

The Impact of Online Slot Gambling on Social Values in High Student

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Abstract

This research aims to analyze the impact of online slot gambling games on the social values of high school children in Sungai Raya Dalam Village, Sungai Raya District, Kubu Raya Regency. Online slot gambling games are increasingly common among people, including high school students, which can have an impact on their behavior and social values. This research uses a qualitative method with a descriptive approach. Data was collected through interviews, observation and documentation of high school children and one of the teachers in the village. The research results show that student involvement in online slot gambling has a negative impact on social values such as material values, in the form of decreased academic achievement, personal assets being traded, and irregular financial resources. There are also other impacts on vital values which cause psychological problems, poor social relationships, unutilized time management and an impact on spiritual values which result in applicable religious norms being simply ignored due to dependence on the game. Apart from that, bad moral behavior also appears in high school students because playing online slot gambling has become a habit that cannot be abandoned in their daily lives. This online slot gambling game causes problems in the development of high school students, resulting in an increase in deviant behavior in the school environment and society. Thus, preventive efforts are needed from various parties, including schools, families and the community, to reduce the negative impact of online slot gambling on high school children in Sungai Raya Dalam Village.

Kata Kunci: Impact, Online Slot Gambling, Social Value

INTRODUCTION

Online slot gambling has become a problem that is difficult to overcome in Indonesia today. Advances in technology and media have made it easier to access gambling via personal computers and cellphones without any age limits, reaching various groups ranging from children, teenagers, adults, both men and women. People often consider online slot games as a pastime, without realizing that this violates social norms and can cause personal problems. Although the government has made efforts to combat online gambling, stronger action is needed to disrupt networks associated with this illegal activity. The development of information technology has made efforts to eradicate gambling more difficult, because access has become easier and wider. Therefore, a more comprehensive and effective strategy is needed to overcome this development in Indonesia (Fanani & Tritasyah, 2023). As a modern form of gambling, online slots have unique characteristics that make them more accessible than other types of traditional gambling so that engagement in this activity can have negative impacts on various social, educational and family aspects. Technological advances, especially the widespread use of mobile phones, have made online slot gambling increasingly accessible to almost all levels of society, making online slots a serious threat to social welfare, especially for the younger generation (Putra, 2023).

Online slot gambling games have become a worrying phenomenon among students, especially high school students. The initial wins that new players often experience can create momentary euphoria, encouraging them to continue playing. This is very dangerous for teenagers who are still in the mental and emotional development stage, high school students who are in a phase that is vulnerable to negative behavior often have difficulty managing their impulses and emotions well as a result of which they tend to consider online gambling activities as normal or even interesting. The negative impacts of involvement in online slot gambling are very serious. Apart from disrupting the learning process, this activity can also damage teenagers' mental health,

the financial losses experienced can result in stress and anxiety, furthermore their concentration and focus in daily activities is disrupted (Nabila, 2024).

The current proliferation of online slot gambling involves many high school (SMA) students, which is very unfortunate because they should be in the process of developing towards maturity, not involved in problems that are detrimental to themselves. These students generally do not have a fixed income and still depend on their parents for educational costs. By getting to know online slot gambling, the money and goods they have can potentially be used as capital for gambling. Social problems that arise in high school students who are involved in online slot gambling can affect social values such as material, vital and spiritual values, this impact is very detrimental to students' development to be better in the learning process and their behavior in their social life. High school students often do not fully understand the development of thought patterns well. As they get older, they begin to recognize the internet as a tool for searching for various information, including online gambling sites. This condition is at risk of occurring because they are not yet able to use the internet according to their personal development needs, both for school purposes and looking for something useful for their lives (Meswari & Ritonga, 2023). their thinking patterns optimally. As they get older, they start to get to know the internet to look for various things, including online gambling sites. This condition is vulnerable to occurring because they have not been able to use the internet according to their personal development needs, both for school needs and to look for things that are useful for their lives (Kesuma, 2023).

In line with the opinion of Malimbe *et al.* (2021), he explains that impact can be interpreted as the effect or consequence of an action. Every person's action must have an impact. Impacts can also be the follow-up results of a process that occurs, where the results of the process sometimes cause social problems for the people around them, which can be positive or negative. In this case, online slot gambling games are a type of game that brings addiction to its users so that it Playing online slot gambling can cause addiction for people who do it. as stated by Bety *et al.* (2022) this addiction is more often experienced by children who are still students or are in their teens. At that time, they are not fully ready to face new challenges in life so they tend to be more easily trapped in addiction. This is caused by their immature thinking abilities and desire to try new things, without considering the negative impact on their psychology.

