

Abstract

The study of the images of gaymen among university students in the Bangkok area has 3 objectives :

1. What are the images (subjective definitions) of gaymen ?
2. What are the factors which cause those images ?
3. What are the relationships between the images of gaymen and their social acceptance ?

In this study an image of gaymen is divided into 3 dimensions : the outward appearance , the sexual relationship and the abstract image .

The theoretical frameworks used consist of the process of socialization in the symbolic interaction perspective of Iowa school , including the concept of significant others in family , school and peer group , together with the ideas about gender roles .

The findings indicate that the image of gaymen is the image of man in general most held (76.8%) . The respondents think gaymen may behave mostly in different ways possible everywhere all respondents (100%) believe gaymen may have sexual relationships exclusively with man following by mostly with men and a few women to with more women and only with woman respectively .

The image of gaymen with uneven temperaments is the most found (66.3%) . The independent variables found to be related with appearance are education levels , the frequency of contacts with gaymen , parents and peers images of gaymen.

The ideas about gender roles , household division of labor , types of schools attended , frequency of contacts with gaymen , fathers' , teachers' , students' images of gaymen are related to abstract images of gaymen.

Only peers' image of gaymen's sexual relationship influences the students' image of gaymen's sexual relationship.

The gaymen's sexual image is the least related to the social acceptance of gaymen.

As for profession the respondents would allow gaymen to be most is beautician (94.4%) and least is monk.

The respondent would accept gaymen as attending the same educational institution most (94.9%) and least as closest friend would accept gaymen as distant relative's sexual partner most (62.3%) and least their own sexual partner.