Analysis Of Parents Communication Model Toward Children’s Addiction In Pornography

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Abstract
Currently the case of children pornography addiction has entered a high percentage. According to Indonesian Children Protection Commission, about 65.34 percent of children aged 9 to 19 years in Indonesia access Pornography Via Gadget. The percentage makes Indonesia change its status to a sexual violence emergency. The purpose of this research is to analyze the communication model conducted by parents towards children addicted to pornography. In this research, the researcher uses qualitative approach. Data collection is conducted with in-depth interviews and participant observations. The number of informants in this research consist of three people. The data analysis in this research use the interaction model proposed by Miles and Huberman through the stages after the data was obtained and then in reduced, displayed, and verified. Meanwhile, checking the validity of data is done by triangulation of sources and method. The result of this research is the model used in this research is Permissive Communication Pattern and Militaristic Communication Pattern. Besides by communicating with children, a religious approach is also taken by parents in order to children do not more fall down and addicted to access pornography through internet media.

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1. INTRODUCTION
Pornographic content in Indonesian society is increasingly being circulated. Technological advances make it easy for people to access pornographic content. There are millions of contents containing pornographic elements that indirectly appear in every activity of our cyberspace. According to the law of the Republic of Indonesia number 44 article one paragraph one of 2008, Pornography is a term for drawings, sketches, illustrations, photographs, writings, sounds, moving images, animations, cartoons, conversations, gestures, or other forms of messages through various forms of communication media or public performance, which contain sexual exploitation that violates the norms of decency in society. Pornographic Content is a content that negatively affects the behavior of young generation. Pornography can damage the brain on the PFC part. The children will have difficulty in concentrating, difficult to plan the future even they will be difficult to think critically (Ghufron, & Risnawita, 2010; Hurlock, 1999).

Although the government has tried to block the access of pornography, in reality there is still a lot of pornographic content scattered. Therefore, it does not eliminate the possibility that the ease of accessing pornography can also be accessed by children. By the existence of...
the internet, pornography can easily appear anywhere such as movies, tv, magazines, video clips, even games which children love more (Syam, 2010; Ya’qub, 1993). Currently the case of children pornography addiction has been in a worrying stage. According to the Indonesian Children Protection Commission, about 65.34 percent of children aged 9 to 19 years in Indonesia access Pornography via Gadget.

The number of people accessing pornographic content is increasing every day. Pornography impressions directly or indirectly can be accessed easily through internet. Hundreds of porn images can be instantly appeared by only one press of a button. The internet also makes the addict feels comfortable when watching pornographic impressions because it is secretly accessible and has no obvious identity. Pornographic content today is also aggressively looking for its users to reap huge profits, many ways committed by content provider for addicts to access their content (Kartono, 2011; Sarwono, 2008).

Children have a high curiosity. They will feel happy if they find something new. When children play gadgets, sometimes the content will show the ads or indecent impressions. Besides that, there are still many children accessing the application which is not appropriate with their ages such as Facebook, twitter, and Instagram applying the regulation that application browsing should only be over 13 years old.

The process of addiction of pornographic content initially occurs when a child accidentally accesses pornographic content and then cause a feeling of discomfort and arise their little curiosity. But the brain directly stimulates dopamine to be released therefore it cause the addiction to pornographic content. The more often the children explore pornographic content the more curious they continue to access with great frequency (Kusuma, 1990; Latif, 2009).

Parents have very important role in keep an eye on their children when playing gadget. It makes a concern that if the children are not under parental supervision, the children will explore pornographic content continuously. However, nowadays many parents feel that sexual education is still considered taboo or even it isn’t important. Even though, sexual education is an appropriate method to prevent early childhood addiction to pornographic content.

In addition, this research is different from previous research. In previous study, the analysis about the impact of addiction of pornography has been conducted by many researchers. They only focus on the impact of pornography addiction both from social media and internet, meanwhile there still a few of study focusing on the communication occurring between parents and children. For research that focuses on communication between parents and children addicted to pornography does not yet exist.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

In this research, the researcher uses descriptive qualitative research method with in-depth interview. This method is used in order to the researcher can further explore the cause of problem existing between parents and children that are addicted to pornography. Through the interview the researcher is able to go deep into the informants so that they can get a descriptive description of data from informants. Since the theme raised make informants feel not easy to disclose openly, in-depth interview is really appropriate to use in this research.

