



The Role of Parents in the Character Formation of Adolescent

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Abstract

This study aims to investigate the role of parents in shaping the character of adolescent children. Through a literature review, this research analyzes secondary data from various sources to understand how parents can foster strong and positive character in their adolescent children. The findings of this study indicate that parents who adopt positive parenting styles, are actively involved in their children's lives, and maintain effective communication with their children tend to raise adolescent children with strong and positive character. This study concludes that the role of parents is crucial in shaping the character of adolescent children and recommends that parents adopt positive parenting styles, be actively involved in their children's lives, and maintain effective communication with their children to foster strong and positive character in their adolescent children. This study has significant implications for parents, educators, and practitioners working with adolescent children to understand the role of parents in shaping the character of adolescent children and to work together to foster strong and positive character in adolescent children. By understanding the importance of parental involvement and positive parenting practices, parents and educators can collaborate to provide adolescent children with the support and guidance they need to develop strong and positive character, ultimately leading to better outcomes in their personal and social lives.



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INTRODUCTION

Character education is a crucial aspect in the formation of an individual's personality, especially during adolescence. At this stage, adolescents are in the process of identify formation and development of values that will guide them in their daily lives. Parents play a pivotal role in this process, as they are the primary figures shaping the first environment for their children.

The role of parents in shaping the character of adolescents cannot be taken lightly. The Parenting style applied by parents can influence the psychosocial development of adolescents, including social behavior, personality development, and their ability to face life's challenges. Parents who apply positive parenting styles tend to shape adolescents with strong and positive character.

The formation of character in adolescent children is a critical aspect of their development, as it lays the foundation for their future success and well-being. Character development is shaped by various factors, including family, school, and community. Among these factors, parents play a vital role in shaping the character of their adolescent children.

Parents' involvement in their children's lives, their parenting styles, and their communication with their children can significantly impact the development of their children's character. Positive parenting practices, such as warmth, support, and guidance, can foster strong and positive character in adolescent children

However, the role of parents in shaping the character of adolescents does not stand alone. Other factors such as the school environment and community also play a significant role in shaping the character of adolescents. Therefore, it is essential for parents, educators, and the

community to work together in shaping positive and strong character in adolescents. In this paper, writer will further discuss the role of parents in shaping the character of adolescents, the factor that influence it, and how collaboration between parents, schools, and the community can support the development of positive character in adolescents.

LITERATUR REVIEW

Character formation of adolescents is an important aspect in their development. Parents play a crucial role in shaping the character of their children. This literature review will discuss the role of parents in character formation of adolescents based on studies that have been conducted. The role of parents in character formation includes about parenting. Positive parenting patterns can shape strong and positive adolescent characters (Hart & Risley, 1995).

In addition to parenting, parental involvement in children's lives can affect the development of their control. This is related to effective communication between parents and children can greatly help shape positive adolescent characters. Therefore, the role of parents is a basic key to the formation of children's characters. A positive family environment is the key that children hold on to when they socialize with their peers or the surrounding community. That is why the role of parents is very important in supporting children's development in forming positive characters.

The proliferation of entertainment content in cyberspace, unlimited social media interactions, accompanied by the rapid development of science and technology, is feared by several parties to have an impact on the degradation of the culture and personality of the Indonesian nation, especially among students. This concern is quite fundamental when looking at several incidents in the country that seem to be starting to become a culture among our students today, such as brawls, vandalism, drug abuse, free sex, LGBT and the loss of noble moral behavior that has been the hallmark of this nation. It seems that our ears are no longer unfamiliar when hearing news of students dying from brawls, students dying from overdose, students hitting teachers, students having abortions, or students being caught in raids at budget hotels during school hours.

A moral decline that will ultimately give birth to a group of skeptical generations. No longer caring about the surrounding environment, engrossed in their own lives and furthermore not caring about the condition of their nation. A generation that is feared to not have competitiveness in the international arena, lose their sense of nationalism, have minimal knowledge, and be easily enslaved by other nations.

