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# **The Asian Transgendered Experience**

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**Text of speech available at TransgenderASIA site:  
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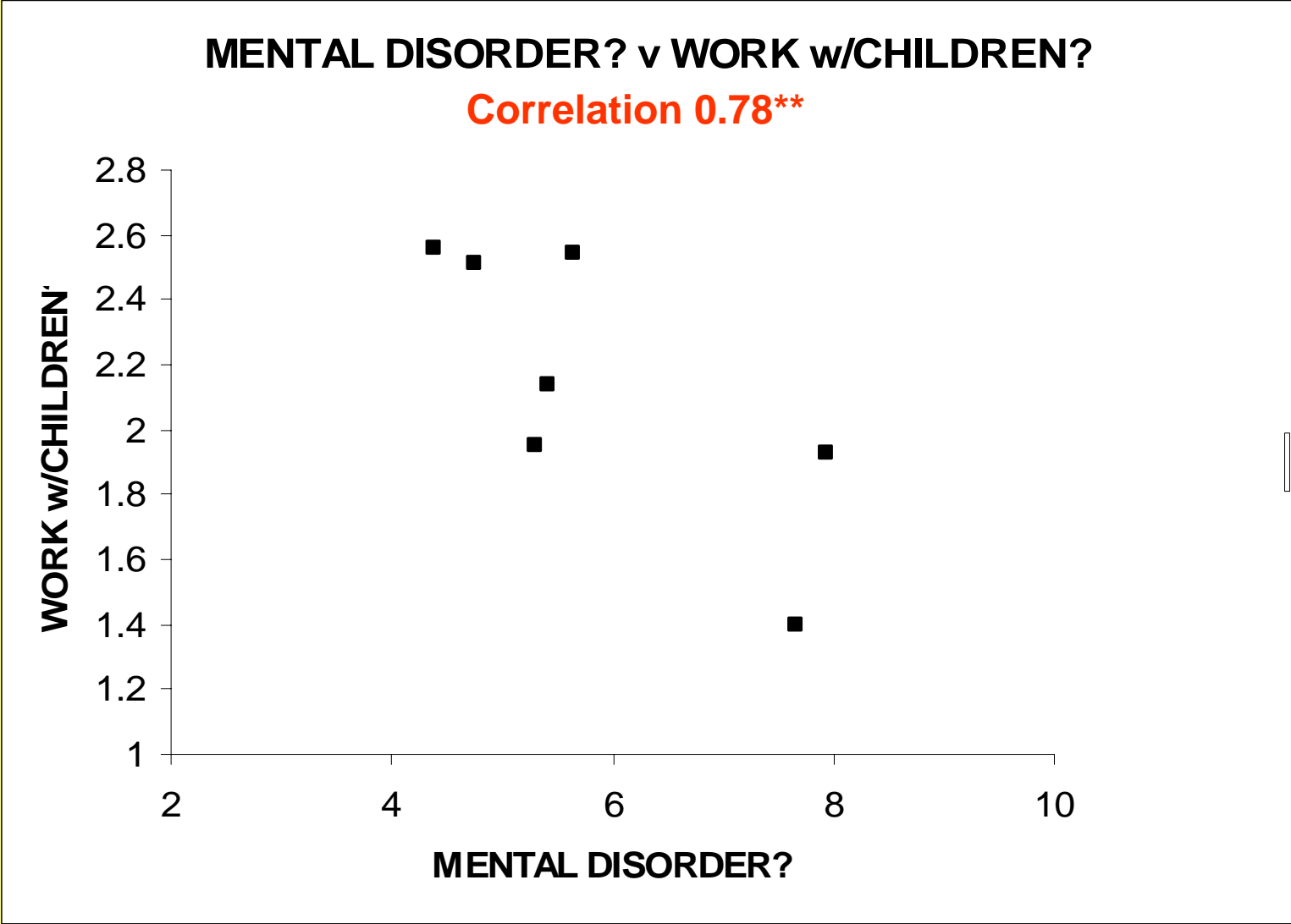
**Health care: needs, other priorities**