The research titled the model of parental communication with children addicted to pornography in the East Jakarta area, took three informants. The three informants live in East Jakarta area but they have different locations of residence. The three informants were able to provide sufficient information for this research. However, all informants ask that their identities could be kept secret because it is not easy as parents to give the information about their children's behavior. Moreover, the problem experienced is quite severe where the children like to see pictures, videos or anything that relate with the pornography. All of them
access both through gadget and computer connected to the internet. The result of the researchers’ interviews with the three informants about the communication models they applied to their children are presented as follow.

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION
1. Parents’ Communication Model toward Children Addition to Pornography

Communication is an activity that we do every day as social beings. Nowadays almost all work involves communication activity. Not only work, in everyday life from getting up to night before bed we are inseparable from communication. Communication meant is not only with each other, whether friends, relatives, children, wives, husbands as well as other families, but often we communicate with ourselves.

Communication becomes an important thing in order to everything done can coordinated well and avoid the conflict due to the lack of communication. Moreover, communication between parents and children. Communication between both of them become an important thing, especially children under the age of 10. Children of that age still need direction and guidance and cannot be taken for granted. In this era, we cannot allow children unattended from parents.

The growing technology brings positive and negative impacts on children. Nowadays, children are inseparable from technology, along with the development of children's activities in this era which is really different from the previous era. In the previous era, children spent more time with their peers, and also played with games appropriating with their age. It is really contrast to the current conditions where children live with technology that is increasingly advanced and developed. Children in this era are presented with advanced technology that make them use it to explore the world widely. The development of children's games, as well as the diverse sites on the internet become its own attraction for children. The sites that are currently developing on the internet are very easy for children to access. In this case, parents should have an active role so that children can filter the information they access.

The informants in this research are parents having children that fond of accessing websites on the internet especially those related to pornography. At the beginning, their indulgence is only the curiosity that is ingrained in the fondness. The busyness of parents makes the children freely open pornographic sites.

The government in this case has closed pornographic-related content, but they have not looked in full due to the closure of pornographic content. Children in this case can still look at the passing pictures on the internet even if it is only fleeting. Not only that, through games, nowadays children can also view pornographic content.

As the case of the informant's son named USA. The busyness factor of parents as well as household problems makes U.S. let her son free to access the internet using gadget media. However, the lack of control from U.S. makes her son addicted to using gadgets. Not only addicted to gadgets, but the child loves to see the features on the internet that concern with pornography. U.S’s son behavior is triggered when he experiences domestic disharmony. The U.S. husband, ASE, has a sexual disorder. In the past, ASE still had normal sexual conditions like a man who liked women. The changing sexual condition of ASE since the family couple had a long-distance relationship. This condition makes ASE turns sexual disorders into same-sex liking. ASE experienced the same-sex condition he had felt since childhood but he was able to pull it off. ASE who is the father of KL often behaves to show his sexual disorder when taking bath with his child KL. The condition factor that U.S. thinks as the mother KL is a heredity that makes KL often want to watch pornographic features. KL's addiction to pornography can be observed from the search through the gadgets he uses. The mother often finds KL searches related to pornography. In addition, when KL is asked by his mother, he
talks about his extensive imagination about pornography. Here are the results of an interview with KL's mother about her son's behavior.

"KL's been addicted to seeing that, sometimes I ask his cell phone so that he doesn't watch the that and he raged so much. Because I'm afraid, so I give again. How would he be if he was angry. I've been angry but it has been only a few minutes. I don't want to hear. That's why yesterday you asked me to come to Garut let me join pesantren, I thought he would change but he is still same. His imagination shocks me sometimes. He told me that he wanted to be a sultan who had a lot of money that squandered and surrounded by women. I get shocked sometimes. Then he can also edit the porn picture by his cellphone so even though none taught him. But I cannot do anything since I was so busy for working every day, if I go for work KL is just at home. His father does not care." (Interview with USA on August 19, 2020)

Through the interviews on U.S. and ASE family, the religious approach is conducted to eliminate the addictions their children had. However, it is not able to change the behavior of KL. The addictive condition of viewing pornographic features is still being done. The behavior of the father having a sexual disorder makes KL led to pornography. The role of parents is really important here, the parent’s inattention keeps KL busy with the world of gadgets he accesses. The difficulty of removing gadget from KL with pornographic features makes U.S. as his mother sometimes feels despair and end up let her son become addicted to this day.

