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THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY CAUSING SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

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Abstract

This research aims to determine cases of sexual violence against children and the factors that cause violence. The research method used is normative juridical, then a qualitative research approach, while the nature of this research is perspective by analyzing so that it can answer the problems to be researched. The results of research on sexual abuse that often occurs against children, the perpetrators are usually people closest to the victim, such as fathers, uncles, neighbors, close friends and this includes the victim's family who are categorized as perpetrators of pedophilia (a sexual disorder in the form of lust for teenagers or children under the age of 14). So that they are stronger or have the power to carry out coercion, threats to commit sexual harassment. So that children experience violence, physical injuries and psychological disorders. Meanwhile, the cause of sexual violence against children is due to technology by accessing pornographic photos or videos so that the perpetrator will be aroused and act out what they are watching. Then, due to lack of parental supervision of children, children have the wrong social interactions. In this case, it is necessary to improve children's behavior, where parents, when their children are teenagers, must always monitor them and don't be embarrassed to talk about sexuality issues with their children because in this digital age, this has to be discussed openly. Then teachers and parents must work together to improve today's promiscuity by holding outreach.

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Introduction

In Islam, sexual harassment or violence is considered a despicable act because Islam teaches its people to respect everyone regardless of position, age, or even gender. In Islam, Allah SWT has established laws for people who commit acts of sexual violence.

In terms of social perspective, children currently need parental guidance in getting to know the world around them from various aspects, both geographically, economically, historically, sociologically and so on.

Because in community life, not everything is positive and pleasant, the good and bad of an environment depends on the community itself. There are many cases that are very worrying for the community. In the community environment, various social problems are the consequences of interactions and relationships between individuals that are not always positive. Such as theft, robbery, extortion, fighting, murder and also sexual harassment.¹

One that often occurs in society is sexual violence. Sexual violence against children is a form of child abuse where parents use children for sexual stimulation. Because of the frequent occurrence of sexual violence against children, especially children. Generally, this violence is carried out by men, either parents, neighbors, family or even people closest to the victim.²

There are many causes of sexual violence cases. First, due to cellphones (HP) so that many children access films that are not suitable for viewing due to sexual networks. Second, due to weak faith and the third factor is having witnessed sexual violence against other family members when they were little. Other factors can also cause sexual violence against children such as uncontrollable sexual desires and addiction to illegal drugs.

Like sexual harassment experienced by junior high and elementary school students who started from social media Facebook, getting to know the victim and chatting via messenger which finally became closer and more intense over the past few months. So the perpetrator asked the victim to meet and was invited to go for a walk. Because the victim was tempted by the perpetrator's promise and finally complied with what the perpetrator asked. And there was an act of sexual harassment for the perpetrator directly. Starting from an introduction on social media without being careful and easily trusting, it had a bad impact on the victim as a victim of sexual harassment. As a result, the victim loses in all things and can cause mental disorders. There also needs to be a seminar or activities that provide an understanding in utilizing the development of digital media today. Such as socialization of the use of good digital media and complying with applicable regulations. Where you can sort out which ones need to be uploaded on social media or for personal consumption. Because if you upload random words, photos, videos, you will get sanctions, even legally or criticism from

¹ Sarlito Wirawan Sarwono, *Adolescent Psychology*, (Jakarta: PT.Grafindo Persada, 2000) p. 200.

² Rohan, *Collier Sexual Harassment of Majority and Minority Relations*, (Yogyakarta PT Tiara Wacana Jogya 1998, p. 43.

the community. Making opportunities for crimes on social media that will spread to various things and disturb our lives.³

Thus, in using the increasingly rapid technological media today, you must be careful and be able to sort out which ones are good and bad in order to avoid unwanted things and can damage your mentality or behavior such as sexual harassment. ⁴With the above background, the author will discuss the impact of technology resulting in sexual violence against children.

Research Method

The type of research used is normative juridical, the nature of the research is perspective. The data sources that will be used in the study are secondary data, which are obtained through library materials and primary data. While for tertiary materials as supporters in this writing, namely dictionaries, encyclopedias, the internet, papers, regarding raw materials that explain primary and secondary legal materials. Data analysis is an activity carried out by the author in determining the content and meaning of legal rules that are used as a reference in solving the problems studied. After data collection is carried out, it is then selected, classified, and arranged in narrative form. Data processing that has been carried out using deductive thinking methods is then combined into one form of scientific work.⁵

DISCUSSION

1. Cases of Sexual Violence against Children

From the theory put forward by Yasan Pulih, sexual violence occurs when another person who is in a stronger or more powerful position forces, threatens to commit sexual harassment. Children who experience sexual violence not only experience physical injuries but also psychological disorders. Children who become physical victims can be in the form of bruises, bleeding and pain. So that those who experience psychological disorders can lose self-confidence, do not dare to communicate with other people, trauma and anxiety.