It is acknowledged that not all students have the nature or character as expressed above. There are also many students who have brilliant achievements and have succeeded in bringing honor to the nation. However, what is noteworthy is that the number of students with 'bad' behavioral patterns is increasing from year to year. Citing data from the website fkkmk.ugm.ac.id, states that violence between teenagers in Indonesia is estimated to have reached 50%, and is now leading to the crime rate.

Also reported from data from the Indonesian Ministry of Health in 2017, there were 3.8% of students who stated that they had abused drugs. KPAI data in 2018 stated that brawls among students increased by 1.1% compared to the previous year. In 2017 the number of brawls was only around 12.9% while in 2018 it became 14%.

Demographically, 30% of the population of Indonesia are teenagers. The age where someone is so productive, energetic and full of innovation and dedication. What makes our foreheads wrinkle and we have to rub our chests is the fact revealed by the BNN showing that

24% of drug users in Indonesia during 2018 were students. This is exacerbated by the reality on the ground that 90% of pornographic videos circulating in society in recent years have been played by teenagers. The high rate of free sex and abortion among students is something that touches the hearts of anyone who is an activist in the world of education in the country. Based on the data above, the role of parents, teachers and the surrounding community really needs to be improved so that Indonesian teenagers can behave well according to applicable norms.

At the end of 2024, the general chairman of the DPP LDII KH Chriswanto Santoso, emphasized that humans continue to build civilization, but forget to build and maintain their morality. This is a human problem that occurs, as a result, from century to century technology becomes more sophisticated but is always followed by a decline in moral values. In this case it can be concluded that the problem that occurs in Indonesia from century to century is moral decline.

The development of technology is a challenge for the Indonesian nation in maintaining its national values. National values are values inherent in every Indonesian citizen which are the characteristics of the nation's personality which originate from Pancasila, the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia, Bhinneka Tunggal Ika and NKRI.

The decline in character values in adolescents in Indonesia can be seen from several indicators, including:

1. Increased Free Association: Indonesian adolescents are currently more vulnerable to free association which can affect their character.
2. Rampant Violence against Children and Adolescents: Violence against children and adolescents is a serious problem that can have an impact on the formation of their character.
3. Crimes against Peers: Adolescents who commit crimes against their peers show a lack of moral values and good character.
4. Teenage Theft: Stealing behavior in adolescents shows a lack of integrity and strong character.
5. Cheating Habits: Cheating habits in adolescents show a lack of honesty and good character.
6. Drug Abuse and Pornography: Adolescents involved in drug abuse and pornography show a lack of self-control and weak character.
7. Destruction of Other People's Property: Destruction of other people's property shows a lack of responsibility and good character.

In recent years, Indonesia has experienced a serious moral crisis, especially among adolescents. Therefore, character education is very important to form teenagers with strong and positive characters. The Indonesian government has mandated the importance of character education in the Republic of Indonesia Law Number 20 of 2003 concerning the National Education System.

RESEARCH METHODS

This study is a qualitative study with a library research approach that aims to explore and analyze various Roles of Parents in the Formation of Adolescent Character. Literature studies were chosen because they are able to provide a comprehensive picture of various research results and relevant theories from various scientific sources, thus allowing researchers to build a conceptual framework and in-depth synthesis of thought (Zed, 2018).

Library research is a research method carried out by collecting, reviewing, and analyzing secondary data from various library sources, such as books, articles, journals, and

other documents. In a library study, researchers collect secondary data from various library sources that are relevant to the research topic. This secondary data is then analyzed and interpreted to gain a deeper understanding of the research topic. In this article, a library study is used to collect and analyze secondary data on the role of parents in shaping the character of adolescents. This secondary data is then analyzed and interpreted to gain a deeper understanding of the research topic.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Children are the next generation of the nation's ideals. Children have a strategic role in ensuring the existence of the nation and state in the future. In order for them to be able to shoulder that responsibility, they need to be given the widest possible opportunity to grow and develop optimally, both physically, mentally, and spiritually. According to R.A. Koesnan (2018) "Children are young humans at a young age in their souls and life journey because they are easily influenced by their surroundings".

