



ABSTRACT

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Objectives of the Study:

General:

The main purpose of this study was to identify the problems and coping mechanisms of persons engaged in lesbian relationship.

Specific:

1. To determine the personal profile of the respondents in terms of age, religion, ordinal position and living arrangement.
2. To determine the problems they have encountered in a lesbian relationship.



3. To determine the coping mechanisms used by lesbians to handle the problems they encounter.
4. To determine the attitudes of the respondents by using projective tests such as Sachs Sentence Completion Test and Human Figure Drawing test.
5. To determine the gender role played by the respondents.

Scope and Limitation:

The study focused on the problems and coping mechanisms of persons engaged in lesbian relationships. There were 9 respondents from Manila and Cavite, with age ranging 18 and above and currently engaged in a lesbian relationship.

Methodology:

The descriptive research design specifically case study method was used to conduct this study. Personal information sheet, researcher-made interview guide questions were used to gather information from the respondents. Two projective tests namely: Sachs Sentence Completion Test and Human figure drawing test were used to determine the attitudes of the respondents.

In the analysis of data gathered, responses of each respondent in the interview were transcribed. The results of the projective tests were



interpreted. These were content analyzed, tallied and categorized accordingly to meet the research objectives.

Major Findings:

Stated below are the salient findings of the investigation.

1. Based on the study, women experience homosexuality during late teens and early twenties. Also most of the respondents are Catholic and yet still are engaged in lesbian relationships. It is also noticeable that every respondent has problematic situations with regard to her family.
2. Based on the study, it shows that jealousy is one of the most common problem encountered by lesbians. They tend to get jealous on both males and females. Also, lesbians are still having a hard time adjusting to the negative feedback of both Church and society.
3. The study shows that most of the respondents learned to confront every problem they encountered. Some said they just do not mind their problems. Some learned to rationalize their situation while a respondent would just cry.
4. The study shows that lesbians are focused on the family and on self-concept. All of them are self-oriented and are emotionally focused.
5. Based on the study, most of the respondents play the male role in the lesbian relationship while some play as females. Some do not necessarily have roles for they perceive them as partners and/on as equals.



Conclusion:

The following conclusions were drawn based on the findings of the study.

1. Most lesbians engage themselves in lesbian relationships during late teens and early adolescence. Religion is no longer a factor when it comes to lesbian relationships. Though they are aware of the Church's stand, what matters for them is what and how they feel. Lastly, one considerable factor is their living arrangement, those who lack either one of the parents have a tendency to be engaged in a homosexual relationship.
2. Lesbian relationship is just like the heterosexual relationship. Jealousy is always the problem each lesbian has encountered. The church and society's stand also serves as hindrance in a lesbian relationship.
3. The lesbian's way of coping with problems mentioned above varies. Some learned to confront, some do not mind the problem and some learn to rationalize the problem.
4. Most lesbians are focused on the family as well as self-concept. They are also emotionally focused. They value themselves more, thus, they tend to look for persons same as them—lesbian.
5. Lesbians have learned to identify what gender role to play. Some play the male role and on otherwise. Also, some believe that since they are of the same sex, they are equal.



Recommendation:

With the findings of the study, the researchers have come up with the following recommendations:

1. Future researchers could conduct research with bigger number of subjects.
2. Future researchers could use more appropriate projective test/s e.g. Bell's Inventory Test to further measure the femininity and masculinity of a person.
3. Future researchers could include the coming out process of lesbians.
4. They could also include the reaction of the lesbian's family.
5. A forum could be held to bring awareness to the general public about lesbianism and what lesbians go through in their relationship.
6. Future researchers could conduct a study on lesbians who are in late adulthood for they are more experienced individuals.
7. The government could provide a program which would encourage acceptance of third sex.