



## Moral Value for Young People in Using The Internet

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### ABSTRACT

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The internet makes it easy for all people, especially young people, to communicate. With the advancement of internet and cell phone technology, social media is also growing rapidly. Young people in the modern era are proficient in managing and using computer technology in using the Internet. This study uses a qualitative approach with literature study methods related to Moral Values, Youth and the Internet. The results of the study explain that the modern era can be said to be an era where there is a lot of development, be it cultural developments, educational developments and technology. So it is a pity if the use of the internet actually makes the younger generation have no moral values in themselves. Therefore, so that young people always use moral values in using the internet, there are several things that can be considered and applied, namely, instilling religious values, increasing awareness of young people, and the role of increasing discipline.

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### 1. Introduction

The Internet is a computer network that provides economic functions for companies, can be used as a marketing or corporate publication tool, or as a communication tool. The Internet can also be thought of as a global network of computers, which exchange data over a public network system. In this era of globalization, very many young people starting from elementary, junior high, high school and college are already familiar with the Internet, even today many parents use the Internet, with the advancement of the internet it has become an integral part of the world. inseparable for society and especially for young people in Indonesia.

The drastic development of the Internet took place over the course of a decade, from the early 1980s to the early 1990s. Between 1981 and 1989, the number of computers connected to the Internet increased from 300 to 90,000. This growth is largely supported by consumer adoption of personal computers and also through cooperation and collaboration between universities and research bodies in standardized instruction development and software development (Hartley, 2010; Achmad, 2021).

With the Internet, it is very easy for all people, especially young people, to communicate with someone. The internet also provides facilities such as facebook, tweeter, whatsapp, Instagram, google classroom, zoom, google meet, and youtube as material for finding information very easily, especially for the community and young people today. Today's young people are also often proficient in managing and using computer technology in using the Internet. Utilizing computers as a data processing tool by building a computerized data processing system, both for personal and organizational purposes. (Nurfitri, 2021; Sidiq, et al., 2021).

Basically, humans are social humans, because no one can live alone without being close to or with other people, humans will need each other, and everyone today must have different characteristics, and their uniqueness is what it is. In the era of globalization especially under very rapid development, changes have occurred. The internet is one of the results of the perfection and progress of science and technology created by human hands. With the advancement of internet and cell phone technology, social media is also growing rapidly. With just your phone, you can create social networks anytime, anywhere. Fredik et al (2020) argues that the speed with which a person can access social media has resulted in a major phenomenon in the flow of information not only in developed countries, but also in Indonesia.



The digital era provides convenience, comfort, and pleasure for humans, making it easier for humans to communicate with each other. However, this progress also has a negative impact on moral sensitivity. It can be seen that there are some moral gaps in the surrounding environment due to the lack of habituation behavior regarding morals, morals and character. (Nurjanah, 2018; Ridho, 2020).

As for Karlita (2013), as an example, five years ago, Indonesia was included in the top ten countries that visited pornographic sites in cyberspace, according to the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, this ranking increases every year. Surprisingly, there were minors among those who visited porn sites. Quoted from *kompas.com* A total of 101 children who dropped out of school and participated in brawls and other juvenile delinquency in Surabaya, East Java, were invited to provide comments. This case occurred because of the influence of social networks (Basyari, 2019).

The Indonesian nation is a nation that highly upholds the moral values of Pancasila. These moral values cover all aspects of human life as a nation and state. These moral values are values that regulate divinity, humanity, national unity, democracy, and justice, but over time, especially with technological advances, it seems as if they are eroding the moral values of a nation, especially the younger generation.

After teenagers get to know the internet, they join sites on the internet such as Facebook and other sites, such as online games that make teenagers feel at home in front of computers or gadgets and sometimes even stay up late at night so teenagers tend to be lazy in terms of studying. Without supervision from parents, teenagers can easily access adult photos or videos, this if not prevented, of course it can trigger unwanted negative things, we cannot deny that we live in a society with a plurality of traits and behaviors. It is not possible for us to change the behavior of each individual to be in accordance with the wishes or good according to our judgment, not necessarily also good for others.

The modern era can also be said to be an era where there is a lot of development, be it cultural developments, educational developments and technology. It would be a pity if the existence of this global era actually made the younger generation have no moral values in themselves.

