# SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES IN Parenting CHILDREN IN SOUTH JAKARTA

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#### Abstract

In married life or household life, children are a gift and gift given by God to complete the happiness of parents. Until now, we still meet couples who get married at a young age. Many of them are actually not ready to have children, thus allowing them to provide inappropriate parenting. The purpose of this study was to determine and understand the social construction of young married couples in South Jakarta in deciding to marry and raise children. This research is a research with qualitative methods using interactive analysis techniques including data reduction, data presentation to draw conclusions. The results of the study indicate that the social construction of young married couples in raising children in South Jakarta is not quite good and well-constructed. There is no readiness of couples to raise children and young married couples in South Jakarta are trying to improve their parenting methods by studying parenting or parenting.

Keywords: Social Construction, Young Married Couples, Parenting



### **INTRODUCTION**

From data released by the South Jakarta Religious Court, the application for marriage or marriage made by a couple under the age of has in limit (19 year) on year 2019 as much 53, year 2020 as many as 100, and in 2021 it will return to 53. Here it can be seen that in 2020 applications or marriage dispensations submitted by prospective husbands and wives are quite increasing. Marriage is an important stage in life somebody. Because that, wedding must prepare by ripe from any aspect, for example in terms of mental, economic and other.

However, in recent years there have been quite a number of young or early marriages even though the marriage law has been amended <sup>1</sup>. This actually makes people think that couples who marry at a young age are still considered a marriage that was carried out too early and without proper preparation. Because marriage at a young age also has an impact on the partner's unpreparedness in family life and in carrying out obligations as well as play a role as person old in nurturing child. Mother those who marry at a young age do not have the readiness to carry out the parenting phase, with limited knowledge or knowledge, limited information and age maturity can be the cause of unpreparedness Mother in nurturing child <sup>2</sup>. even though later readiness and people's perseverance old, specifically Mother as teacher first in nurturing will build character quality child.

From several research studies that have been conducted, it seems that the quality of parenting is influenced by the quality of marriage or the quality of the relationship between spouses and even the education of the mother/wife <sup>3</sup>. quality wedding from couple (husband and wife) is factors that will determine attitudes and behavior child <sup>4</sup>.

The term early marriage or early marriage is a marriage carried out by someone who has not yet reached adulthood (Koro, 2012: 72). This marriage is often carried out by young men and women who have not yet reached the ideal age to marry or build a household. It can be said that they are not yet established emotionally, financially, and physically or psychologically not ready.

Exist a number of trigger or reason for man and women who marry under the specified age (19 year). factors happening wedding in young age including the following <sup>5</sup>:

## Factor Economy

Difficulties in the economic aspect or income and income are one of the factors that trigger marriage at a young age or at an early age, especially for families who experience economic problems will tend to marry off their children at a young age. In this facto case, marriage is considered as the key or a way out for the economic difficulties experienced by the family, so that later the family will experience little economic hardship <sup>4</sup>.

**Factor Education** 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Law Number 16 of 2019 concerning Amendments to Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning Marriage. State Gazette of the Republic of Indonesia Year 2019 Number 186, Supplement to the State Gazette of the Republic of Indonesia Number 6401. Central Government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tsunia, N. (2014). Family characteristics, readiness for marriage, wife, and the development of children aged 3-5 years (Thesis). Bogor, Indonesia: Bogor Agricultural Institute.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Apriliani, FT (2020). The Effect of Young Marriage on Family Resilience. Journal of Social Welfare Vo.07, No. 01, Padjadjaran University.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>C Lai. (2011). Parental marital quality and family environment as predictor of delinquency amongst selected secondary school student in Malaysia. British Journal of Art and Social Science.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Sunarti, ET (2005). Effect of economic pressure, social support, quality of marriage, parenting and emotional intelligence of children on children's learning achievement. Family Nutrition and Media.

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Adolescents (boys and girls) who have low education can be the cause of the occurrence of young marriages. The lower the education of adolescents, the higher the risk they have to get married at <sup>6</sup>a very young age. Lack of socialization and education from parents can also affect the teenager.

#### Parental Factor

Parents can also be the cause of children to marry at a young age. However, behind this factor there are several reasons which motivate person old for marry off her son at a young age, namely because parents are worried that their children will fall into promiscuity (adultery) and have bad results; parents wish to extend their relationship by marrying off their relation's children with their children; and the desire to match his child with his brother so that their property or descendants are still in the hands of their family. Parents with low education also greatly influence their children to marry at a young age. The lower the education of parents, the greater the intention or desire person old the for marry off her son in young age even in childhood. So, in this case parents have a very important role in marriage at a young age.

#### Mass Media Factors / Internet

In today 's increasingly sophisticated era, it is very easy for everyone to access whatever they are looking for. If a teenager is not careful, then he can fall into bad influences or promiscuity which begins with seeing, reading, or hearing information that he gets from the internet. factor married by accident

This factor can be said as one result of the use of mass media or the internet. Where by playing on the internet and exploring indecent things that they don't deserve to know, it is important for them (teenagers) to learn and be given socialization about sex education.

The occurrence of pregnancy out of wedlock, finally forced them to get married, which aims to clarify the status of the child in the womb. With an accident like this, they are finally forced to get married and are obliged/responsible to behave as husband and wife and become fathers (parents) for their children. So pregnancy that occurs outside of marriage is also one of the factors that create marriage at a young age.

With a lot problem from wedding age young which Among them are divorce, quarrels, domestic violence or other findings in previous research, this study also aims to explore the reasons that cause couples to marry at a young age and the readiness and knowledge possessed by young married couples in parenting child.

