

ABSTRACT

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Homosexual still cannot be accepted in Indonesia. Rejection from people, especially family, can cause conflict in homosexual. The conflict can be influenced in self-concepts and coming out process. Either, social support from peer group can reinforce homosexual to build positive self-concept and reach the coming out process in highest level, which is called identity synthesis. The reason behind this research is to give understanding about the social support and self-concept of early adulthood gay that already came out within its peer group. This research involves three early adulthood gays range between 21 – 25 years old, which already came out and studying in one of the university in Jakarta. The research being conducted by using qualitative research method, as well as sample technique, which is known by snowball. The result of the research shown that social support from peer group can affect in coming out process and social support from family can affect self-concept's subjects. In this research, also found that all of the subjects can accept their identity as a gay, but there is one subject, which has negative self-concept can through all coming out process. That result shown self-concept is not always in line with coming out process.

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