

## **CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE INFLUENCE OF BOYS' LOVE FILMS ON GENERATION Z'S PERSPECTIVE REGARDING LGBT (LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER)**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Boys' Love (BL) films serve as an effective medium for increasing tolerance and understanding towards the LGBT community. The current easy access through various digital media platforms is a supporting factor. The proliferation of BL content films has now "influenced" Generation Z, changing their perspective on LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) individuals. In Indonesia, given the socio-cultural context, many fans of BL films view them merely as a form of entertainment with no intention of openly supporting the LGBT community's existence. Interestingly, continuous consumption of BL content can lead to a shift in one's viewpoint. Generation Z's pro and contra perspectives pose a dilemma in society. While LGBT is still considered contrary to norms by most of the global community, tolerance for LGBT individuals is now emerging from Generation Z. The background for Generation Z's acceptance of LGBT stems from technological advancements and the effects of dissemination through social media. The authors will examine this phenomenon using critical discourse analysis and conduct interviews with Generation Z fans of Boys' Love films.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The issue of LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) is a very common and sensitive topic in society today. Some argue that LGBT is a human right that must be respected, while others view it as a social deviation that contradicts norms, ethics, religion, and culture (Wahyuni, 2022). The LGBT issue continues to be a polemic due to significant pro and contra views. The Indonesian government's policies also tend to regulate LGBT strictly, creating tension between traditional views and individual rights. The presence of LGBT individuals has become a widely discussed issue in Indonesian society with the rampant promotion or advertisements of LGBT on social media. They strive for universal acceptance from the global community. Some countries also conduct LGBT rights campaigns framed as part of the internationally recognized human rights struggle (Putri, 2022).

Technology plays a significant role in the current development of LGBT issues. Many shows subtly reference LGBT elements without viewers' awareness, and even when viewers