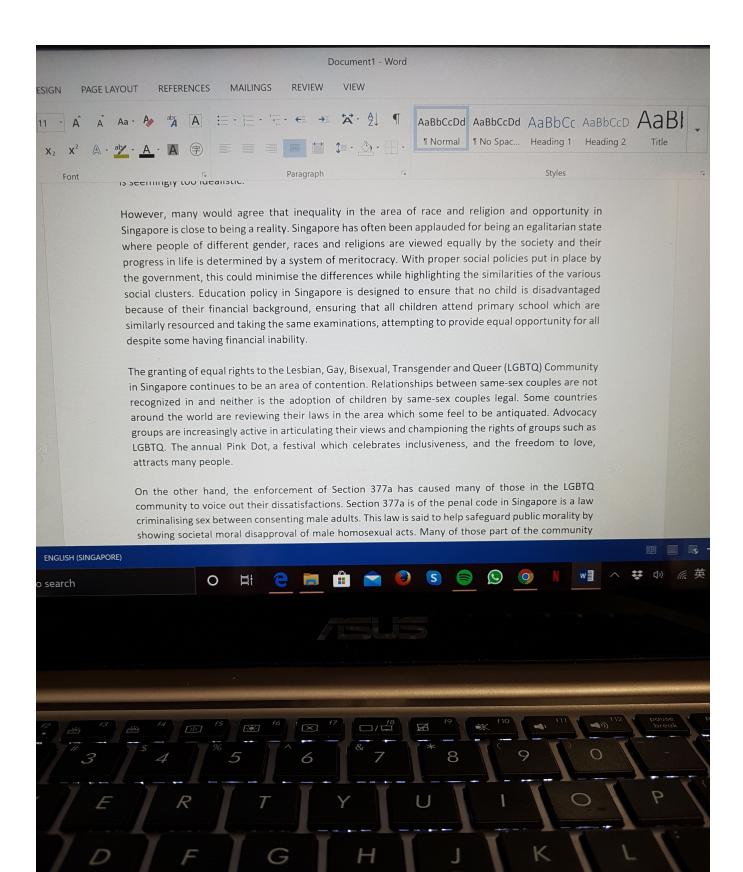
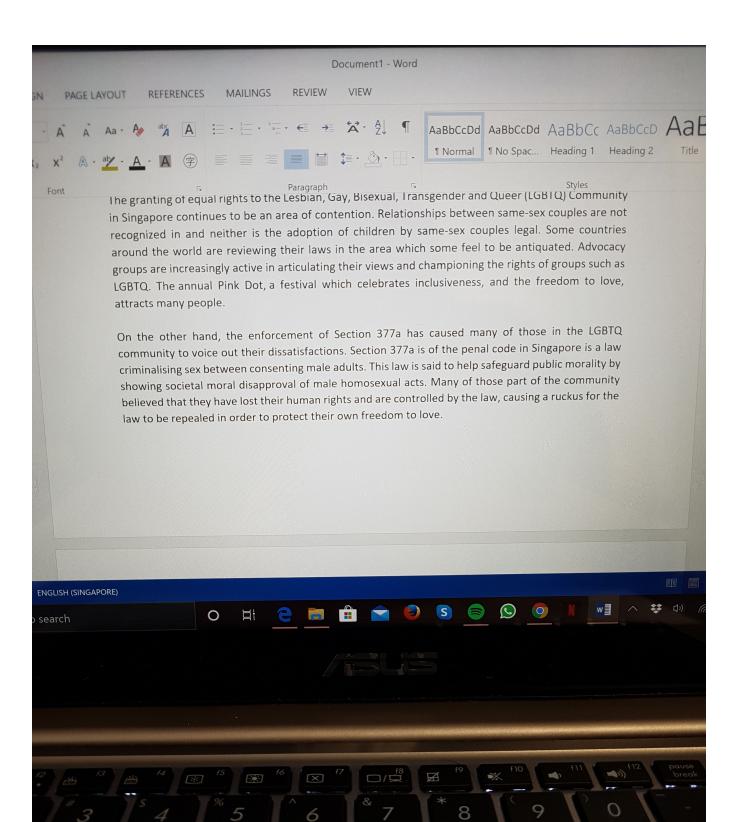
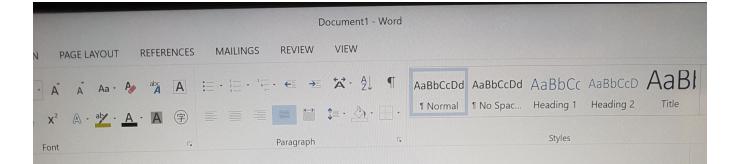


Critics of Singapore are quick to point out that achieving equality for all in Singapore is too idealistic as it is ironic that in a country which prides itself after their multiracial culture, many people have a lack of understanding towards foreign cultures and are xenophobic. In recent years, Singaporeans are becoming extremely anxious about the future of their country and their own personal livelihood due to the influx of educated and professional migrants known as 'foreign talents'. Their complaints through various posts on the social media are indicative of the feelings of dissatisfaction and abandonment Singaporeans have towards the ruling party of the country. On the outbreak of Covid-19 with majority of the cases arising from the migrant workers, Singaporeans begin to show their xenophobia, turning all the blame to the migrant workers. A forum letter published in Chinese newspaper Lianhe Zaobao earlier in May 2020 blamed the Covid-19 outbreaks on the personal hygiene and living habits of the migrant workers. This is evident that achieving equality amongst different races is seemingly too idealistic.









Society's efforts to improve the incomes and well-being of senior citizens highlight to some extent the inequality the less educated elderly are subjected to. Many above 62 are forced to accept lower salaries as they are perceived to be less productive due to their old age and lacking physical ability. The majority work as cleaners, labourers, machine operators and service and sales workers, jobs which are less appealing to others and usually done by the migrant workers. It is heartening to note that median incomes of older citizens have seen an appreciable increase over the last few years. Initiatives such as the Silver Support Scheme and Pioneer Generation Package provide these aged 65 and above with cash and health subsidies.

Multiple societies including Singapore are meticulous in ensuring that every member of society is valued and has the opportunity and freedom to pursue his or her life goals. Due to the competition and inequality that arises from a meritocratic system, differences among people, economic volatility and changes of life, equality remains an aspiration. We are often encouraged to build a more inclusive society through active citizenship and to be empathetic towards the plight of the less fortunate and to give back to society.

