

PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF THE MEANING OF SAKINAH FAMILY

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BACKGROUND

Family is the smallest community institutions, considered to be one determinant of the future of the nation. Everyone longed for a happy family.

Happy Family is the ideal family expected by any husband, wife and other family members.

Indonesian society commonly mentioned as a *sakinah* family, the ideal family expected by any husband, wife and other family members.

Data statistic penduduk Indonesia yang menikah (2012) adalah

- In Indonesia, people used to say “sakinah family” as an ideal family. Even in their praying for marriage couple, they will say and hope to be a sakinah family.
- The term “sakinah family” is well known among Indonesian people, muslim community or non-muslim. Although sakinah it self derived from a Qur’anic verse which means quite and stable, but the meaning of it may be vary from one to another.

Research Problem

- This research attempt to investigate about what is the public perception of Indonesian people on sakinah family.

Purpose of study

This study aims to determine the public perception of the meaning of *sakinah* family.

Sakinah Family

- The word sakinah derived in Qur'an six times in six verses. In these verses → sakinah = endure and able to face temptation well. Sakinah can also interpreted as something that make mental or psychological satisfaction (Subhan Z, 2004)
- Sakinah family can be interpreted as stable family (Keluarga sakînah digunakan dengan pengertian keluarga yang tenang, tentram, bahagia, dan sejahtera lahir batin).
- In one of these six verses, sakinah mentioned as a goal of family in Islam, based on love, affection .

- Nasution (2012), sakinah can also be meant as an authentic happiness, which consist of three substance/element :
 1. Pleasure and or prosperity, can be reached by physical need fulfillment,
 2. Peacefulness, can be reached by moral spiritual need fulfilment
 3. Harmony, can be reached by the obedience of social and religious norms, also including natural laws.

Research Method

- This research use a qualitative method
- Data was collected by questionnaire and open-ended multi response, analyzed qualitatively with the coding and categorization, then performed a descriptive analysis.
- Respondents for this study is the community in Jakarta as many as 300 people.

Result

- From this study, the five categories of *sakinah* family are :
 1. outer and inner tranquility (46.6%),
 2. love and affection (24.9%),
 3. religious families (17.9%),
 4. equality between husband and wife (5.4%)
 5. financial adequacy (5.2%)

In addition, the results also showed that in men the adequacy of the financial become more important than the meaning of equality, whereas women are more focused on equality between husband and wife rather than the adequacy of the financial. In people who are not married also showed more importance adequacy of the financial, while the people who are married and never married are more concerned with equality than the financial.

- **For non-married people, financial adequacy is more important thing to shape sakinah family, while equality more important for married people and widow.**
- **Men consider that financial adequacy more important to shape sakinah family, while women consider the equality is more important.**

Discussion

- The finding of this research is along with the study conducted by Nasution (2012) that sakinah Temuan studi ini tentang kriteria keluarga sakinah senada dengan studi yang dilakukan oleh Nasution (2012) bahwa Sakinah dan/atau boleh jadi disebut „seutuhnya“ atau, kebahagiaan hakiki“ adalah perpaduan antara tiga unsur, yakni: (1) “kesenangan dan/atau kesejahteraan”, (2) “ketenteraman”, dan (3) “keselamatan”. Kesenangan dan/atau kesejahteraan “dapat diraih dengan ter/memenuhi kebutuhan fisik-material. Sementara „Ketenteraman dapat digapai dengan ter/memenuhi kebutuhan moril-spirituil. Adapun, keselamatan dapat terpenuhi dengan mematuhi norma dan etika agama, termasuk norma dan etika sosial serta hukum alam.

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Open-ended Quissionnaire

1. What is the meaning of sakinah family for you?
2. What are the criteria of sakinah family? Give 3 criteria
3. From 3 criteria above, what is the principal one or more important criteria to shape sakinah family?

