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People experience different features in their life such as sex. However, sexuality being a normal part of human life, some of them occur in different behaviors. For instance, sex behaviors are categorized into two sexual behaviors that include both normal and abnormal based on different cultures. Nonetheless, some cultures have taken the discussion of different sexual behavior as a taboo and thus the discrepancy between paraphilias and disorders indicating the concept that majority of the individuals may practice unusual sexual behaviors with no mental illness analysis. In addition, having different paraphilic disorders, this paper will focus on Transvestic disorder as well as discuss its concept and how it is considered as a sexual deviant.

Sexual behavior has exhibited varying features among individuals for several years, but addressing the problem of sexual behavior has always been a taboo in different communities and cultures. Hence, this makes individuals concerned feel ashamed of themselves as well as not interacting with their agemates. However, currently, the concept of sexual behavior has been the talk in several societies and events because it is not a private subject anymore (Di Lorenzo et al., 2018). Individuals are committed to speaking up and are not scared to admit their sexual alignment and the activities that make them get sexual arousal. Consequently, the activities involved are what different cultures perceive as normal while others view it as paraphilias.

Paraphilic disorders are sexual happenings viewed as abnormal by society and can be very risky. According to Di Lorenzo et al. (2018), paraphilias are expressive ailments demarcated as sexually arousing imaginations, needs or activities repeated, are strong and happen for more than six months as well as leads to substantial suffering or affect significant operational regions. Furthermore, majority of the paraphilic disorders are established entirely for men excluding masochism. There are different types of paraphilic disorders dealing with how

individuals suffer from sexual arousal however the main paraphilic disorder to be addressed is Transvestic disorder.

Jobs (2019) states that transvestic disorder is an ailment where a man gets sexual arousal when they dress in women's clothes. Although many studies have indicated that transvestic disorder occurs in male, a study conducted by Jobs (2019), argues that the behaviors are common in male than in the female. For that reason, these conditions always focus on cross-dressing hence male individuals will tend to wear female clothes and at the same time, female individuals wear male clothes. Similarly, the behaviors must appear for more than six months as stated earlier in another paraphilia and leads to significant distress to the persons societal, work-related or other essential areas of individuals functioning.

Transvestic disorder enables individuals to develop strong sexually arousing imaginations, sexual desires or performances consisting of cross-dressing. Moreover, according to Jobs (2019), transvestic disorder transpires in two different forms. The first form is fetishism where an individual is sexually aroused by objects, clothes and materials while the second one is autogynephilia involving an individual being sexually aroused through views or images of themselves as female. Nevertheless, when an individual is considered to have a history of the illness but it has not indicated any sign of anguish or impairment in the previous five years, then they are regarded as being in remission.

Most of the time transvestite is not used and thus making cross-dressing be more common. Majority of the heterosexual individuals begin indicating the symptoms of transvestite during their early childhood stage. Jobs (2019) emphasizes that almost three percent of male individuals have crossed-dressed and have been sexually inspired more than once. Still, less have conveyed consistent cross-dressing. Therefore, cross-dressing is related to strong sexual

stimulation. Consequently, the sexual stimulation developed by the apparels is regarded as fetishism and may happen together or autonomous of cross-dressing. The disposition outlines of cross-dressing males are overly comparable with race and age-matched norms.

Transvestic disorder features are always demonstrated as the most protruding in maturity the way the normophiliac sexuality occurs. However, transvestic people are different from transsexual persons because they do not have the wish to convert into being the opposite sex. Balon (2016) accentuates that the presence of gender dysphoria in cross-dressing people has been decreasing the transvestic propensities in the affected persons. Moreover, for the male victims, transvestic-associated sexual stimulation establishes as the penile erection and sexual stimulus. Despite the increase in individuals involving themselves in such activities because of sexual arousal, they have also focused on wearing feminine apparel through sexual tolerance.

Again, transvestic individuals always require their partners to be supportive and willing to be engaged. Cross-dressing individuals may get involved in sexual actions in a limited or complete female outfit. However, in case their associates are not supportive, they may feel dejected, nervousness, embarrassment and blame because of them yearn to cross-dress, hence increasing chances of undergoing sexual dysfunction in their affiliation. In reaction to the experiences, the individuals involved are often cathartic to their female attires. Furthermore, the exclusion may be accompanied by more sets of lady's apparel such as wigs and more experience on shame and blame convoyed by purgatives.

