

## ABSTRACT

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**Objectives of the Study:**

### A. General

This research aimed to identify the childhood traumatic experiences of selected homosexuals.

### B. Specific

This study sought to answer the following problems:

1. What is the respondent's profile in terms of their:

1.1 age

1.2 educational attainment

1.3 relationship status

1.4 employment status and

1.5 parent's status?

2. What is the childhood traumatic experience of the respondents with regards to the following;

2.1 physical abuse

2.2 verbal abuse

2.3 sexual abuse, and

2.4 emotional abuse?

### **Scope and Limitations**

This study determined the childhood traumatic experiences of the respondents' homosexuality.

This study focused on five (5) male homosexuals (gays) and five (5) female homosexuals (lesbians) in different areas in Cavite particularly in Dasmarinas, Imus and Bacoor. Their age ranges from 20-35 years old. The study was limited only to the homosexuals with traumatic childhood experiences as subjects of the case study.

Self-made questionnaires were made as a guide and an interview to understand deeper what underlies homosexuality.

## **Methodology**

The researchers used descriptive method more specifically case study. Ten respondents were selected through the use of purposive sampling and snow ball sampling techniques. The researchers were able to get the needed data through the use of interview and self-made questionnaire.

## **Major Findings**

The following findings resulted from the study:

1. Based on the study, childhood traumatic experiences of the respondents in terms of sexual, emotional, verbal, and physical abuse can be a factor that influenced them to become a homosexual.
2. Based on the study, homosexuals had experienced trauma in their childhood specifically 6-13 years old which is also according to Erik Erikson's Post Freudian Theory - School Age. Homosexuals as young adulthood have the ability to fuse the identity with the identity of another person in maintaining their sense of individuality.
3. Based on the study, the results showed that childhood traumatic experiences were not the root cause of an individual to be a homosexual. There is another factor that could be the root cause of the respondent's homosexuality.

4. Based on the results of the interview, 7 out of 10 respondents had experienced being sexually abused during their childhood years, while 9 out of 10 respondents had experienced being emotionally abused. Being verbally abused was experienced by 9 out of 10 respondents and 7 out of 10 respondents had experienced physical abuse.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the data gathered, the following conclusions were identified:

1. Most of the respondents had childhood traumatic experiences. Four (4) of them were affected by their childhood traumatic experiences that lead them to becoming homosexual.
2. Environmental factor is the root cause of the respondent's homosexuality. In their childhood days, some of them were always with the opposite sex and they adopted the attitude and acknowledge it as their role model while the others were sexually abused and they found it enjoyable.

## **Recommendation**

After a thorough analysis of data, the following recommendations are hereby made:

1. Bigger population for this topic is recommended for future researchers.
2. Future researchers could include other factors affecting homosexuality.

3. Future researchers could use more appropriate guide questions as well as projective tests.
4. Future researchers could be more specific in choosing their respondents.

