

AN OVERVIEW OF SEXUAL IDENTITY FORMATION IN EARLY ADULT GAYS

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to describe a sexual identity formation in early adulthood gay. The theoretical oriented on this research is homosexual identity formation from Vivienne Cass. This theory have six stages is identity confusion, identity comparison, identity tolerance, identity acceptance, identity pride and synthesis identity. This research is using qualitative approach with interviews and observation methods for collect the data. There are three subjects in the research. The characteristics of the subjects is a man who has a homosexual sexual orientation who are aged 18-40 years. The results of the research show that the first subject through identity comparison, identity tolerance and identity acceptance. The second subject through identity confusion, identity comparison, identity tolerance, identity acceptance and identity synthesis. The third subject through identity tolerance, identity acceptance and identity pride. The all subjects had a different sexual identity formation.

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