

Sowing the seeds 🌻

The legal advocates in the Chinese LGBT movement

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A gay cured story

- October 2016
- Village from Central China
- 37 year-old gay man was sent by his family to the local mental health hospital
- 19 days enforced treatment in hospital: pills, shaming, threaten, cut connection from outside.
- Escape from home
- Nightmares and can't tell anything



Fear of queers in China

- Absent in laws and regulatory
 - Decriminalized in 1997, depathologized in 2001
 - Not mentioned, no anti-discrimination law
- Censored in the media
- Stigmatized/ Extincted in textbook
- Invisible in the daily life
- Restrict of civil society



Source: Being LGBT in Asia: Country Report of SOGIE in China (UNDP,2016)

Legal campaign in making changes

2014 Beijing

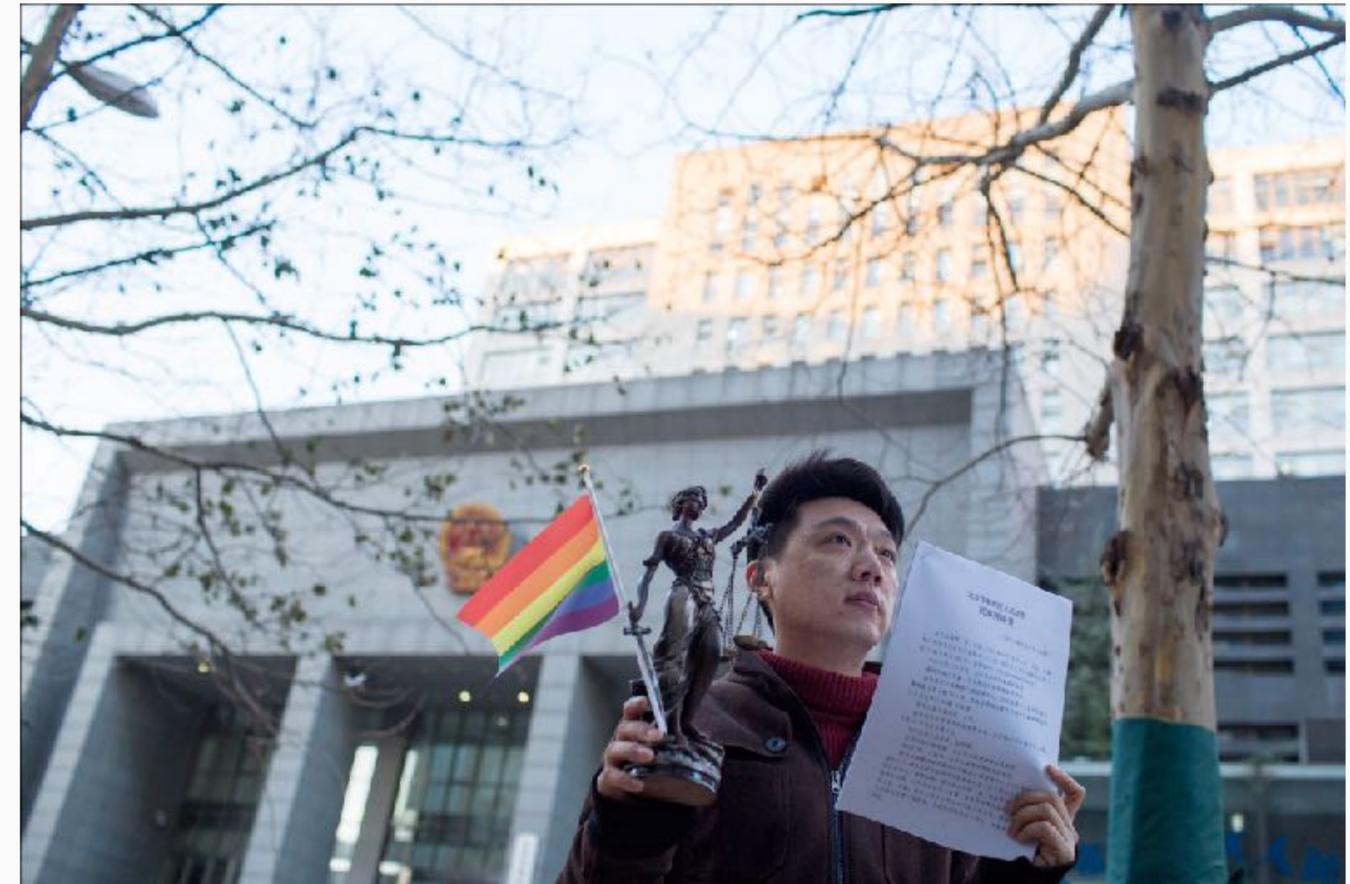
First advocacy case from the community

Conversion therapy

Won in court

‘Homosexuality is not a disease’ was
firstly written on the official document —
verdict

