

ABSTRAK

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Indonesian society tends to have negative and discriminative perception on gays. Social rejection on gays tend to create psychological issues on gays such as loneliness, anxiety and depression. Self disclosing as gay may create problems related to social rejection. many gays prefer not to disclose themselves as gays in order to avoid social rejection; yet, such condition creates self denial and has potentials to gradually created allientation. This research is based on the process of how gays have the coming out experiences. Most of them experience not only larger social rejection but also parental rejection resulting feeling of abandonment and social alienation. As time progresses and the family can gradually accept the condition, they feel more relieved by being accepted in their families, they regain more confidence on their behavior, and feel grateful for being accepted as members within their family inner circle, the closet support system in their social life.

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