The communication method used to stop KL to use the gadget and access negative features is often done by U.S. But everything is in vain. The mother is already at the stage of giving up and lost her spirit. Moreover, the mother thinks about her own life and only occasionally sees and reminds the child. The lack of attention will make KL fonder of the negative things offered through the internet that it accesses through gadgets.

Angel Communication Model that eventually chosen by US in this case to make her child disiss the gadget to access pornographic features. Angel Communication Model was chosen because the more KL got harsh treatment from the mother, the more rebellious and uncontrollable KL will be.

Unlike the communication model used by the U.S. to her son, KL. The communication model used by the second informant, DV with his son SA, is inversely proportional. DV more like to use the devil communication model, she prefers to use violence and assertiveness. In DV family conditions is unlike US, DV family is an educated family. The mother has a disciplined, tough and assertive attitude. The hardy of mother actually makes the child feel curious. The lack of understanding makes the children often find out about pornography in secret. DV's husband who is also the father of SA is not too strict in educating his children. So, between DV and DW has the opposite in educating their child. The father tends to let their son free. This also often triggers an altercation between DV and DW. Although they often have quarrelsome, but the decision in educating children is emphasized on DV even though she has to fight against with her husband.

In this case, DV strongly does not allow SA to access gadget. Gadget access is only allowed on Saturday and Sunday and it is limited with the features selected by DV. DV's assertive behavior to his son SA actually makes his son have a high curiosity. In this case, DV knows his son likes to access pornographic features from the conversation with her child. SA often asks DV about pornography matters. Through that conversation makes DV become suspicious of his son. SA is not the type of obedient child, because he understands the more he against his mother then he would only get anger from the mother. The silence of this child needs to be watched out rather than a very active child. Because the silence experienced by
SA actually make him become worse. The more SA is tightened by the mother the more he does negative things. However, the mother in this case remained on her attitude and stance that remained consistent in behaving to her child.

If the first informant tends to be fear with her child that is getting reckless and try to succumb to his child, it is different with DV who does not let the child becomes stubborn. DV imposes penalty on SA if he violates or attempts to against his mother. The following is the result of the interview with DV.

"Oh, I always try to be consistent my child. Ugh, ones we are careless, our children can read our minds. They will think that their way is really work for us. If I can't use the subtle way. He didn't accept, I ask him to come out and they will be afraid. They know I'm angry. I always check that they open anything when they get caught, they know I have to punish. But I figured out that my son is the type that the more we ban the more he does. I know that when he asked me about porn." (Interview with DV on July 30, 2020)

Through the result of the interview with DV that educate children with violence way actually makes the children more curious. However, DV as a parent remains consistent with the attitude and the way she educates and tells her child. DV says that she doesn't care even her way can be said as a demon. According to her, her son cannot be given gaps or pampering from his mother. DV accustomed her child to be independent. DV strongly adopts western culture in educating her children. DV argues that the way western people educate their children is really appropriate to apply to their children. DV doesn't want to spoil her son.

To prevent SA from getting addiction to look at pornographic features, DV tries to fill SA activities by bringing teachers home. She thinks that SA will forget to find out things that concern with pornography on the internet through gadgets. It is not easy to tell his son to study, but in a loud and angry tone DV always forces his son to follow her order.

Moreover, it is different with the third informant, and this is the same as the first informant. Where the third informant tends to care less about the child. Children are actually really free to access using gadgets. RD does not prohibit her child from accessing the internet or playing games using gadgets. By letting the child free in using gadgets will make the child stay all day at home and not leave the house. RD as a mother does not like to see her child go and play with his friends in the house complex. Even every day her son uses and accesses the gadget. The freedom given even makes RD do not know that her son often opens pornographic content or features. RD ignorance as a mother to accompany her son, AK, in accessing websites on the internet makes AK feel free to do anything in cyberspace. RD is preoccupied with selling cakes every day. RD usually leaves the house since 3 am to shop for cake for resale. So that her time is spent to work. Although she is at home, RD did not directly meet his children. She is more often relaxed on her own and hands over the care to her housekeeper. The following is the result of the interview with RD.