Like the case of sexual violence that occurred in Tingkem Village, Bener Meriah Regency in 2022 which was rampant, there was an incident that was reported to the police and immediately followed up. So far, the perpetrators

³ Makmur Jaya and Rita Zahara, *The Role and Influence of Digital Media in the Issue of Sexual Harassment in Indonesia*, Scientific Journal of Informatics and Communication Engineering Vol. 3 No. 2 July 2023, pp. 190-191.

⁴ Maesaroh, et al., *Digital Literacy Training in Efforts to Educate Reproductive Health for School Adolescents*, JCES, Vol 5, no. 2, 2022, pp. 340-46.

⁵ Zainudin Ali, *Legal Research Methods*, 5th ed., Sinar Grafika, Jakarta, 2004, p. 59.

are also usually people closest to the victim, such as fathers, uncles, neighbors, close friends and including the victim's family. If the perpetrator is usually a pedophile (sexual disorder in the form of lust for teenagers or children under the age of 14). As the theory explained by Huwaidah, the innocent and helpless factor, especially if you have to deal with adults, especially parents. That is why rape is often carried out by the victim's closest friends or even people the victim does not know.

For sanctions against perpetrators, Bener Meriah still uses the Child Protection Law No. 23 of 2002 and in Article 289 of the Criminal Code. Not yet using Qanun because the Bener Meriah Qanun had not been ratified at that time. Then for agencies that work together with the police, the MUYANG KUTE General Hospital and Psychologists.⁶ Then the punishment applies to anyone, be it the parents of the victim's closest people who commit the harassment.

2. Factors Causing Violence

With the current conditions in Indonesia and the Era of Globalization, all children have been bought cellphones by their parents on the grounds of learning to use the cellphone. However, not all parents are good at accessing cellphones which results in factors causing sexual violence because parents pay less attention to their children so that children get into the wrong company and also parents are still taboo about telling children about sexuality. Parents only advise their children to take care of themselves, but they do not explain the causes and how to avoid them.

From the paragraph above, we can see that parental monitoring is very important to maintain children's safety. Then parents are still embarrassed to educate children about sexuality. In fact, it would be more dangerous if children searched for themselves on YouTube. One of the causes of sexual violence against children, such as in Kampung Tingkem, is a lack of parental attention, caused by the victim's parents having separated, especially parents who often go to work and come home late in the evening. If parents often watch TV and see a lot of news about harassment on social media, they can teach their children to be polite so that they don't want to be touched by men who are not their wives.⁷

Another cause of sexual violence against children can be from watching inappropriate films that are currently easily accessible on the internet, the perpetrators will be aroused and practice what they have just seen from their

⁶ Serambinews, *Bener Meriah News Bener Meriah Police Successfully Uncovers Case of Sexual Harassment of Minors*, Access Saturday, September 24, 2022: 19:57 WIB. <https://aceh.tribunnews.com>.

⁷ *ibid.*

shows. Many victims are children because their innocence is easily persuaded and frightened and do not understand what will happen to them. From several incidents of this case, the perpetrators are family or even close people. The theory in the book by Bagong Suyanto also explains that accessing pornographic videos through social networks such as internet usage that is not restricted by public and gender. Everyone is free to access, everyone is free to enjoy so that it provides a wide gap to access pornographic content easily. Accessing pornography can poison the brain and mind so that in the end he will dictate what he watches. Lack of knowledge about sex, this is based on Eastern culture which considers that sex knowledge for children is a taboo. So that children are easily seduced and fall into it without knowing the consequences.

Conclusion

Cases of sexual violence often occur, namely the rape of children under the age of around 14-15 years. This case is caused by getting to know each other through a cellphone after an acquaintance invites them to play around. On average, the perpetrators are the victim's closest friends. Then because of the lack of parental supervision due to often watching pornography that can be accessed by anyone, they practice it.

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