

# ***LGBT in News: A Comparative Study of Print Newspaper and News Portal in Malaysia***

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## ***Abstract***

*The perception towards Lesbians, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) is still a taboo and inept subject among the Malaysian society, especially in a country that recognizes Islam as their official religion. However, LGBT issues nowadays are increasingly being discussed in print, digital and new media. The increasing numbers of LGBT portrayals in news can be assume that there is a change in sensitivity among Malaysians and there is a change in terms of censorship in news. This research explores the portrayals of LGBT issues in the sample of print news in Utusan Malaysia and online news, Malaysiakini. This research tries to answer the questions of the reporting patterns of LGBT issues in Malaysia especially on the themes that are being used whenever an issue regarding such topic is being reported in the year of 2011 and 2012.*

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