**Transphobia: institutionalised**

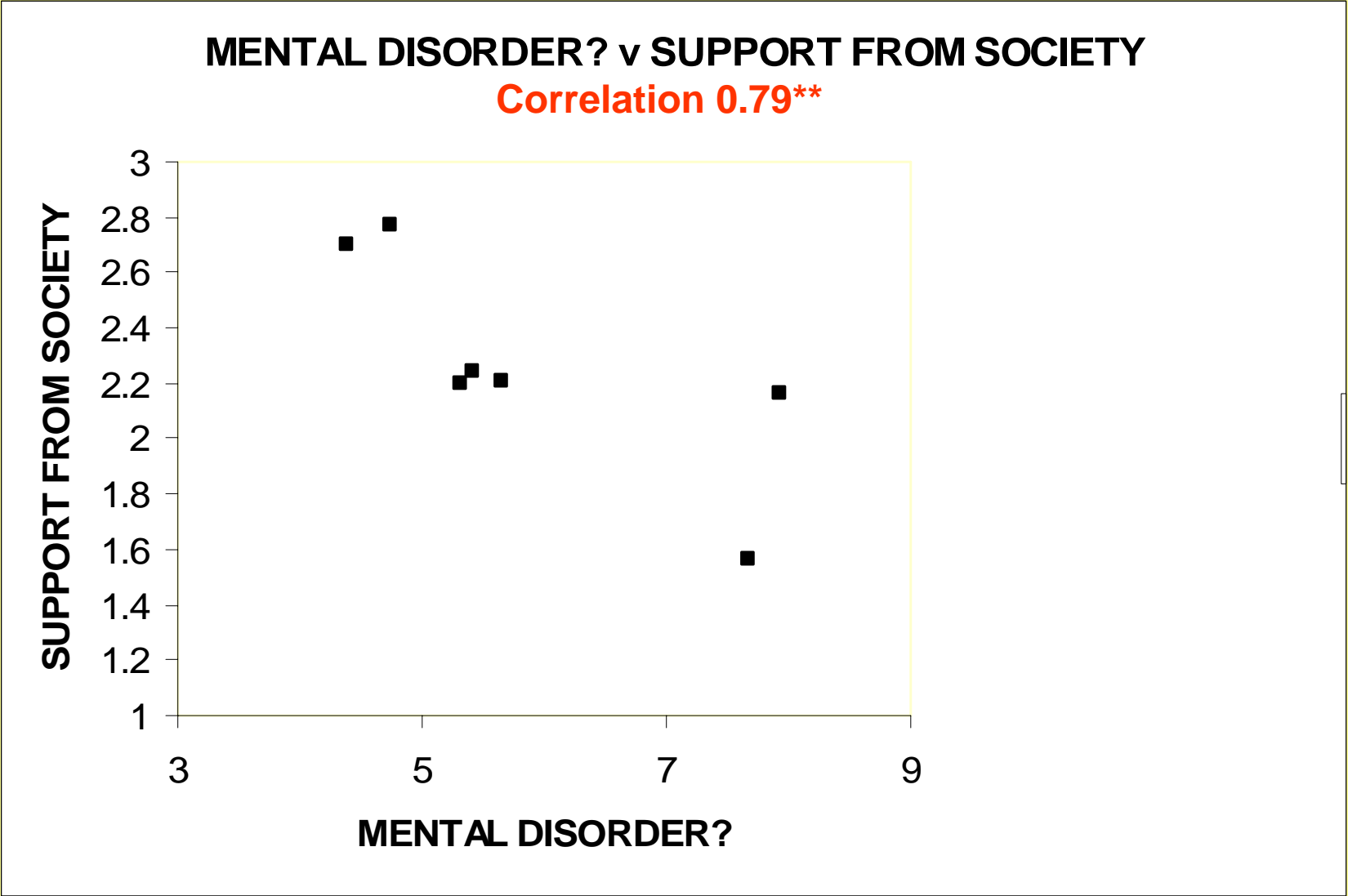
**Human Rights and the  
ICCPR (International Convention of Civil and  
Political Rights)**

**Transphobia and psychiatric pathologisation**

# Psychiatric Pathologisation and Transphobia – 7 countries



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# Psychiatric Pathologisation and Transphobia – correlations in each of 7 countries

Transgenderism is a mental disorder?

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Allowed to  
work w/children?

Deserve  
society's support?

USA	-.54**	-.55**
UK	-.59**	-.43**
Thailand	-.22*	-.10
Singapore	-.57**	-.48**
Malaysia	-.18	.01
Philippines	-.51**	-.37**
Hongkong	-.31**	-.42*

The problem with psychiatric pathologisation

A call for the removal of psychiatric  
diagnoses