The opinion of Zuria (2007) says that morality is something that limits, meaning that it not only looks good, but also guides one's behavior and thoughts in a good direction. Morality is based on discipline. Undisciplined moral realization is synonymous with immorality.

To be able to form good character, of course, it needs to be prepared as early as possible because early childhood is a golden age, at this time the child will absorb whatever is given to him, whether it is from the words and actions of his parents or from his environment. The Indonesian people highly uphold religious and moral values. This noble value is also desired to be a spiritual motivation for this nation in order to implement the other precepts in Pancasila. (Nurmalisa, 2016; Ma'rufah, 2020).

Changes in communication technology that are very fast and rapid from year to year can affect the way a teenager thinks and affect their social interactions. Changes in communication technology can have both positive and negative impacts on a teenager. Moreover, adolescence is a period of transition that is looking for identity. Without

With guidance, and supervision from family or close people, communication technology can be used to carry out negative actions, which violate the values and norms that apply in society (Anna, 2014; Panji, 2021).

As Santrook (2012) explains that adolescence is also a period of critical thinking. Where cognitive changes that allow increased critical thinking in adolescence include: (1) Increased speed, automation, and capacity in processing information, which allows the use of information obtained to be utilized for other purposes; (2) wider knowledge content in various fields; (3) increased ability to construct new combinations of knowledge; and (4) more extensive and spontaneous use of strategies or procedures in applying or acquiring knowledge, such as planning, considering alternatives, and cognitive monitoring.

Basically, if morals have been formed through a basic process, namely imitation, then it will become a habit in everyday life. then when the child becomes an adult he will not really understand the right behavior and wrong behavior (Rusnali, 2020; Prendi 7 Sri, 2020).

Based on observations seen in the field, there is inappropriate behavior by teenagers, which the researcher means, namely teenagers playing the internet excessively so that they can neglect obligations such as prayer and lack of time to learn this is because they are already preoccupied with the internet such as Instagram, YouTube, online games, and so on. However, it is feared that the internet has been misused and the lack of supervision from their parents so that teenagers are increasingly rampant to surf the internet.

However, in reality there are very few teenagers who are supervised in the use of the internet. Teenagers are considered to have been able to choose the right ones so that some parents give freedom in this case, because in addition to the various benefits described above, the internet is a danger that can cause havoc for its users, like most cases that occur at this time such as hoax news, terrorism, porn sites that appear a lot when opening the internet without supervision opening search engines such as Google, Instagram, Youtube, and others with just one click can damage the brain tissue of teenagers because of these bad sites, not to mention other dangers such as cases of fraud. a lot is happening now, some even become victims of millions of rupiah.

Therefore, from these problems, researchers are interested in conducting research on Moral Values for Young People in Using the Internet, researchers want to examine how important the morals of young people in using the internet such as online games, Instagram, Youtube and others. Whether with awareness or having morals, young people can be wiser in using the internet. Given the importance of having moral values in using the internet, especially for young people.

## **2. Method**

The research method used by researchers in this scientific journal research is a qualitative research method. Bogdan and Taylor (Moleong, 2007) argue that quality methodology is a research process that produces descriptive data about people and their behavior in the form of written or spoken language. This approach focuses on a person's overall background. Therefore, in this case it is not allowed to isolate individuals or organizations based on variables or organizations. Hypotheses, but must be seen as part of the whole.

Case studies are defined as methods or strategies in research to uncover certain cases. Case study research focuses on one particular object that is raised as a case to be studied in depth so as to be able to solve the reality behind the phenomenon. Case study data can be obtained from all parties concerned, either through interviews, observation, participation, and documentation. The data obtained from various methods are basically complementary.

According to Lincoln and Guba (Mulyana, 2004) the use of case studies as a qualitative research method has several advantages, namely; 1) Case studies can present the views of the subject under study, (2) Case studies provide a comprehensive description that is similar to what the readers experience in everyday life. (3) Case studies are an effective means of showing the relationship between researchers and respondents. (4) Case studies can provide the in-depth description needed for assessment or transferability.

Basically research with the type of case study aims to find out about something in depth. So in this study, the researcher will use the case study method to reveal the problems that occur, namely the moral decline among young people due to the use of the internet, to reveal how important the morals of young people are in using the internet wisely. The research subjects in this qualitative research consist of three elements, namely: place, actors, and activities that interact synergistically, which Spradley calls "Social situation".

