

## ABSTRACT

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Summary

This research intended to analyze and explain the behavior patterns, attitudes and relationships of lesbians. It sought to answer the following questions:

1. What are the factors that contribute to the development of lesbianism?
2. What are the behavioral patterns, attitudes and relationships of lesbians?

3. How does the community perceive lesbians?
4. How do lesbians perceive themselves?
5. Is there any need for lesbians to undergo counselling sessions.

The factors that contribute to the development of lesbian tendencies are excessive exposure to lesbian relatives, influence of lesbian peers and strong attachment to the father figure. Generally, lesbians are antagonistic towards males. Most of them are close to their parents and never experienced love relationships with men.

As to the perception of the community towards lesbianism, they considered lesbians as sinners and lesbianism as immoral. Contrary to this, the participants felt there is no difference from ordinary relationships and as long as they are happy and satisfied with their present conditions they are normal and not sinners.

#### Conclusion

Here are the conclusions of this study:

1. Social environment, family and peer influence are factors that contribute to the development of lesbianism.

2. Lesbians' attitudes reveal preference for female love relationship rather than male relationship.

3. The community perceive lesbianism as sinful and immoral.

4. Lesbians have positive perceptions of themselves.

5. All lesbian participants felt that there is no need for them to undergo counselling session.

#### Recommendations

In the light of the foregoing findings, the researchers would like to recommend the following:

To parents and relatives of lesbians, they should be careful in the care and attention given to their children. They should exert a lot of effort to keep the home atmosphere happy and peaceful and, should there arise some tragic events that cannot be avoided, substitute coping mechanisms for the children to accept it with understanding of what has just happened.

To teachers and guidance counselors, they should observe children carefully and confer with each other to confirm with their notes so that some strategies should be applied. They should respect homosexual groups and teach them moral values.