



# FAMILY COMMUNICATION IN THE PARENTING PATTERNS OF TEENAGER PARENTS ABOUT ROBBER BEHAVIOR IN PALU CITY STREETS

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## ABSTRACT

*Robber behavior is a negative action often found among teenagers in Palu City. Regarding this problem, parents as the nuclear family try to educate their children to continue to behave well and be helpful to others. This study aims to determine and describe family communication in the pattern of parental education to children about robber behavior on the streets of Palu City. The research method uses a qualitative case study approach. Informants used purposive sampling consisting of parents and children who became perpetrators of the robbery. Data were collected by observation and in-depth interviews. Data analysis is based on the perspective of Miles and Huberman, namely data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion drawing/verification. The results of the study indicate that the application of good family communication is part of a good parenting pattern from parents to children so as not to commit acts of robbery. Family communication relates to teaching children to be able to speak politely, to love children, to teach children to respect others, to introduce social norms that should not be violated, and parents to be good examples as a form of stimulus for children so that they become useful individuals for their children anybody.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Children are a gift from God that must be protected, their rights guaranteed and raised with love so that children develop into useful, civilized individuals, and have a bright future. However, the good or bad of a child's growth and development depends on the pattern of parental education. Basically that children are not born with a complete understanding of who they are,

the real thing is that children develop an understanding of themselves through the process of communication with parents who are the nuclear family. Children learn about how their parents, siblings, and other family members view them. Then when the child has started to come into contact with the social environment, his self-concept will change based on other people's assessment of him. The assessment given by other people or parents as a nuclear family is part of the communication process that is outwardly used at any time.

Communication is an absolute requirement for the development of the human personality, communication is closely related to the behavior and experience of human consciousness. So that the child's behavior will be formed through how the views of the closest people (family) and other people (social environment) towards him. Parents and others communicate about their child's self-concept through direct assessment, assessment of reflection, conversation, and attachment patterns. If parents say their child is very special and valuable, the child will judge himself to be valuable and worthy of love. On the other hand, when parents say that their child is unwanted or worthless, then the child feels that he or she does not deserve to be loved. [1]. In essence, in educating children, parents must be able to design messages well when communicating with children, so that children can show good behavior as well. Communication is not only related to speech but the actions shown by parents will be imitated by children until they grow up. Therefore, parents must be able to be good role models or reflection for their children in a family.

The family is the primary environment which means that the most intensive and most important human relations occur within the family. Before a child knows the community environment, the child first knows the primary environment such as the father and mother. Parents are a reflection that can be seen and imitated by their children in the family. Therefore,

child care is a series of obligations that must be carried out by parents. If child care cannot be fulfilled properly and correctly, it will often lead to problems and conflicts, both within the child itself and between the child and his parents, as well as the environment. [2]. In a family, before children get to know the norms and values of the general public, the main thing that is absorbed is the norms and values that apply in the family to be part of their personality. The way parents apply the norms and values in educating children will be a reflection of the attitude of the child. Educating children not only provides knowledge but also shapes the personality of the child. However, in life sometimes parents do not know the importance of parenting applied in educating children.

Following the opinion of [3] that the most important people for children are parents, teachers, and peers (peer group). It is through them that children know something positive and negative. Children begin to learn and imitate what they see, especially the behavior of parents because the family is one of the shapers of the child's character. Parenting is very important for child development. Thus, children must be cared for with good things, namely starting with introducing religion, teaching discipline, honest behavior, helping, and positive things parents must teach children as early as possible. This is done so that it is embedded or internalized in the child's soul.

The forms of parenting influence the formation of the child's personality after he becomes an adult. This is because the characteristics and character elements of an adult individual are long before the seeds have been planted into the soul of an individual since the beginning, namely when he was still a child. That is, the treatment of parents of their children since childhood will have an impact on their social and moral development in their adult years. This social and moral development will shape the character and attitude of the child in the future although several other factors influence the formation of the child's attitude which is reflected in the character he has.