Widely spread



Legal campaign in making changes

YEAR	COURT CASE	RESULT
2014	Gay conversion therapy 1st	Won
	Gay employment	Lost in 2015
2015	Media censorship	Won
	Textbook – High Education Press GD	Not filling by Junior and Intermedia Court
	Textbook – National Education Department	Withdraw in 2016
2016	Same-sex marriage	Lose
	Transgender employment discrimination	Won
	Gay conversion therapy 2nd	Won in 2017
2017	HIV employment in Canton	Won in 2017
	HIV employment in Sichuan	Won in 2018
	Textbook – Press & Jindong	Filing in 2017, still going
2018	Media censorship	Lost in 2019
	Employment discrimination against sexual orientation in Qingdao	Won in 2020
2020	Employment discrimination against sexual orientation in Shenzhen	Still going
	Lesbian couple's custody right	Still going





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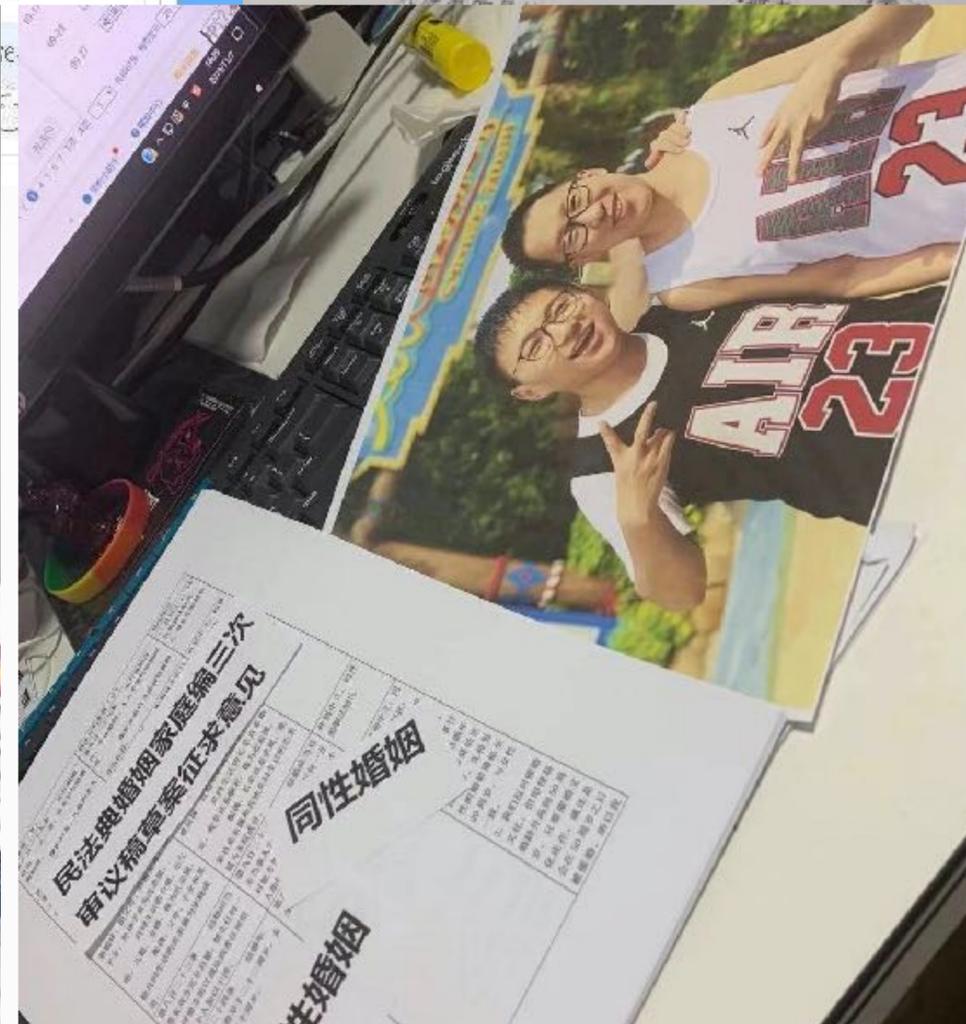
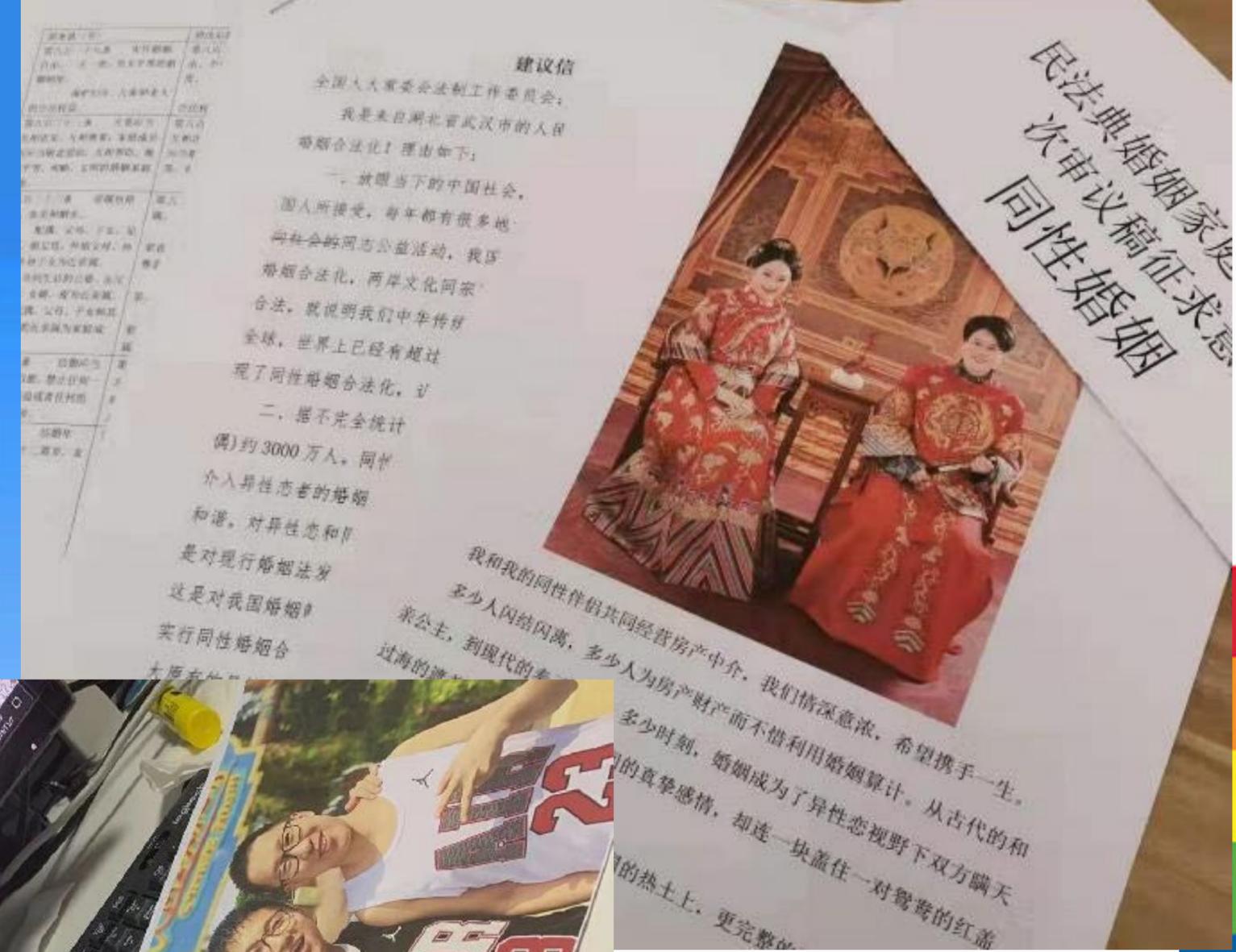
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正在进行征求意见

法律草案名称	征求意见时间	参与人数(人)	意见条数(条)
民法典婚姻家庭编(草案三次审议稿)	2019-10-31 至 2019-11-29	184209	215300
中华人民共和国社区矫正法(草案二次审议稿)	2019-10-01 至 2019-11-29	1e07	0405
中华人民共和国森林法(修订草案二次审议稿)	2019-10-01 至 2019-11-29	99	139
中华人民共和国档案法(修订草案)	2019-10-31 至 2019-11-29	96	164



Over 180 thousands of people join legal requests on same-sex marriage on the Civil Code legislation in Nov. 2020