"I forbid my son playing outside and makes him feels comfortable at home by giving him a gadget, so he would be calm. I did not allow him to play with his friend due to the incident yesterday, so I hardly ban him to go out. It does not matter if he plays gadget all day, the more important is he is at home. He usually plays games and I saw that there are some sexy girls. He plays game and opens the internet every day. I've never checked his phone coz his aunt usually reports if he opens inappropriate things" (an interview with RD on 21st 2020)

Through the interview with the third informant, it can be observed that she has no assertiveness or concern with her son in the case of accessing pornographic websites or
features. RD tends to be liberating without monitoring their child's activities in using gadgets. The activity done by AK are obtained from her household assistants. Even about accessing pornography. Despite knowing that his son opened pornography feature, she did not stop his son's activity in playing games and using mobile phone to access features. Although her household is fine and different from the U.S. and ASE, her role as a parent is very lacking to her child. RD doesn't live with her husband every day. RD's husband lives more in the apartment and only visits occasionally at RD's house. RD's husband is the same as the wife that tends not to be care about his child's development. Their duty as a parent is given to the household assistants who is often called “bude”. AK's behavior was all reported from the housekeeper to RD. In this case RD tried also so that AK was not constantly tempted to look at pornographic images that he could access from gadgets. Rd's efforts do not differ much from the first and second informants. RD involves AK to study al-Quran held in their complex.

Based on the analysis conducted, there are three aspects obtained from the results of research with informants. First, the approach of religion becomes an effort made by parents in this case. Religion is considered capable of changing the behavior of children who love to see the features provided on the internet. Besides the religious approach, the second aspect is the role of parents is very important because the case of many children feel lack of care from their parents because of the factors of working parents. The tiredness after work makes parents sometimes forget to do mentoring for children. Moreover, the age of the child is still young, and the current era of children growing up by self-taught to be able to access the internet. No need to teach them since they are be able to operate the internet just by seeing parents using the internet or mobile phones.

Third, hereditary factors of parents who have sexual disorders can trigger the child to love things that concern with pornography. Minors are still vulnerable to absorbing or receiving information. Not only that parents become a reflection of the child. What they see will be exemplified. Therefore, mentoring is one of the important factors so that children are not too free in exploring cyberspace. There are restrictions that need to be applied, such as locking down sites that are prohibited for minors to access and parents need to regularly check or browse what children access. Therefore, it can minimize the behavior, even it becomes wilder. It is undeniable that cyberspace becomes something that can have a positive impact but can also have a negative impact, especially for children. Children will not fall further if parents pay more attention despite having to divide their time with work. Children affected by pornography because of the freedom provided by parents. In addition, the busyness factor of parents is also become a cause. Children become distracted from the eyes of parents. Despite the assertiveness of access though, children of that age have a deep curiosity. So, they will continue to find out and also try to hide so that they will be not caught by the parents. The key is that parents are able to filter what they give to their children, so that it will be not a boomerang for parents.

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the research founding and discussion, the conclusion in this research are as follow:

Permissive Communication Pattern (tends to be liberating) is a pattern that seeks to behave positively towards the children's emotional impulses, desires, and behaviors. Parents with permissive communication patterns do little in applying punishment and give little household responsibility to the child. Permissive parents rely heavily on communication in educating children, explaining the consequences of all children's behavior. They let the child do whatever they want. This pattern is appropriate to describe the communication made by the first and third informants. Where, these two informants are letting children free in using
gadgets. Moreover, freedom without supervising what the children do and what they access. The more we let them free the harder to stop them from accessing pornographic websites.

Militaristic communication pattern is the type of parental leadership that always reigns. Without dialogue, the children must obey parents’ commandments, must not be denied, must submit and obey the commandments and prohibitions. Under certain circumstances, there is a threat, under dangerous circumstances, this type is very appropriate to use to proper the children. Because it must be prompt and appropriate in making decisions for the safety of children. In certain case, militaristic communication patterns with parental policies and very carefully can be used for Early Childhood Education Program, kindergarten and elementary school children. This pattern really precisely describes the second informant. Where, in interacting and communicating to the second informant's son is louder and firmer or can be said militaristic. All applicable rules must be obeyed by the children. If the children violate the rules given then the punishment will be received. This pattern is not as long as it is properly used as evidenced in the second informant conducting a militaristic communication pattern that the children obey but at the back he finds out secretly behind his parents.

Based on the founding, it can be concluded that both communication patterns have not been biased to be applied to children who love to access pornography features on the internet. There must be a formula that can overcome so that children do not addicted and can live normally like other children. Although the approach of religion is taken as a way, it takes a long process to be able to change. Therefore, the right solution here is the role of the parents themselves. Supervision, mentoring, and also being selective about what children access is important to do. Because parents can filter it all so that the child does not get further involve. In addition, changing communication patterns is considered important if the children are difficult to control. Parents in this case, who are more aware of the situation and condition of the children.

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