Children will be able to show good character when parents can be good examples, such as giving examples of how to communicate politely and politely. Not being a rude person or a liar to doing other negative things such as being a street thug who can harm yourself and others. According to Megawangi, children will grow up to become individuals with character if they can grow in an environment of character so that the nature of every child who is born holy can develop optimally immediately. Considering that the child's environment is not only a micro family environment, then all parties, including families, schools, mass media, business communities, and so on, influence the development of children's character. In other words, developing the next generation of good character is the responsibility of all parties. But the biggest benchmark in developing a better child's personality is from parents.

Based on the current reality, there are quite a lot of parents who fail to provide care for their children. As in Palu City, many people do not feel comfortable when doing activities outside the home due to the behavior of teenagers who become street robbers. This action can certainly harm anyone, not only with regard to money

or goods taken forcibly, but lives can be at stake both between the perpetrator and the victim of the robbery. Basically, street children are identical with negative behavior such as being the perpetrators of robbery, because living on the streets is vulnerable to bad environmental influences, especially when there are people who accommodate these children to behave badly. They cheat by forcibly taking valuables belonging to other people. In carrying out their actions, they do not consist of only one person but in groups and carry sharp objects which of course can be used to injure or kill the target if they fight. This is certainly very disturbing for the people of Palu City and its surroundings.

The phenomenon of robbery or looting on the street and became very popular in the community. The community members were disturbed by the actions of a gang of robbers accompanied by violence and sharp weapons. This action has become a frightening specter on the streets for all Indonesian people. It doesn't just happen in the suburbs, but this phenomenon is like snowfall, becoming an acute phenomenon that has disturbed people in various regions in Indonesia. Starting from Sabang to Merauke (Hadisuprpto, 2014).

## 2. Family Communication

Life in the family is formed through interactions that are built between its members. With communication, each member can know their roles, rules, and expectations, how they form and manage relationships with one another, and how they interact with each other. Here the family is also referred to as the first communication class [5]

Communication in the family needs to be built properly to create good relationships among its members. It can be understood the characteristics of good and effective family communication, are as follows (Wood, 2016):

- 1) There is equality and justice for each family member. Each member gets the same rights and treatment and does not discriminate.
- 2) There is intimacy and closeness that exists between family members
- 3) Open communication between parents and children, as well as mutual respect.
- 4) There is a willingness in each member to put aside small problems to maintain good relations.

## 3. PARENTING PATTERN

According to Petranto (Suarsini, 2013) parenting is a pattern of behavior applied to children that are relatively consistent from time to time. This pattern of behavior is felt by the child, in terms of both negative and positive. Parenting patterns that are instilled in each family are different, this depends on the views of each parent. Gunarsa says that parenting is a way for parents to act as parents to their children where they carry out a series of active efforts. [6]

Parenting is fundamental in the formation of character. Exemplary attitudes of parents are needed for the development of children because children do modeling and imitation of their immediate environment. Openness between parents and children is important to prevent children from negative influences outside the family environment. Parents

need to help children with self-discipline (Sochib, 2000).

#### 4. DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

Gunarsa Adolescents are also defined as humans who are still in their development towards maturity, both physically and psychologically. Experts divide the development period into several stages. As an illustration, the following stages of development. Adolescence is a period of starting to be active and full of energy. Excessive energy causes the child's nature to be noisy, noisy, and quarrelsome, often shows off his strength, is agile and brave, wants to stand out, and wants his name to be known by others. [7]

According to Kartono [8] Deviant behavior of adolescents can also be called juvenile delinquency is an act that violates norms, rules, or laws in society that is carried out during adolescence or the transition of childhood and adulthood. Juvenile delinquency in the study of social problems can be categorized into deviant behavior. From the perspective of deviant behavior, social problems occur because there are deviations in behavior and various social rules or from social values and norms that apply defiantly. themselves with the norms that apply or have been accepted by some people. This deviant behavior is related to the acts of robbery committed by teenagers in Palu City.