#### RESEARCH METHODS

The research location/place chosen in this research is South Jakarta City. The research method used in this study is a qualitative research method. Qualitative research is a type of research that explores and understands the meaning of several individuals or a group that originates from social problems<sup>7</sup>. This qualitative research is often used in research on people's lives, history, concepts, phenomena, social problems, case studies, and behavior.

The type of research used by the researcher in this research is a case study. A case study is a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Mubasyaroh. (2016). Analysis of the Causes of Early Marriage and Its Impact on the Perpetrators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Creswell, J. (2016). Research Design Qualitative & Quantitative Approach

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study that explores a case in depth, and collects complete material or information using a data collection method based on a predetermined time. The case in this study can be in the form of an activity, program, event, and process <sup>8</sup>. This type of case study research is in accordance with the method to answer the questions in this study, namely, what are the reasons for couples to marry at a young age, and what strategies or plans they have for parenting.

#### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In getting married at a young age, of course there are reasons or factors that make someone marry under the age that has been regulated in Law Number 16 of 2019. Various reasons have been obtained from each source or informant for marry in age young. Like which already conveyed by the informant RK (wife) VG (husband) as one of the couples who married young, they deciding want to marry young because existence need Economics and Other from the answer of informant RK who got married because he wanted to advance his trading business, AD informant explained that the strong reason that made him marry his husband was the encouragement of his parents. If informant RK married because of business and informant AD married because of parents, informant TA had other reasons and factors that decided to marry at a young age. Informants on behalf of YL have different reasons and external factors. Because the marriage happened because of an accident. Although the YL informant did not explain during the interview, but as the researcher spent the day at his house, he decided to explain to the researcher that he and his husband got married because of the married by accident factor. Different from the three informants that have been described, there is one informant who decides for marry in age young of course because will they alone and have committed to their partner. the informant is an informant LA

Based on the results of the interviews above, it can be seen that there are various reasons and factors that young married couples have. From the explanation above, it can be explained as in the table below:

Name	Young Married Factors	Information
RK & VG	<ul> <li>•Want to build joint venture after high school graduation</li> <li>•Increase economy</li> </ul>	• Factor economy
AD	•People's decision old	• people factor old
TA	<ul> <li>Carrying out religious orders</li> <li>Stay away from adultery and slander of the world</li> </ul>	• Religion influence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Miles, M.d. (2007). Qualitative Data Analysis. Resource Book About New Methods. Translated by Tjejep Rohindi Rohidi. Jakarta: University of IndonesiaPress.



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YL	•Urgent and must get married right then and there	Married By Iccident
LA	•It's been a long time •love/dating since entering high school	• Own Will

Of the various reasons or factors that influence individuals to marry at a young age from the five informants. One of them is because of the religious factor of the informant with the initials TA, according to him marriage is a sacred thing before God and by doing marriage all his affairs become easy and to avoid adultery. However, this is in stark contrast to what is currently experienced after marriage, that taking care of the household, having a good relationship with a partner, and raising children are very difficult things to deal with without any preparation.

In this case, Berger sees the problem as a social reality which is the result of the social construction of society towards the individual. social construction into 3 stages, namely <sup>9</sup>:

#### a) Externalization

Basically, informants who marry at a young age must have the same knowledge and access as they (couples who marry with knowledge) about child rearing and married life. It can become a problem if parenting and the realities of married life are not properly socialized. Socialization related to child care and the reality of domestic life is very necessary, plus this must be socialized by authorized institutions or agencies and has the task of regulating norms and values related to marriage and marriage. This ultimately results in the lack of insight, knowledge and readiness both in raising children or providing household arks by young married couples.

## b) Activation object

The above statement further makes it clear that many informants who marry at a young age have very little knowledge about child rearing and married life. This indicates that the government or other marriage institutions pay less attention to the situation of young people and especially women who want to get married at a young age. Some of the informants feel lazy or reluctant to find out the right parenting style and how to prepare for marriage properly. In contrast to those who are ready and learn first how to take care of children and prepare everything to face difficult realities.

#### c) Internalization

This process or stage of internalization will last a lifetime from an individual through socialization, while he contributes to externalization. Individuals seek to understand the definition of objective reality, but more than that, they also contribute to the construction of shared knowledge. So the individual is an active actor as the shaper, maintainer, and changer of society. To find out the truth of one's thoughts, there is a need for proof.

In this internalization process, informants who marry at a young age who already have knowledge and readiness about childcare and in living a married life try or try to provide advice, motivation and input to other informants or young married couples out there who are confused about how to take care of themselves. appropriate for children, how to live married life, as well as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Puspitawati, H. (2013). Introduction to Family Studies. Bogor: IPB Press.

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about how to deal with the difficulties experienced during the role of a wife or mother. Because there are still many who think that socialization related to child care and prevention of marriage at a young age is very lacking.

#### **CONCLUSION**

There are various factors that cause young married couples in South Jakarta, including economic factors, parental encouragement factors, religious influence factors, lack of sexual knowledge to self-will factors. Some of these reasons eventually became a factor that made a couple in South Jakarta decide to get married young. From the results of existing interviews, the researchers concluded that when they decided to get married at a young age, couples in South Jakarta did not have readiness in domestic life, one of which was having children. Because if a couple decides to get married at a young age just because they have been dating for too long, because of their parents, or because of the economy, then this will have a bad influence on their domestic life so that it will have an impact on their pattern of parenting, the social construction of young married couples in raising children in South Jakarta has not been well constructed. This is due to the lack of insight, knowledge and socialization obtained by the informants who married at a young age. In fact, to become parents, every couple who gets married at a young age or not really needs readiness, knowledge, and deepening of roles in living household life, including in raising children.

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