Online slot games are a type of game that has a negative impact on the development of school children, the impact that arises will be detrimental to the social values of these children. According to Norlaila *et al.* (2022) explains that social values are a special need to support an orderly life. Thus divides social values into three types, namely material values such as academic achievement, personal assets and financial resources. Then vital values such as psychology, social relationships and time management. Spiritual values such as religious and moral norms (Arditha, 2023).

Several relevant studies related to this research, namely, firstly by Khairan (2023) with the finding that the factors that influence parents in Gampong Lamreh to become involved in online gambling include the absence of permanent work which makes them lack activities, as well as a lack of motivation to work seriously. in order to get a job. In addition, economic pressures mean that online gambling is considered a quick way to earn money without having to work. The influence of friends, either from seeing friends benefit or from being invited, is also one of the reasons. This research and this research both discuss the impact of gambling

games. However, in this study, researchers will analyze the impact of online slot gambling games on the social values of high school children.

METHOD

This research uses a qualitative method with a descriptive approach. The aim is to accurately describe the situation that was occurring in the field when the research was conducted. The main focus is to analyze how online slot gambling impacts social values among high school students in Sungai Raya Dalam Village, located in Sungai Raya District, Kubu Raya Regency. In its implementation, researchers used several data collection techniques such as observation, interviews and documentation, making it easier for researchers to obtain results from the impacts that occurred in the field. Observations were carried out to record the impact on material values, vital values and spirituality in the game. Then interviews were conducted with school children who were involved in online slot games so that researchers knew the impacts that occurred.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Impact Of Online Slot Gambling On Material Values in High Student

We witnessed that school children did not go to their respective schools, but gathered with two other friends in a shop. From the observations made, researchers saw school children topping up funds at the shop, which they planned to use to play online slots. Apart from that, researchers obtained information that the two informants had promised their friends not to go to school that day and intended to play billiards on Road Haji Husein 2.



Figure 1. School children do not travel to their respective schools.

Based on research conducted on academic achievement, researchers explained that the involvement of high school students in Sungai Raya Dalam Village in online slot gambling games had a negative impact on their academic achievement. This happens because time that should be used for studying at school is neglected, which results in lower grades and loss of enthusiasm for learning. Then the researchers focused their attention on personal assets to find out whether they had ever sold valuables to get money which was then used to play online slot gambling. Valuables are an important need for everyone, but the impact of this online slot game can encourage someone to sell their assets to meet their gambling needs. In this observation, the researcher noted that he had sold his valuables.



Figure 2. Personal items for sale

We found that the impact of online slot gambling games was that school children planned to sell their valuables. This action was very detrimental to him, considering that cellphones are communication tools that should be used for personal purposes. However, he chose to sell it and use the proceeds to fund online slot games.

Apart from that, researchers observed and wanted to know where the financial sources for funding online slot games came from. In this case the researcher saw that he borrowed money from his friend to play the game and showed the researcher that his financial resources were sent by his friend via funds.

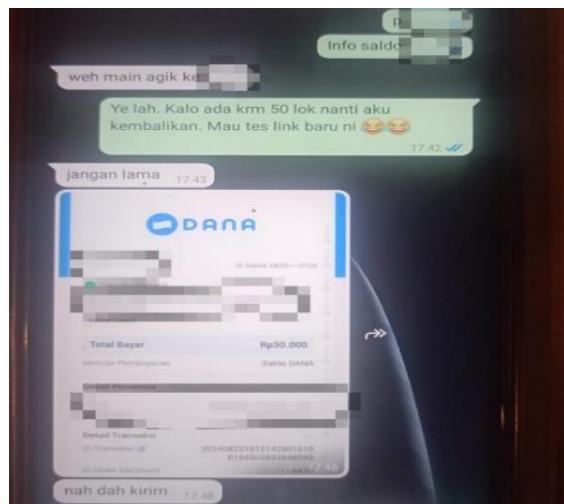


Figure 3. Financial sources by borrowing from friends

We saw that fulfilling the desire to play gambling requires borrowing money from friends, in this case the researcher considers that this kind of behavior should not be necessary because school children are still students and do not have their own income, but the impact of online slot games makes the informant still do something that makes his finances irregular. In line with what was stated by Muktar (2024) explains that the impact of online slot gambling games on material values for high school students can cause them to lose interest in studying. Meanwhile, increasing interest in learning is the key to achieving good academic achievement. Apart from that, this online slot gambling game can encourage students to sell personal items which are actually necessities of life to earn money as playing capital. This game obviously requires money, which is the main element in betting. Students have to spend large amounts of money, even though they are still in the education phase and don't have a job, so this spending can have a negative impact on them

The Impact Of Online Slot Gambling On Vital Values in High Student

We found that school children often gather with their friends at night, in this gathering they spend time outside the house so that they return home late at night. In situations like this, school children should not do this, because time is a vital value that is useful for school children to use, especially when outside school hours it should be used for rest or studying. This has a significant impact on their physical health due to lack of sufficient sleep.