Subjects are respondents and informants who will be asked for information. The subjects in this qualitative research consisted of the community, parents and especially young people as informants. Considering that a good subject is a subject who is actively involved, knows enough, understands, or has an interest in the activity to be studied, and has time to provide correct information. The research subjects will examine 3 subjects who will be interviewed, namely from the parents, teenagers, and the community around the researcher's residence, namely in the Majalaya area.

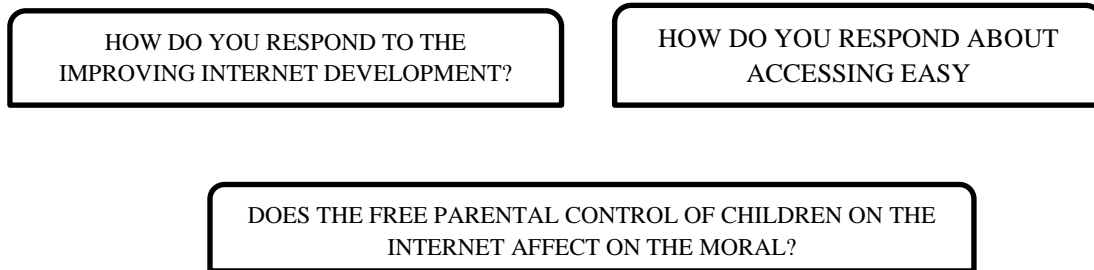
The data collection technique used by the author is purposive sampling. Purposive sampling is a sampling technique that is often used in research. Purposively means intentionally. So, purposive sampling is a sampling technique intentionally. That is, researchers determine their own samples taken not randomly. But it is determined by the researchers themselves. This technique is based on certain characteristics or traits that are estimated to have something to do with the characteristics or traits that exist in the population as a key for the sample. In this study, the community, parents, and adolescents are samples that can provide information related to the impact of internet users. So if you look for information related to the research to other samples, then no new information is obtained because the information or data that has been obtained is sufficient for the author's research.

### 3. Result and Discussion

#### 3.1 Moral Value Development for Young People in Using the Internet

The behavior patterns of young people in using the internet tend to provide their personal information on digital media, a large number of young people in Indonesia are exposed to pornographic content, intentionally or unintentionally, the lack of parental supervision of digital activities carried out by children also encourages "deviation" Internet use, bullying behavior, and the ease with which swear words on social media pages on the internet show that there has been a moral degradation against young people, the use of digital media and the internet also encourages the emergence of cyber crime.

The Pew Research Center interviewed more than 36,000 people in 32 developing countries in the study. They were asked questions regarding the use of the Internet by individuals. The majority of users, as much as 64 percent said the Internet has a positive influence on education. However, as many as 42 percent think the Internet is bad for morality, only 29 percent say the Internet has a good influence on morality. To explain this, a discussion related to this was carried out, by asking several questions which included:



Picture 1. : Question Research

After conducting observations and interviews with the community in Majalaya Village, especially young people, the author will summarize and discuss in a simple way. The results of these interviews will be associated with problems that often occur from lack of wisdom in using the internet. Based on the results of the author's interview, there are 3 applications that use the internet network that is often used, namely, YouTube, Instagram, and online games. Youtube is a medium that is currently booming among teenagers, especially in Majalaya Village, this media is a place for young people to be creative freely without the need to spend a lot of money. Music, movies and news are the most accessed and uploaded content on youtube. From the author's observations in the field, young people know what is called YouTube, although only occasionally using it is not a foreign thing. This is also evidenced by the author's interviews with teenagers in Majalaya Village. The author's interview with youth in Majalaya Village said that: "Yes, I like to go to YouTube because there are so many tantalizing shows on YouTube, so we are interested in watching them with lots of news, music, movies, funny videos. If you want to look for education, it's also on YouTube"

Youtube is often used by teenagers in Majalaya Village where youtube has a lot of tantalizing things in it, thus making its users use it often. In addition, the presence of Instagram among teenagers is an interesting phenomenon. Based on interviews with teenagers in Majalaya Village.

The author's interview with teenagers in Majalaya Village said that: "Yes, it's true I have Instagram, on Instagram I often include photos and videos that I like. On Instagram, you can also communicate like comments with friends and you can share the emotions you feel on Instagram."

