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**ABSTRACT**

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TITLE : An Exploratory Study on the Gender - Role of the Gay-Husbands Before and After Marriage.

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OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY :

A. GENERAL :

To furnish insights on the changing role of gay-husbands in the Philippines to the Social Science Department.

B. SPECIFIC :

To determine the changes in gender role of gay-husbands before and after marriage.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE :

The research was an exploratory study which investigated the thoughts and feelings of ten gay-husbands on their gender role before and after marriage.

METHODOLOGY :

A descriptive - survey method was used in the ex

ploratory study. The respondents of the study were ten gay-husbands. They were given a set of questionnaires in order to gather data about their thoughts and feelings.

#### MAJOR FINDINGS :

Based on the gathered data and information the researchers came up with following findings:

1. Gay-husbands did not find any difficulties in their marital life. They were happily married.

2. The coping mechanisms of the gay-husbands were:  
a) 100% involvement in religious and spiritual activities; b) 70% watched movies; c) 70% concentrated to their works and d) 60% visited their friends and relatives.

3. The significant changes in the lives of gay-husbands were: a) 100% become more emotionally stable and more responsible, 90% learned to be committed with their partner ( wife ) and c) 80% were happier.

#### CONCLUSIONS:

Gay-husbands were comfortable with themselves as married male homosexuals. This internal happiness can be attributed to the fact that although married they were not abandoned by their friends, renounced by their community and detested by their wives and children. Acceptance from their relatives and circle of friends were contributory factors for living a free

from the horns of a dilemma wedlock. These, the researchers believed, were due to an honest to goodness sense of understanding from both parties .In times of marital awkwardness and other intricacies gay-husbands used coping mechanisms like a) they avoided returning to their past activities ( homosexual acts ), b) they turned to a better alternative lifestyle by joining activities that would enhance their spiritual life, c) they visit friends for healthy release of their homosexual urges, and d) they ignored marital problems and concentrated on their job.

**RECOMMENDATION :**

1. To the wife of gay-husbands, to reconsider such study for it will help them gain more informations about gay-husbands.

2. To the community, for them to take a deeper view on such a case.