#### 5. RESULTS

Parents are the first educators in shaping the character of a child's personality so that later the child's personality is under what is applied and accustomed to in everyday life in his family environment. Providing the right parenting style, parents can provide the best for their children and can strive for children to become whole and integrated individuals. The task and responsibility of the family are to create situations and conditions that contain a climate that can be lived by children to deepen and expand the essential meanings. misbehave. Parents no longer take good care of their children because they are divorced. So that the child feels alienated and eventually shows negative behavior.

Moh. Amar (15 years old), "I am a child of a broken home I don't want my parents to divorce, I am very sad about that incident, but what if that is the fate? Because of this problem, I choose to refresh myself by hanging out with my friends because when I go out with friends, I feel happier and I forget all my family problems. but it turns out that my association with my friends teaches me to behave robber. (interview on August 1, 2022)

Wahyudi also experienced the same thing, he said, "After my father died, my mother remarried, and her love for her has decreased because she has a new family. That's why I live on the streets hanging out with people who are robber. (interview on August 2, 2022)

Based on the results of the interview above every adult human has developmental tasks, one of which is marriage. Nobody plans a divorce when they just get married. However, it is undeniable that divorce can occur when a husband and wife can no longer unite their vision of building a household ark. When a divorce occurs, it's not just the husband and wife who suffer the consequences. When they have children, children are victims. Confusion among children over the separation of their parents and guilt when one parent leaves them can be bad for the psychological development of children.

One of the effects of disharmony in parental

relationships, children will tend to behave rudely. This behavior arises because children begin to feel as if they were cheated by their parents. In addition, he also acts like that to attract the attention of his parents. He hoped that what he did could bring his family back together. And another impact is Choosing the wrong path Some children who are victims of divorce decide (or are forced) to choose the wrong path, including drug and alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, robbery, and other bad things. They sometimes do it as a form of escape from reality.

The problems experienced by children so that they behave defiantly such as being criminals are certainly very worrying. They need the figure of a father and mother who can direct by conveying positive messages in the family that can be imitated and applied to the social environment.

Parenting prioritizes the interests of children, but does not hesitate to control them. Parents with this parenting style are rational, always basing their actions on ratios or thoughts. This type of parent is also realistic about the child's abilities, not expecting too much that exceeds the child's ability. This type of parent also gives freedom to the child to choose and take an action, and his approach to the child is warm.

Ade Putra Finisty (15 years old): "My parents are very concerned about me, especially my mother because my father has died, Mom works hard to meet the needs of her children, and never forces her, Mom gives up all her trust in her child, the important thing is that everything is positive, I am also given advice every day in pleasant words and I am often asked what I do when I am outside the house. (interview on August 3, 2022)

Ade Putra Finisty's parents, Mrs. Indo Rani (47 years old): "It's true, I feel that I have given more attention, often give advice, believe in children because I believe they do everything according to their abilities, so there is no coercion on children. Even though I raised them myself, I worked hard on my own to provide for the needs of my children. (interview, on August 3, 2022)

Based on the results of the interview excerpt above, it is clear that parents who can show good behavior toward their children should serve as good examples and role models. Parents, especially mothers in the family, are never satisfied with conveying positive messages such as giving advice, teaching good behavior, and giving confidence to children as a way to teach children about the true meaning of responsibility. Children will feel comfortable when invited to communicate in a relaxed manner and use good and motivating messages. The goal is that the child can become a good person and useful to others.

#### 6. CONCLUSION

Based on the findings of the research, the conclusion is that the application of good family communication is part of good parenting from parents to children so they don't commit acts of robbery. Family communication relates to teaching children to be able to say politely, to love children, to teach children to respect others, to introduce social norms that should not be violated, and parents to be good examples as a form of stimulus for children so that they become useful individuals for their children. anybody.

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