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Causes for human abnormal human sexual behavior (homosexuality) in Sri Lanka

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Sexuality is culturally mediated. It is therefore important to explore the meaning of gay or homosexual. Homosexuality is sexual orientation towards people of the same sex. Homosexuality contrasts with heterosexuality, sexual orientation towards people of the opposite sex. People with a sexual orientation toward members of both sexes are called bisexuals. Female homosexuals are frequently called lesbians. In recent years the term "gay" has been applied to both homosexual men and women.

Homosexuality appears in virtually all social contexts within different community settings, socio economic levels and ethnic and religious groups. Attitudes toward homosexual behavior have varied with time and place. In ancient Greece, homosexual relations were accepted and in some cases expected activity in certain segments of society. Homosexualities in the western world were determined largely by prevailing Judeo Christian moral codes.

5% - 8% percentages of people are addicted to homosexual behavior in Sri Lanka. According to Sri Lankan penal code sex between men is punishable by 12 years in jail while the existence of lesbianism is not even acknowledged by the 1883 penal code.

In this research to seek how people get addicted to homosexual behavior I have used methodology as a functional method. Also questionnaires and interviews were used for gathering primary data.

The survey used two samples. One is to attract nearly 20 men who have had sex with men under the Companions on Journey in Colombo. Also 10 women who have had sex with women under the Women's Support Group in Colombo. Other one is based on a random sampling estimated 100 people in the society. 50 university students were in Kelaniya, J'pura, Colombo, Peradeniya, Ruhuna. Other 50 were employers working as Lectures, Doctors, Lawyers; Engineers & Accountants. 30 people who have had sex with same persons were interviewed. Most of gay persons addicted to homosexual behavior in the age group of 31-36. They got their first homosexual experience in age group of 11-14. They have known this behavior from the peer groups or adults.

The survey found that there are both Sociological and Psychological causes of homosexuality. According to the study causes for a person to get addicted to homosexual behavior are experiencing homosexuality as their first sexual encounter, sexually molestation. Social isolation, dissatisfaction with their child hood, dissatisfaction with their marriage life and, poverty etc.

Homosexual unions are not built around life time commitments. Not only does it place homosexuals at increased risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases but it also subjects them to an increased threat of domestic violence & early death.

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