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Performativitas lesbian dan Identitas di Sepocikopi.com

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Abstract

Being gay and lesbian in Indonesia has never been easy. Queer people are commonly judged and insulted by the society for their abnormality. Since they have very limited space for expressing their thoughts, some of them try to create a virtual community to gather people who have identified themselves as queer. sepocikopi.com is a lesbian online magazine created by Alex and Lakshmi in 2009. It provides articles about lesbians in daily lives contributed by the members of sepocikopi.com. Every member took part in writing articles in any columns they like. Gaya Hidup is one of the columns mostly depicting lesbians' lifestyles and aspirations. This study aimed to examine the actualization of lesbian's lifestyle which tends to be ambiguous in the actual practice, including the classification in gender roles. This study used textual analysis to critically scrutinize the selected articles in Gaya Hidup column written by Yasmin and Carmen, the founders of sepocikopi.com. Using Butler's theory about gender performativity, the study found that the actualization of lesbian's lifestyle depicted in the article is still subjected to heteronormativity in the society. However, cyberspace apparently helps Indonesian lesbian to define the performativity with no fear of judgment from the society, as they feel safe with the anonymity and being in the virtual community that has the same vision.

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