ABSTRACT

UKE HANI RASALWATI. Ecology of Child Parenting: Adolescents Perception toward Parenting Style, Media Exposure and Adolescents Psychosocial Development in Bandung. Advised by: EUIS SUNARTI, UJANG SUMARWAN, DJOKO SUSANTO, PANG S. ASNGARI and DIAH KRISNATUTI.

Adolescent psychosocial development could be enhanced or suppressed by environmental influence like peer friendships and activities away from the family. The ecological of parenting can help parents understand the role of family, school, peer group and community in adolescence development and socialization. Therefore, parents must gradually relinquish the kind of parental control exerted during childhood and must rely more on discussion and mutuality in establishing expectations for conduct. The objectives of the study are: 1) to analyze the differences of media exposure, parenting and adolescent psychosocial development based on characteristic of adolescent, family, school and peer group and 2) to assess the influence of adolescent characteristic, family, school, peer group, media exposure, adolescents perception about parenting toward adolescent psychosocial development. This study was conducted in four different type of senior high schools in Bandung and the sample taken as many as 352 students from all classes proportionately. Data were analyzed with descriptive, the t-test, Regression and Path Analysis. The important results showed that there were significant differences between age group in identity, autonomy, intimacy, sexuality and achievement development; and adolescent psychosocial development was influenced significantly by age, media exposure and parenting ($R^2=0.346$). The suggestions addressed to the parents were provide an appropriate parenting with regard to the ages and child development stages and conducted through an effective communication; parents should monitor and select the content of messages which are accessed by the adolescent; the government is expected to control media regulation by functioning censor institution in order to supervise message published or exposed by media; and to conduct several programmes such as parenting skill for parents and social skill for the adolescent and to provide counseling institution which is accessible by parents and adolescent.

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