 2017, Constitutional Court: Gays and lesbians should enjoy the right to marry laws

# What we have ?

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- Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Movement in Taipei (2000) → The first Taiwan Pride Parade (2003)
- More comprehensive education in gender equality
- Cooperation: Support from NGOs
- Collision and Dialogue within the System:
  - In 1986 Qi Jiawei became the first gay man proposed marriage equality; in 2000 he proposed a constitutional review;
  - in 2015 Qi and Taipei city proposed a constitutional review again
  - Lobbying politicians
    - Legislators supporting same-sex marriage
    - Gender equality committees on different levels of government

# What we do?

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# DPP x Equal Rights

- **Implementing Gender Equality Rights:**
  - Making it part of the presidential campaign
  - Encouraging the local governments to open registration for civil partnerships
  - Amending the employee benefits, extending same-sex partners working in the party the same protections as married party employees..
- **Supporting LGBT Movements:**
  - Long-term support for the rights movement groups
  - 2014: Production of "Democracy and Support for LGBT" stickers, issued at the parade.
  - 2015: DPP Party Headquarters form a team to participate in Taiwan Pride Parade for the first time; creating rainbow themed items and distributing to LGBT-friendly stores to give out free of charge.
  - 2016: second time participating in Taiwan Pride, inviting party workers to join in, passing out pride stickers.

## What we do

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2014/10/25

DPP Women's Affairs Department made "Democracy and Support for LGBT" stickers for the 12th annual Taiwan Pride, and on the eve of the parade, distributed these products to LGBT-friendly stores to be distributed for free.





**2015/10/31**

DPP participated for the first time in the 13th annual Taiwan LGBT Pride parade “Age is not a limit – Liberation from the dark closet, No Age Limit on Youth and Independence”









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2016/10/29

- In 2016, the DPP, now as the ruling party, joined the 14th annual Taiwan LGBT Pride parade: "Fun together - Honor diversity, like you mean it."

















- to build a pluralistic gender-friendly society,
  - Modify the relevant laws
  - Review our all policy in all different levels of government
  - social dialogue and gender education

# **What we need to do**

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**Revolution has not been completed,  
we still have work to do.**

**革命尚未成功 同志仍須努力**

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