Figure 4. School children gather outside the house at night

Using time that should be used for rest at night to hang out with friends outside is not a good habit for a student, because it can have a bad impact on his psychological health. Then the researcher observed social relationships with his friends. In this case, they tend to have closer social relationships with friends who also play online slot gambling. Based on observations, they more often talk about gambling sites and ask each other about it when they gather with their friends.



Figure 5. School children's friendship environment

In this case, it can be described that the social relations of school children both experience deviations. Researchers noted that their social circle often talked about online slot games, as well as joining people who had a common goal of achieving victory in games which was often a topic when they gathered.

Furthermore, regarding school children's time management, researchers observed that they preferred to spend time outside with their friends. From these observations, the researchers concluded that at that time school children did not really pay attention to the time, and still decided to leave the house even though it was late at night. This can be seen from the WhatsApp message which shows an invitation to gather together. This condition certainly has an impact on school children as students who should use the evening to study or rest.

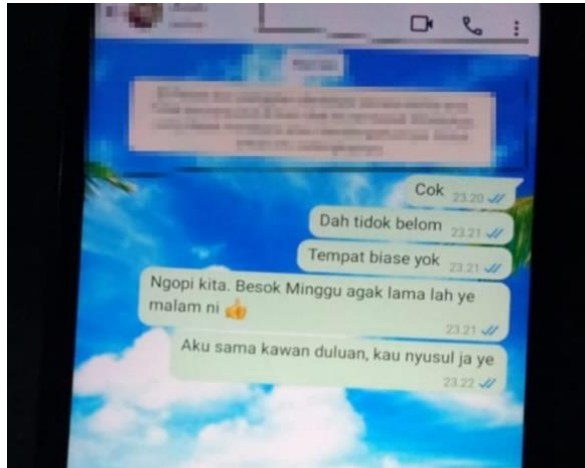


Figure 6. Invitation to go out at night via WhatsApp

In conditions like this, school children are unable to utilize their time well. As can be seen in the picture, during the evenings which should be used for resting at home, school children still go out without hesitation and choose to gather with their friends outside.

Important values are useful and indispensable elements in social life. To support daily activities, we should utilize psychological aspects, social relationships, and what is no less important, good time management. In research conducted, it was found that high school students who were involved in online slot gambling games experienced a negative impact on their development. This is caused by their inability to manage their time well, which results in a decrease in their important values.

The Impact Of Online Slot Gambilng On Spirituality Values in High Student

In relation to religious norms, online slot gambling game researchers observed that school children really ignored their religious beliefs and teachings. Even though he knows that gambling is prohibited because it involves betting on property, his habit of gambling makes him appear indifferent to the prohibition. This observation shows that online slot gambling has a negative impact on school children's compliance with applicable religious norms. The wins that schoolchildren often achieve make them even more addicted to online slot games. Meanwhile, they also seem to ignore their religious teachings and see online slot gambling games as something fun. This habit makes behavior worse because dependence on gambling can give rise to the urge to steal, especially when the game has become part of the daily routine.

Then from a moral perspective in this observation, researchers found that morale was not good due to their involvement in online slot games. Gambling addiction has affected their minds, resulting in a decline in their previously good morals. As a result, this online slot gambling game has a negative impact on their development, which should still have the potential to achieve progress in the future.

Spiritual values are related to religious aspects which emphasize individual views on religious teachings and good behavior, especially in carrying out obligations as a people who are bound by rules and prohibitions. The activity of playing online slot gambling can make a person ignore spiritual values, which has a negative impact on morality, considering that gambling is clearly contrary to religious norms. Online slot gambling games have become an addiction among high school students in Sungai Raya Dalam Village, who no longer realize that this activity is detrimental to character and contrary to religious teachings. Over time, their

spiritual values begin to fade due to their involvement in online slot gambling, so they lose focus on the principles of religious teachings.

The impact of online slot gambling games on material values, the results of this research show that online slot gambling games have a negative impact on the material values of high school children which causes them to lose interest in studying so that their academic performance decreases and they even borrow or sell personal items for gambling capital. Apart from that, his personal financial condition is not utilized according to his needs. The impact of online slot gambling games on vital values, the results of this research show that dependence on online slot gambling causes physical and mental health to decline, this game makes high school children's social relationships deviate from the good because they are in friendships that gamble so they ignore the time that should be used to rest. The impact of online slot gambling games on spiritual values. The results of this research show that online slot gambling games weaken the spiritual values of high school children. Even though they are aware that gambling is prohibited in religious norms, their dependence on this game makes them ignore religious values and continue doing it without considering that this behavior is detrimental to morals.

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