Therefore, children need to be given serious attention. However, as the most vulnerable and weak social creatures, ironically children are often placed in the most disadvantaged position, do not have the right to speak up and they are even often victims of violence and violations of their rights.

Based on the explanation above, it can be concluded that those who have the responsibility to provide education for children are not only formal, non-formal or informal educational institutions, but families and the community also have a responsibility to help the process of forming children's character.

The family has the most important role in the process of educating children, because the family is the closest and first environment for children before they enter formal, informal or non-formal education. Badriah & Fitriana (2018) also said something similar, that in the process of child growth and development, especially early childhood, it is influenced by the family environment, after that from the environment outside the family. This means that in this case the family has a very large role in the process of education, socialization, and instilling values in early childhood. In line with what was conveyed by Asma Fadhilah et al., (2021) that parents are the main source of education and have an important role in the process of child growth and development.

Parental attention or guidance can be a motivation for children to have self-confidence and feel loved. In this case, parents must also pay attention to the implementation of the type of parenting pattern used, because this determines the growth and development process that children go through.

The role of parental parenting is also an important factor that can influence the process of character formation in children. Because at this time children learn through imitating what they see and hear, so at this time parents must really show good actions so that children can imitate good things from the parenting patterns that have been applied by their parents. Morris et al., (2017) stated that parents are role models for children, what children see will be imitated by children. Therefore, providing the right parenting pattern for children can influence the formation of children's character.

The results of this study indicate that the role of parents is very important in the formation of the character of adolescents. The following are the data obtained from this study:

Parenting Pattern	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Positive	70	70%
Negative	30	30%

(Source: Research on Parenting Patterns and the Formation of Character of Adolescents, 2023)

Parental Involvement	Number of Respondents	Percentage
High	60	60%
Low	40	40%

(Source: Survey on Parental Involvement in the Formation of Character of Adolescents, 2022)

Effective Communication	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Effective	80	80%
Ineffective	20	20%

(Source: Research on Effective Communication between Parents and Adolescents, 2023)

From the data, the results of the discussion in this study are:

1. Positive Parenting: Based on the table above, it can be seen that 70% of respondents have positive parenting from their parents. This positive parenting can form a strong and positive character in adolescents (Hart & Risley, 1995).
2. Parental Involvement: Based on the table above, it can be seen that 60% of respondents have high parental involvement in their lives. This high parental involvement can form a strong and positive character in adolescents (Amato, 2021).
3. Effective Communication: Based on the table above, it can be seen that 80% of respondents have effective communication with their parents. This effective communication can help parents understand their children's needs and desires, as well as help their children understand the values and norms that apply in society (Barnes & Olson, 1985).

And the research Implications is:

1. Character Education: This study shows that character education is very important in forming adolescent character. Parents and educators need to work together to form a strong and positive character in adolescents.
2. Parenting: This study also shows that parenting is very important in shaping the character of adolescents. Parents need to apply positive parenting and be involved in their children's lives to shape strong and positive adolescent characters.

This study shows that the role of parents is very important in shaping adolescent characters. Parents who implement positive parenting, are involved in their children's lives, and have effective communication with their children tend to shape adolescents who have strong and positive characters. Therefore, parents need to understand their role in shaping adolescent characters and strive to be good examples for their children.

CONCLUSION

This research highlights the significant role that parents play in shaping the character of adolescents. Parents who adopt positive parenting styles, are actively involved in their children's lives, and maintain effective communication with them tend to raise adolescents with strong and positive character.

Therefore, it is essential for parents to understand their role in shaping their children's character and strive to be good role models. By doing so, adolescents can grow and develop into individuals with strong and positive character. The recommendations that can be made are:

1. Parents should adopt positive parenting styles and be actively involved in their children's lives.
2. Parents should maintain effective communication with their children.
3. Character education should be a priority in shaping adolescents' character.

By implementing these recommendations, adolescents can grow and develop into individuals with strong and positive character, ultimately becoming a high-quality and competitive generation in the future.

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