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Question

There is a translator who works with the state work eg. Marriages and other translations of legal documents. So his work is just to translate this into the the language if the client. Now he has a client who is a muslim and he is using translator in his marriage. But this marriage is a gay marriage.

Can this translator take on this job or not?

Himself the translator is against gay marriage and is a muslim but he wants to know is it hara am for him to just translate the documents. He is not writing or legally approving anything his just a mere translator

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Answer:

The Shariah considers the Maqsad or purpose of all matters.¹

The obvious job of the translator is to interpret documents of one language into another, he is being paid for this service and has no input into any of the documents.

The translation of the documents does not mean that the translator agrees or disagrees with anything within them, therefore he is neither liable nor credited for their contents, it is merely a service that he is being paid for.

Thus translating any type of document will be permissible including this one in question.

Only Allah knows best

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¹ Qawaaid Fiqhiyya,pg 12,qaida # 1