

Am I guilty of Discrimination?

I have been worried that I may be guilty of discrimination against certain people groups, falling foul of acts passed by parliament. Recently I had a breakthrough on this. Here's my thinking.

The notices that appeared in the 1950s reading 'Room to Let, Sorry No Blacks' are clear examples of racial discrimination. However, had somebody advertised 'Room to Let, Sorry No Businesses' there would have been no problem, to my mind. The difference is that it is an activity that is objected to, rather than people. The person advertising did not want a business being carried on at their property, regardless of who might be involved in the business.

This means that I can disagree with the activity of a group of people without discriminating against them as people. Pleasing! Now I can speak my mind without fear, because even if people accuse me of discriminating, I am satisfied in my own mind that I am not, provided that it is their activity that I oppose rather than them as people.

Please let me know if you think I have got this wrong.

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