

From Asog, Babaylans to Transpinays: Transpeople Herstories and Rights in the Philippines.

Session 2: The Promotion and Challenges of Transgender People's Rights(II)

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Deep cultural roots:
transgender by another name?

**Khanith,
Xanith**

**Yirka-la-ul-va-irgin,
Ne-uchica**

**Hijra,
Kothi,
Meti,
Aravani,
Khusra,
Zanana**

**Apwint,
Acault**

**Mahu,
Fa'afafine,
Fakaleiti,
Pinapinaine**

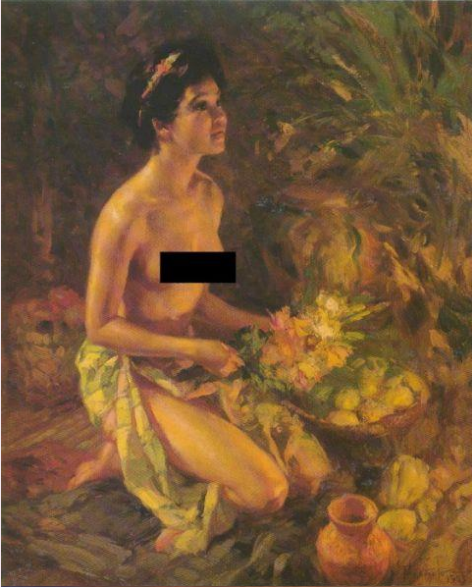
**Kathoey,
Pumia,
Pumae,
Phuying praphet song**

Maknyah

**Waria,
Banci,
Bencong,
Calabai,
Kedie,
Wandu**

**Bakla,
Bayot,
Bayog,
Asog,
Bantut,
Binabae**

BAYLAN/BABAYLAN/ASOG /CATALONAN





Ifugao: A mumbaki and a bontoc.

Credits to Shubert Ciencia and
Reynier Nui

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POTTERS AT WORK. THE ONE ON THE RIGHT IS A MAN IN WOMAN'S GARB (pp. 360, 428).

Mandadawag / Aplogan

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Papa Isio and 2 babaylanes...from
Harry Bandholtz papers 1907



Proibi da
la repudacio
cion.
M. Juyo.
Principe.
En la carcel provincial de Basilad. Neg. Occ.
Papa Isio. Inocentes.
el Dios.
N.S.S.



Babaylan portrayed in performance in current time

LGBT





Barbie Anderson
MGP UNIVERSE 2000

Keena Marie McBride
MGP UNIVERSE 2001

Jamby Garcia
MGP UNIVERSE 2002

LT Montecarlo
MGP UNIVERSE 2003

Rain Marie Madrigal
MGP UNIVERSE 2005

Erica Illustre
MGP UNIVERSE 2006

Lena Santos
MGP UNIVERSE 2007

Gheng Azarcon
MGP UNIVERSE 2008

Boom Reyes
MGP UNIVERSE 2009

Nixie Salonga
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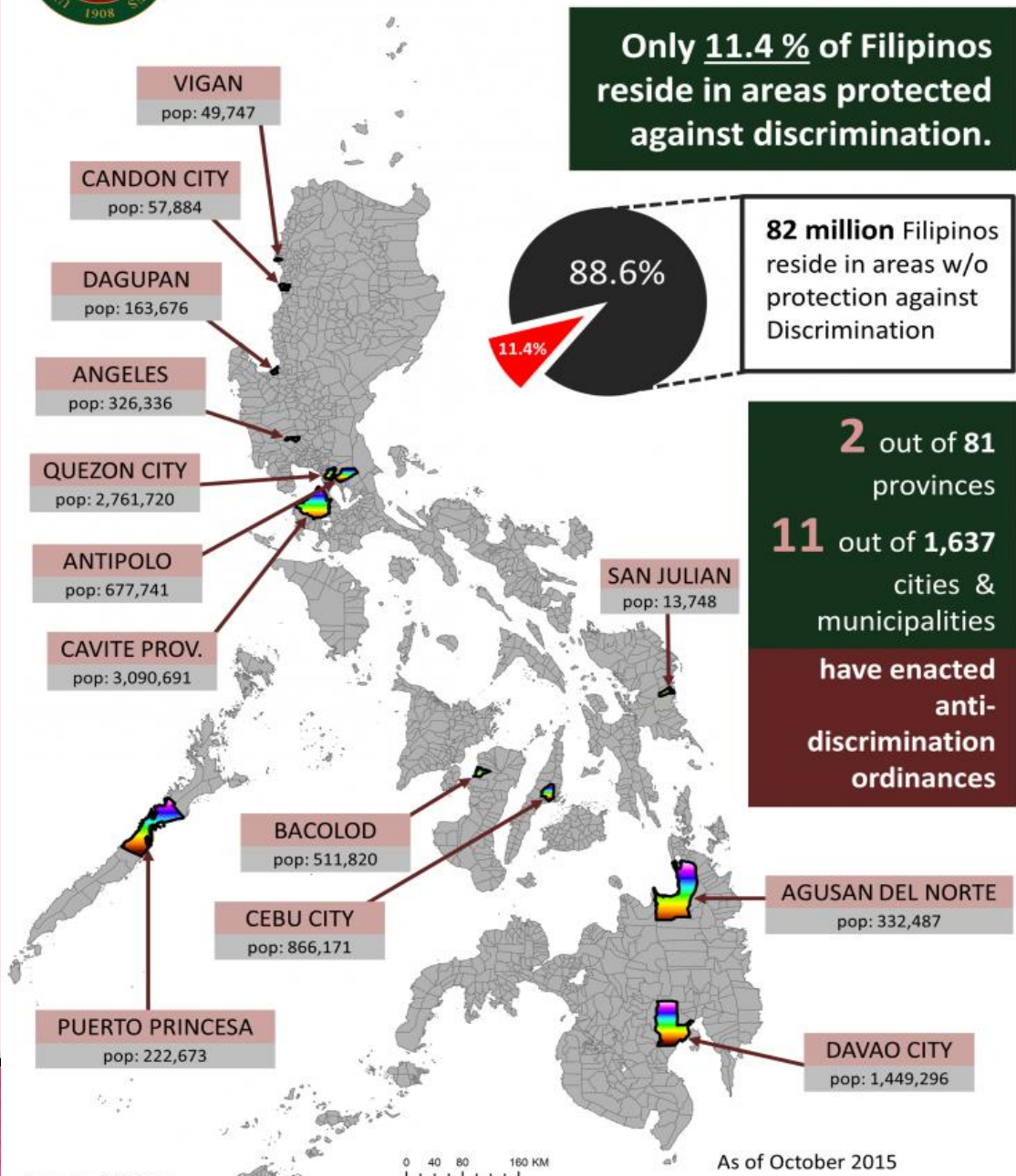
THE PROBLEM: THE LAW

- ▶ PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION
- ▶ FAMILY CODE
- ▶ LABOR CODE
- ▶ ANTI VAGRANCY LAW
- ▶ Republic Act No. 10172
- ▶ SEC. 3. Section 5 : No change of Gender...
- ▶ REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH BILL

PENDING: SOGIE EQUALITY BILL / ANTI DISCRIMINATION LAW



PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION



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ordinances](http://pages.upd.edu.ph/ejmanalastas/policies-ordinances)

THE MOVEMENT



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not all girls and women were assigned female at birth



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