The author concludes from the interview above that teenagers in Majalaya Village are already familiar with Instagram, where Instagram can store photos and videos that they like. Instagram is also a place to interact with other people and spill all the emotions that are felt. with the internet network owned. The online games are usually played by teenagers. Online games are games that can be played by multiplayer that can be played using the internet or smartphone as a medium. Games that can be accessed directly through a system provided as an additional service from an online service provider. Many types of online games, ranging from simple text-based games to games that use complex graphics and form a virtual world that can be played by

many players. Based on what the author saw in the field, teenagers in Majalaya Village are very fond of Online Games which can affect the lives of teenagers in Majalaya Village.

Interviews with teenagers who were said to be addicted to playing online games in Majalaya Village said that:

“I really like playing online games, I always play when I play I forget when I often play Mobile Legends, Garena Free fire, PUBG Mobile Lite. This game is what I often play with my friends and even forget the time”.

The explanation above regarding online games can be concluded that online games are very popular with teenagers in Majalaya Village, which games are Mobile Legends, Garena Free fire and PUBG Mobile Lite which are widely used in Majalaya Village. From the interview above, it is said that this game is very entertaining among other games and causes addiction to online games. Therefore, the author concludes that young people in Majalaya Village already understand digital technology and many have been able to access the internet. Applications that are often used to support satisfaction, information, existence and entertainment.

With regard to young people who already understand the use of the internet, of course, moral values must also be understood by young people. According to Chaplin in (Sutarjo Adisusilo: 2013) Moral is a value that applies in a social environment and regulates a person's behavior, which means that morality is a benchmark used by society to determine the good and bad of human actions as humans. In this regard, young people who use the internet must have good moral values so as not to fall into the negative impact of the internet being used.

After observing and conducting interviews, it turns out that there are still many young people who have not been able to limit themselves from using social media, besides that, many young people have been found to open sites that are dangerous and can damage the nation's morale, namely pornography sites and social media platforms. The ease of internet technology has made it possible to be misused by some people who lack ethics and morality by creating porn sites that exploit pornographic images or videos (Oetomo, 2002). Therefore, it needs strict supervision for teenagers if they want to access sites from the internet because it can affect and damage the psychology of teenagers.

Like the interview the author did with adults in the village of Majalaya who stated that: “Access to pornography has become a business and there are still many websites that are actually illegal, the government still opens the website, I never opened it but my friends often tell me about it. Worse, there is a website that is indeed for education, but the advertisements are indecent, it can be fatal if a child opens the website, especially the use of platforms such as Instagram, YouTube and online games that are easily accessible and it will be difficult to control, even children's morals. youth can degenerate and can even lead to addiction and other psychological disorders if it is used unwisely or excessively.”

In addition, there are many conflicts on the internet, whether intentional or unintentional. It can be seen from the search that the author did a lot of spreading hoax news, online bullying, hate speech, and even fights between influencers or artists that often occur. Is it educational? Of course not, it's only for the satisfaction of some parties, as viewers and those who like to surf the internet, it's not a good thing. This is something that people, especially young people, need to pay attention to. Moral values are very important to be applied in order to always avoid bad influences on the internet. As the author conducted interviews with students who live in Majalaya stated:

"People are easier to bully and provoke. Such as freedom in expressing opinions which is often abused by its users, many netizens who give criticism that are not constructive and even tend to blaspheme against their fellow users, it is often found on social media. There is a lot of hoax news, for example this time there is a global pandemic, there is a lot of hoax information that can incite some people and can eventually cause conflict. Then sometimes people who are not wise in using the internet like to comment casually, especially if the comments use harsh words, sometimes there are also playing victims, and many more."

Based on interviews, how can young people avoid these behaviors? Of course, the social environment will shape a person's behavior because the social environment provides the experience of behavior and attitudes so that young people can judge which behavior is good or bad and what is allowed and not allowed. Deviant behavior is an act that is contrary to the norms that apply in society. According to Christina (2018) if in society there is no longer visible moral superiority where life manners are not maintained, religion and values / norms are no longer visible and deviations in value behavior often occur, it can be said that the morale of the community has declined.

