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REWRITE: current events analysis

CASUAL HOMOPHOBIA IN TAIWAN

Rewrite your responses for the current events article you chose. [Change your answers to blue.](#)

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1. Which article did you choose to respond to? Summarize that article and the points made by the writer. The article I chose to respond to is "Casual Homophobia in Taiwan." The main idea of this article is that people see Taiwan as a progressive place, but there is still casual homophobia here. For example, the author wrote that two common insults on Taiwanese school grounds (and even society in general) is "死gay" (si gay) and "娘娘腔" (niang niang qiang), which mean "a fucking gay" or "sissy". This shows that people still has some stereotype on gay people. The author interviewed a number of individuals, and asked for their personal stories as examples. Their stories show that homophobia exists at school and in the workplace. To fix this problem, the author thinks that we should all change our mindsets about gay people, and spread this type of awareness to educate the public.

2. What is your opinion about the article? Do you agree or disagree with the author? Why do you feel that way? Explain your reasons.

I don't know whether homophobia exists in the workplace or if gay people will be rejected from their family when they come out, but in my personal experience, I can not agree with the author. First, I am taught that same-sex marriage is legal in school and only one of my classmate has a different opinion. Second, I have never heard anyone in my school say mean words about gay people. Instead, the comics and the novels about boys' love are so popular on campus now. That's why I can't agree with the author. I think homophobia might exist somewhere I don't know yet, however change is happening in my generation.