



Social Construction of Parents in Lamgugob Village on the Social Function Due to the Proliferation of Student Hangout Spots

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to determine the perception of the parents of the village of Lamgugob towards changes in environmental functions due to the proliferation of student hangouts that have an impact on environmental functions and the social impact of the existence of these hangouts. In our study, the method used is a quantitative descriptive method with data collection techniques through field observations, interviews, and documentation. Informants in this study were the parents of the village of Lamgugob who live around the hangout. After our research, the results of the study showed that most of the parents of the village of Lamgugob have a positive perception and some have a negative perception, the view of the community who have a positive perception is that the proliferation of hangouts around the village of Lamgugob opens economic opportunities for the surrounding community, opening up employment opportunities for young people as cafe waiters (waitresses) at cafes around Lamgugob, the village is more lively. The negative perception of the community is that with the proliferation of hangout spots, many students are passing through the Lambugob area. What were once private spaces or quiet refdssidences have now become centers of economic and social activity that operate late into the night. Their children (informants) also hang out late into the night and don't know when they're going home and their families

INTRODUCTION

Looking at the booming phenomenon of hangout spots in Metro City. In Metro City, the existence of cafés is starting to be considered important for young people, especially university students. Meanwhile, the research we conducted is about the perceptions of parents from Lamgugob Village regarding changes in the environment caused by the proliferation of student hangouts, focusing on all the students. The parents of Lamgugob Village are a community group that has long lived in Lamgugob Village and uphold social norms very strictly. The Lamgugob area in Banda Aceh is known as a place with many universities and student hangout spots. Because of that, locals and students are two groups that interact with each other, especially with the increasing number of student hangouts around Lamgugob, which has become a routine for students to go to after classes to do assignments or just relax. The presence of students who come and go in Lamgugob village often brings social changes as well as changes in the way the local community interacts. The interaction between the native Lamgugob residents and the incoming students can create various perceptions, both positive and negative, depending on the social dynamics in the area. (Budi Supropto, Akhirul Aminulloh, and Ahmad Chilil, 2024).

In the research conducted by Imroatus Muawarah in a thesis titled *The Phenomenon of the Rise of Coffee Shops as a Lifestyle Trend Among Youth in Metro City* (a study on IAIN Metro students), it explains that cafes are still a favorite among young people, especially in Metro City. This is the case at universities around Lamgugob, Banda Aceh. As for our experience when going out to find informants, we had difficulty finding informants who matched the criteria we wanted because Lamgugob is a suburban area with a dense and diverse population, and people rarely socialize or gather outside their homes, unlike communities in rural areas. When we did find informants, there were some unpleasant experiences due to a few dramas or dynamics that happened in the field.

LITERATURE RIVIEW

1. Parents' Perception

Perception is the process through which individuals receive, organize, and interpret information based on their experiences and social environment. Parents' perceptions are important in understanding how changes in the community are viewed, particularly changes related to children's social activities. In this study, parents' perceptions focus on how they view the increasing number of student hangout spots and their influence on students' social activities and family relationships.

2. Social Function

Social function refers to the role of an activity or social environment in supporting interaction, communication, cooperation, and social relationships. Student hangout spots can function as informal spaces where students communicate, socialize, establish friendships, and exchange information. However, their social function may also be associated with concerns about students' use of time, behavior, and interaction with their families.

3. Student Hangout Spots

Student hangout spots are places used by students to spend their free time and interact with peers, such as cafés, food stalls, coffee shops, and other public spaces. The proliferation of these places provides students with more opportunities for social interaction outside school and home. From the parents' perspective, however, the increasing number of these places may have both positive and negative implications depending on how students use them.

4. Parental Supervision and Community Environment

Parents have an important role in supervising, guiding, and educating their children. Increased student activities outside the home may require parents to pay greater attention to their children's use of time and social relationships. Meanwhile, the proliferation of student hangout spots represents a change in the local community environment that may influence patterns of social interaction.

