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3. (1a) For instance, one may think of women who have been victims of physical and sexual assault but in Australia many women have also been murdered by their partners and thus the disturbingly upward trend of femicide is a tragic social issue which needs to be publicly highlighted and urgently dealt with by both state and federal governments and other authorities as well as relevant services including welfare agencies and police forces.

(1b) Notably, instead of writing ‘gender’ one may have written ‘women’s rights’ which is vitally important to also focus on for women are not a ‘minority’ but a major cohort which in a way highlights how discriminatory a society can be that it can still treat one half of its population as second class citizens. (e.g. wage gap, lower superannuation etc.). Of course one may also think of any prevailing inequalities that relate to transgender issues.

(1c) One can also think how in recent years how marriage equality has become a prominent major social issue yet which is still not legally available world-wide to all single-sex/inter-sex couples.

(1d) Although one initially has in mind liberal democracies – such as Australia in this particular case - which will rhetorically claim that they maintain a high democratic bar when it comes to human rights etc. all government policies everywhere under every political system need to be critiqued in regards to political, economic, gender, racial, social etcetera freedoms. Some of the many reasons for which any government policy needs to be critically queried as well as to be seriously re-formed or done away with which will often need to include a change of government can as well simply be variously commonplace e.g. financial (budgets), ideological, electoral, apathy, bureaucracy, indifference, etcetera.