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ABSTRACT

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This study generally aimed to narrate the story of gay homosexuals' long-term relationship with a live-in partner. Specifically, this study aimed to: (1) learn about the possible reasons that led them in engaging with homosexual relationship; (2) determine the problems/ crisis that they were facing while they living together; (3) find out the coping mechanisms that developed towards their problem; and (4) list their aspirations and realizations throughout their long-term relationship. The study involved nine gay participants who have been living with their partners for more than a year. Purposive and snowball sampling were used to determine the sample participants.

Qualitative research, which is narrative analysis for a broader understanding and in-depth research, was used in the study. The researchers presented the results in two-way format, case by case and generalized. All the results were thematically analyzed. The themes related to research questions were summarized accordingly.

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INTRODUCTION

During Greek's early years, attraction between a man and another man was normal and considered to be an expression of love. Today, there are no religious or political limitations on homosexual behavior in Japan. Sexuality is considered a private matter and lacks any restrictions. Mixed race relationships are considered more offensive than homosexuality. In the thirteenth century, the first laws banning sodomy were introduced and were strictly enforced. Through the next centuries, homosexual behavior became deviant and was punished. Due to the belief that homosexual behavior was wrong, the belief that heterosexual relationships were normal became popular among the majority of countries. By the nineteenth century, heterosexuality became the most believed standard for relationships.

In many countries such as the United States same sex relationship are outlawed although some government leaders insist on legalizing the gay marriages because they