### 3.2 Optimizing the Role of Parents and Adults to Educate and Provide Moral Education to Young People Activity

The use of the internet may emphasize learning that involves the attainment of information. The internet contains a large collection of data and information related to various topics and ways of communicating through available facilities. The internet is indeed very helpful for someone to seek information and knowledge, but not a few people are mistaken to distinguish which has a positive impact and which one is negative. Therefore, the moral values that must be instilled by young people in using the internet must be considered and as parents must play a role. The role that parents must have is to supervise young people in using the internet, especially for young people under the age of 17 who can still be vulnerable to imitation and still have an immature mindset.

Internet is a necessity that is needed for its users. In everyday life we always use the internet, however, in addition to the positive impact of the internet, it can also have a negative impact on its users, especially young people. The parents of the young people interviewed admitted that their children often used the internet. But the parents only want their children to open the internet as necessary, don't open the internet often if it's not important, such as playing online games, Instagram and watching YouTube, which are not important, this is definitely a shame when time should be used for something more useful, wasted. only with activities that are not so important.

An explanation from one of the parents of young people, their children are not like before, before getting to know the internet their children are still eager to learn after getting to know the internet their enthusiasm for learning is lacking, especially after getting to know online games, there are even behaviors that are not commendable and disturb others. In this regard, moral development is related to the rules and values regarding something that a person must do in his interactions with other people. Children when born do not have morals, but in them there is potential that is ready to be developed. Therefore, through his experience in interacting with other people such as parents, siblings or peers, children learn to understand which behaviors are good, which can be done and bad behavior, which should not be done. Thus, morality is related to a person's ability to distinguish between right and wrong actions. Moral also underlies and controls a person in behaving and behaving.

Based on the results of observations and interviews, there are some unnatural behavior of teenagers, this causes a sense of worry from parents. So that young people are aware of the importance of moral values in using the internet. There must be supervision from the people around. Instilling the basics of faith, personality, commendable character and worship habits according to the abilities of teenagers so that it becomes a motivation for young people to behave is something that may be required in instilling religious values according to what is said as a religious shop in Majalaya Village said that by the application of religious values, young people will have the motivation and encouragement that is necessary to increase faith and it is the responsibility of both parents where parents must educate their children how to raise faith and improve the morals of the child. Most young people have been stuck with things that are artificial and instant in their life processes, imitating without any strong awareness values that have been instilled in them in carrying out learning both in institutions and outside. Therefore, it needs to be discussed and carried out in a planned manner, these values of awareness are the basis that must be instilled in teenagers. This is in accordance with community interviews in Majalaya Village. "Obviously, as parents, it is our duty to monitor their children's development as we know that young people have high egos so they often lose control, so these values of awareness are the basis that must be instilled in young people." Some of the interviews and descriptions above show that the moral value of young people in using the internet is very important and if there are young people who have been negatively affected by the internet and their morals have declined, it can be overcome by instilling religious values in young people, increasing awareness young people, then increase discipline in young people.

Based on the description above, the author can conclude that in order for young people to have moral values in using the internet, of course, apart from having awareness from within the young people themselves, the role of parents as supervisors for young people is very much needed, so that young people do not fall into this. -bad things that exist on the internet.

#### 4. Conclusion

Based on the results of the research on the Moral Values of Youth in Using the Internet, several conclusions can be drawn. Internet use through youtube, instagram, online games, this site is most often used by teenagers in Majalaya Village, namely Instagram and online games. The impact of using the internet can be positive or negative, including adding insight and knowledge, making communication media, making it easier to find job vacancies, the internet as a means of learning business, the internet can increase friends from teenagers to adults, learning facilities.

The negative impact of using the internet is that it can make it easier to find pornography, can cause social complications, lack of socializing with the environment, don't care about friends around, waste money, interfere with health, reduce study time, spread personal data, cause addiction. The response of parents/community assumes that young people are considered unable to use the internet wisely and their moral values must be improved. In addition, parents of teenagers want their children to use the internet if it is useful for their children instead of spending hours on unimportant things so that it can have a negative impact on their children. Parents who care about their children's development will limit the use of the internet for their children. Parents who are less concerned about it are not so limiting. Efforts to overcome negative or immoral behavior towards internet use in young people. So that young people always use moral values in using the internet, there are several things that can be considered and applied, namely, Instilling religious values, Raising awareness of young people, and the role of increasing discipline.

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