

ABSTRACT

Interpersonal communication plays a crucial role in forming and maintaining social relationships, including among minority groups such as homosexual communities. Through communication, a person can express various internal aspects of himself, including desires, emotions, thoughts, as well as sharing knowledge, views, and life experiences with others. Factors such as the level of openness in relationships, conflict management strategies, and external influences such as social support and community stigma, play an important role in shaping interpersonal communication in homosexual couples. This research aims to analyse and understand in depth how interpersonal communication occurs between homosexual couples in expressing affection. This research method uses a descriptive qualitative approach with a case study type of research. The results of this study show that interpersonal communication in homosexual relationships is greatly influenced by the level of openness, empathy, and social support. The conclusion of this study is that homosexual couples can show positive interpersonal communication, although external challenges still affect the way they interact. In addition, the importance of honesty, trust, and mutual understanding are also determining factors in strengthening their relationships.

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