

ABSTRACT

The external communities are the people who can mostly interact to the couple's relationship development and can involve a couple's decision making. The tension that the external communities can cause to the couple is called external tension according to the theory of relational dialectics. The researchers used the term external community to refer specifically to the people around the couples - be it their immediate family, friends, relatives, co-workers, and past relationship.

The results show that the external community directly affected the couples and it has a vital role in the relationship development of the couples because they can give advice and opinions on a couple's relationship. Thus, couples should know how to limit the involvement of external communities to their relationship because it is their decision that should matter.

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Relationship Development, External Community, Conflict, Resolution, Relational Dialectics Theory, Relationship Development Theory, Romantic Comedy Films