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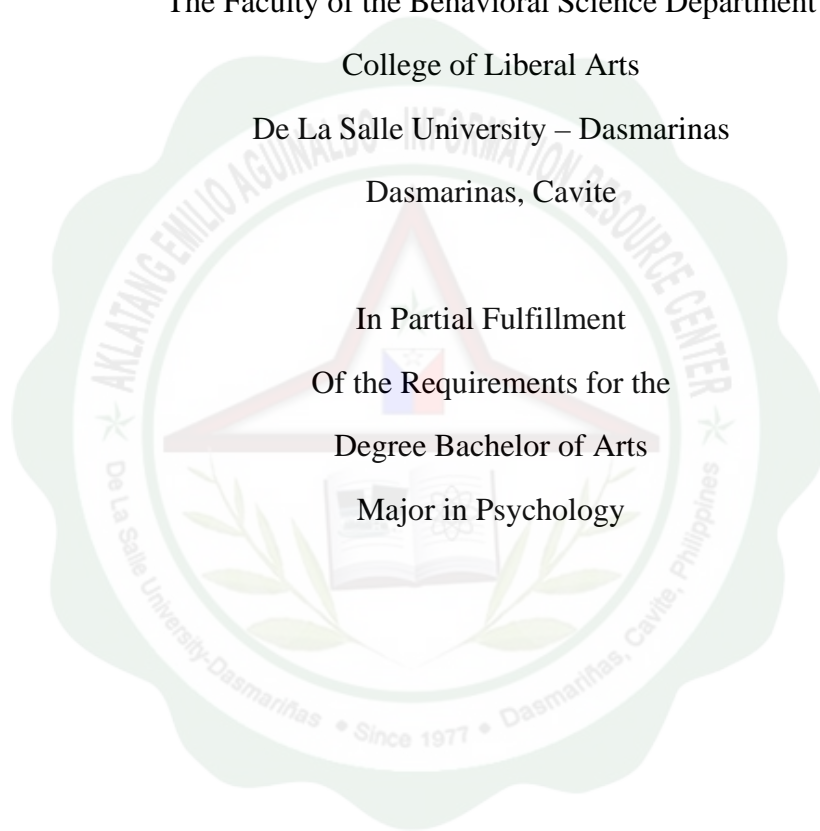
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Statement of the problem

1. What are the demographic profile of the respondent in terms of :
 - a. Age
 - b. Educational attainment
 - c. Occupation
2. What are the sexual communications used by gay men?
3. What gender role do gay men assume when engaging in sexual communication?

4. What is the more effective gender role in acquiring a date partner for gay men?

Scope and Limitation

This research sought to find out the relationship of sexual communication and gender roles of gays towards males in terms of its effectiveness in date partner acquisition. The respondents are composed of gay men who have experienced using sexual communication to straight men. The age range of the gay respondents is 25 years old and above. Ten self confessed gays were the participants of this study.

Methodology

This study used descriptive interview which provided the needed data from gay men. Participants of the study are ten (10), 25 years old and above and self confessed gay men who have experienced or are currently engaging in relationships with men. An interview guide questionnaire was used to gather information for the purpose of the study.

Findings

1. The research participants both utilized non-verbal and verbal sexual communication. They primarily use the idea of providing for the partner or giving material things in both non-verbal and verbal ways.

2. Gay men prefer to use non-verbal sexual cues than sending information verbally. In addition, they feel that non-verbal sexual communication sends clearer messages than doing it verbally.
3. Most of the gay participants assume a female gender role when engaging in sexual communication with men.
4. Assuming a female gender role is a more effective gender role for gays to successfully acquire male date partners. Comparing the statements of the participants shows that the gays who practice and exercise female sexual communication styles have a higher success rate in getting male date partners.

Conclusion

1. Most of the respondents find it difficult to sexually express and communicate themselves to men verbally. The constant presence of social distraction, stigma and discrimination prevent them from expressing themselves fully in a manner that they want.
2. Although majority of them knows that giving and providing for the partner is usually associated as a male behaviour, they still feel that they are women when they do it. Social stigma and discrimination dictate that they have to do it to compete with the traditional heterosexual ways of sexual communication.

3. Assuming a male gender role for gay men is not effective in acquiring male date partners. Participants who believe that they are using the male gender role have little success in getting preferred partners.
4. Assuming a female gender role in sexually communicating with men provides a better chance for gay men to get male date partners.

Recommendation

For Counselors. This study can help counselors in aiding gays improve their chances to be happy by giving them advice on the effective ways in acquiring male date partners.

For Future Researchers. A similar study should be done for future researchers to further validate the findings of this study. Interviewing family members and friends must be done to support the study. Observations in the natural environment of gays like gay bars can also help determine deeply the behaviours and personalities of gay men. Future researchers are also advised to increase the number of participants to gain better findings and to use other research methods in data gathering.

Gay Community. The results of the research suggest that there is a greater chance of success in getting date partners for gay men if they assume a female gender role. This can also give them information on the verbal and

non-verbal techniques that gay men use in attempting to get male date partners.

For Psychology Professors. They could use the study to further explain how gay men express themselves sexually to men. They could use this research to fully understand and explain the behaviors attributed to these individuals and teach them to future psychologists.

For Psychologists. Since this study is relatively new in research. It can help psychologists explore and dwell deeper on the nature of sexual communication between gays and men. Also, how gender role affects sexual communication must be seen.

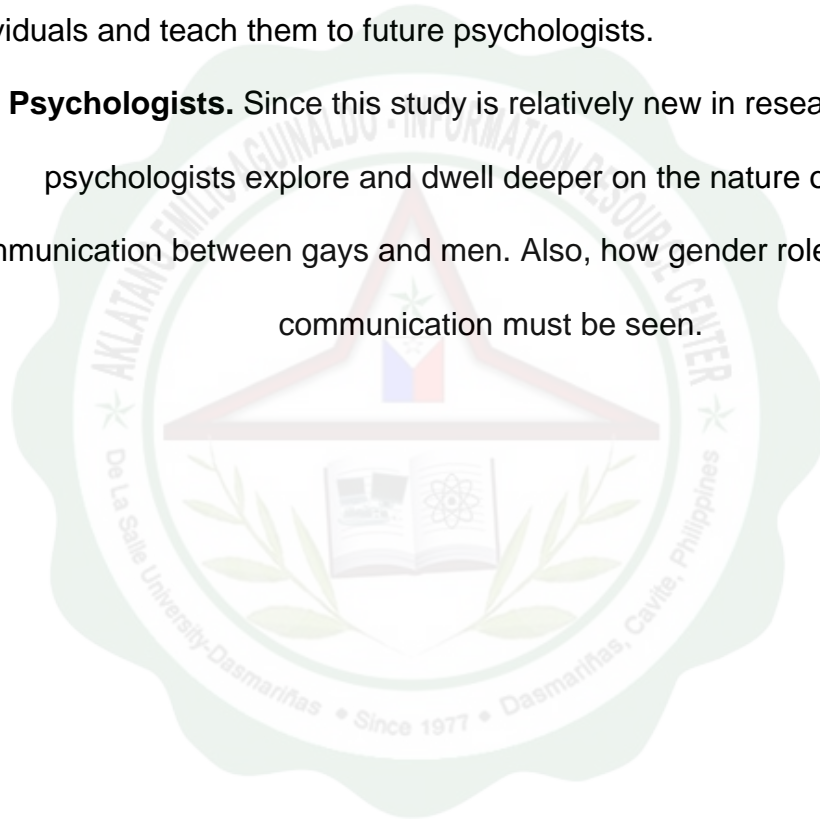


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