



ABSTRACT

With the amount of hate, violence, and discrimination felt and experienced by homosexuals, social movement or activism has been organized to fight these oppressions. However, following the Social Identity Theory of Tajfel and Turner, closet homosexuals (in-group) may exhibit a different attitude towards LGBT activism and activists compared to the other group of homosexuals or the out homosexuals. With the aim to know the attitude of closet homosexuals, or the homosexuals whose identity are not disclosed to a group or groups of people in their lives (e.g., family members) towards LGBT activism and activists, and the factors that influenced their attitudes, the researchers have employed a mixed method in gathering the data. Results indicate that closet homosexuals, do present different attitudes towards LGBT activism and activists (some agree while others do not). And by exploring their experiences being in the closet, familial and religious reasons, as well as the discrimination present in the society, affect their decision to be in the closet, as well as their attitudes toward LGBT activism and activist.

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