5. Relationship Between Student Hangout Spots and Social Function

Student hangout spots can provide opportunities for communication, socialization, and the development of peer relationships. However, their influence depends on the activities conducted, the duration of visits, and parental supervision. Therefore, examining parents' perceptions in Lamgugob Village is important to understand how the proliferation of student hangout spots is perceived in relation to students' social interaction, family relationships, and the wider community environment.

METHODOLOGY

This research section uses a qualitative research method with a descriptive approach. The qualitative approach was chosen because this study aims to understand and describe the perceptions of parents in Lamgugob Village regarding the proliferation of student hangouts around their neighborhood, based on their views and the social interactions that occur. The research was conducted in the Lamgugob area, Syahkuala District, Banda Aceh. The subjects of this study are the parents living in Lamgugob Village and the surrounding residents.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The research results show that some of the Lamgugob community have a positive perception and some have a negative perception of the proliferation of student hangout spots. Positive because it brings good impacts socially and economically, like opening economic opportunities, job fields, services, and making the village atmosphere more lively. The research results can be analyzed using Talcott Parsons' structural functionalism theory. This approach views society as a system that is functionally integrated into a form of equilibrium. This assumption is further developed by the idea that society should be seen as a system of interconnected parts. Thus, the influence between these parts is reciprocal. This can be seen in the Lamgugob community, which has a positive view of the hangout spots for students that are sprouting up in their area, bringing positive effects in terms of social and economic aspects. The benefits can be felt by the surrounding community, such as increased residents' income, job opportunities for young people as waiters, and people being able to make food like cakes and leave them at nearby cafes. On the other hand, students also get a place to hang out, do their assignments, have some me-time, and so on at the coffee shop. So, the relationship between the community and the students shows a mutual relationship that creates balance and social integrity in the community. Meanwhile, the research found some negative perceptions because the proliferation of hangout spots brings bad impacts, like noise due to many students coming and going in residential areas. Even their kids end up hanging out until late at night because there are spaces available nearby, which disrupts the safety and peace of the residents in their neighborhood. The research results can be analyzed using Emile Durkheim's theory of social solidarity, which touches on the existence of social solidarity in society through collective consciousness. Interview results According to one of the parents we interviewed and to whom we asked the question, 'What is your opinion about the increasing number of student hangout spots around here?' the informant said that they don't like the many hangout spots in this area because it can negatively change people's mindset, also from a health perspective they come home late, stay up late, which can lead to illness. From our side, well, we usually set a limit on what time the kids should be home, and we reinforce religious values. Then we asked the next question: What's the most noticeable difference you've felt in this neighborhood before and after hangout spots appeared? Before, kids never really thought about going to hang out at coffee shops, so they would definitely go straight home. Now, their friends are like, 'Come on, let's grab a coffee first,' ordering coffee multiple times and sitting for hours. I also interviewed other parents, asking whether having these coffee shops brings positive or negative impacts.

In my opinion, having hangout spots brings positive effects by boosting the economy for the local residents, because we can start businesses like selling rice in collaboration with coffee shops to provide meals for the coffee shop customers, who are mostly students. There are also locals who leave cakes and other foods at the coffee shop. In theory, students have their own role in society, as Azis Nugroho (2018) explains in his article that students are individuals with potential in changing and developing the world, holding positions as agents of change, social controllers, iron stocks, and moral forces. Students are people who have idealism, where idealism itself is a truth believed purely by an individual and is not influenced by external factors that could shift the meaning of that truth.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the results of research on the perceptions of parents in Lamgugob village regarding changes in social functions due to the proliferation of student hangout spots, it can be concluded that the community has varied views on the existence of these student hangouts. Most people think that the growing number of student hangouts has a positive impact, especially in economic and social relations. The presence of hangout spots is considered capable of boosting local economic activity, such as coffee shops, job opportunities for young people working as waiters, food stalls collaborating with coffee shops, and other services. Besides the positive impact, there are also some negative perceptions that arise due to environmental noise from students coming and going, security concerns, and their kids getting involved in the hangouts in the area.

FURTHER STUDY

This research still has limitations, so further studies are needed on the topic of Perception of Parents in Lamgugob Village on The Social Function Due to the Proliferation of Student Hangout Spots to improve this research and broaden insights for the writer and readers.

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