The diagnosis of the transvestic disorder is performed using ¹the diagnostic and statistical manual for mental disorders (DSM-5). Hence, for diagnosis to take place several conditions are needed. The first conditions are that patients are required to have been frequently and strongly stimulated by cross-dressing. Since sexual stimulation is presented in form of strong urges,

unrealities and behaviors, these indications can lead to substantial distress or harm the operational life as well as other significant areas. Again, the last requirement for diagnosis is that the problem of cross-dressing should have occurred for at least six months and results in sexual stimulation regularly. According to Beech et al. (2016), the clothes being used by an individual should also cause sexual arousal because the apparels are considered to be behind the perceptible venereal simulation.

Moreover, DSM-5 offers that although transvestic disorder occurs mostly in men, it also happens in females. Therefore, it is essential to realize that despite the homosexual men wearing in drag, it varies with cross-dressing since it is not for sexual stimulation (Beech et al., 2016). Besides, the same source argues that despite gay individuals wearing in drag, they do not necessarily perform the activities for sexual stimulation and thus do not have a transvestic disorder. Also, the disorder does not lead to any straightforward damage to other individuals, nonetheless, when it causes people to steal other women's apparel it may lead to the destruction of relationships as well as legal issues ascending.

According to Beech et al. (2016), paraphilias are unfamiliar sexual interests, however, they require to not lead to any danger to persons as well as other individuals. Nonetheless, when they lead to the harm they convert to paraphilic disorders. This has resulted in increased discrepancies between DSM-5 researchers because other groups lead to straightforward perils including pedophile while transvestic disorder does not lead to dangers however, it can bring harm to some occurrences. Psychologists define paraphilias as the appearance of arrested psychosexual progression accompanied by paraphilic behaviors shielding people's essence against anxiety. Similarly, other people are certain that paraphilias are due to the casualty

relating something with sexual stimulation and concentration or have experienced uncommon childhood life with sexual practices strengthened by having an orgasm.

The transvestic disorder can be treated using two different treatments. Therefore, being a behavioral disorder, psychotherapy can be used as a treatment approach. According to Giami (2015), psychotherapy is the utilization of psychological approaches specifically when based on frequent individual relations with adults to assist victims alter their behaviors and change their desired methods. Additionally, the main purpose of psychotherapy is to ensure individuals' self-acceptance and control of perilous behaviors. Majority of individuals with transvestic behaviors are not available for treatment. However, those who appear in treatment sessions are accompanied by their fateful partners. They are mentioned by criminal justice systems such as courts as well as self-referred out of apprehension on undergoing undesirable social and employment significances (Giami, 2015). Besides, other individuals suffering from the disorder go for the handling of comorbid drug abuse, anxiety or gender dysphoria. Another way of treatment of the transvestic disorder is through social and support groups. Social and support groups play a significant role in assisting cross-dressed individuals because they can interact with each other and share ideas on how they change their behaviors as well as changing their mindset.

Transvestic disorder is considered sexually deviant because of the sexual stimulation it brings after individuals performing the activities such as dressing other genders' clothes. Castellini et al. (2018), argues that sexual deviance exemplifies any stimulation or sexual partiality directed towards objects or actions that are not in line with societal standards. Therefore, individuals having an interest in such behaviors are categorized as paraphilia by

DSM-5. Consequently, based on the transvestic disorder individuals get sexually aroused with cross-dressing, which may occur in form of imaginations, behaviors and desires.

In summation, the paraphilia selected is a transvestic disorder that comprises regular and strong sexual stimulation from cross-dressing that may occur in form of fantasies, desires and behaviors. Therefore, the disorder is a form of paraphilia and mostly occurs in cross-dressers. For the diagnosis to start the transvestic paraphilia individuals should have the condition for at least six months, people must have regularly and strongly stimulated by cross-dressing and expressed through imaginations and behaviors. Similarly, these manifestations must lead to substantial distress or cause harm to normal their normal functioning. Treatment is through two ways either social support groups or psychotherapy. Thus, the paraphilia is considered sexually deviant because it exemplifies any stimulation or sexual partiality directed towards objects or actions that are not in line with societal standards.

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