ABSTRACT

SEXUAL IDENTITY OF GAY COUPLE

(Phenomenological study of sexual identity formation of gay couples in establishing inter-personal communication between them in Bandung)

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This research has many purposes *to know how the formation of sexual identity of gay couples in establishing inter-personal communication between them in the city of Bandung. This study to answer the above problems, it is no sub researchment focuses on the following:* ***background, externalization, objectivization, internalize, and sexual identity formation****. Sub focus is to measure the focus of this research are: sexual identity formation of gay couples.*

The research approach *is qualitative with a phenomenological study, subjects were gay couples. Informants selected by purposive sampling technique, the informants of the study was of 4 (four) gay couples, and to clarify and strengthen the informant data, there are 3 (three) as a key informant. The research data obtained through in-depth interview data, observation, documentation, literature and online searches. To test the validity of the data used triangulation techniques date. Techniques of data analysis is data reduction, data collection, presentation of data, draw conclusions, and evaluation.*

The results *showed that:* ***1. The background of gay sexual identity formation*** *based on factors both internally and externally* ***2. The externalization*** *of environmental cultural influence on the formation of gay sexual identity and any body languages or specific symbols used in the process of sexual identity formation of gay couples* ***3****.* ***In gay couples objectivization*** *distinguish sexual identity not only through sexual contact but also of attitude and dominant trait possessed by each of them* ***4. The internalization*** *of the influence of primary and secondary socialization of sexual identity formation gay couples* ***5. Sexual identity formation*** *about the role of masculine and feminine in gay couples are not only formed of a pattern of sexual relations but of the nature and behavior of a gay owned by the spouse.*

In conclusion*, the formation of sexual identity indicates deliveryis interpreted together with the specific purpose of sorting out the feminine and masculine roles in the lives of gay couples.*

Suggestions *for gay couples to while maintaining the norms of religion, morality, and moral, the community should not exclude or harass gay, for further research to make this research more specifically, examples of space communications, communications touch, proksemik on gay couples, and richer literature.*

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