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# The Impact of Brawls on Youth Morality in Tegal

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#### **Abstract**

Juvenile delinquency includes behaviour that deviates from the norms of criminal law committed by adolescents. Such as brawls, bullying, motorbike gangs, and drugs. Many factors that cause juvenile delinquency need to be considered, especially this brawl which has several factors. The negative impact caused by this brawl action. The purpose of this study is to determine the causal factors and the impact of brawls on adolescent morality. This research uses a qualitative method. By collecting data from interviews, and various sources from journals. The results of this study indicate that there are factors, impacts, and solutions or efforts for the brawl action. The impact of brawls that cause moral decline in adolescents, where a decrease in one's character in various aspects. So that the role of parents and families in shaping children's character is needed. Because it is in the family that children get education for the first time, it is very important that parents instil moral education early on. It is not only schools that have the responsibility for children's moral education, but parents must also take responsibility.

**Keywords:** Brawl, Juvenile Delinguency, Moral Decline.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The rise of juvenile delinquency events such as acts of brawls committed by some teenagers has created anxiety for schools, as well as the community. Although brawls are not new, they have now gone beyond the limit, and are detrimental to other parties. Juvenile delinquency is a form of social deviation or social disease. There are two types of social deviance, namely those that can be forgiven and those that cannot be forgiven/tolerated. Meanwhile, at this time, adolescents are looking for their identity. This is characterised by certain actions to determine for themselves who they really are.

Teenagers are children at the age of responsibility. They are not small children who do not understand anything, but also not adults who easily distinguish between right and wrong, good and bad (mas'ad et al., 2021). So that the role of parents and teachers is needed in guiding children correctly so that they are not influenced by a bad environment, while the influence of peers on the development of children's character and personality is currently very dominant so that parents must know who their children play and hang out with. Generally, these brawls occur between schools, which are caused by trivial matters and passionate emotions. Teenagers who are still emotionally unstable actually respond to this problem as a very big problem. Another factor that triggers these brawls is because they mock each other, have a grudge, or just want to show who is the greatest.

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Brawl is a fight between students is one of the most despicable acts committed by one student or group of students against another student or group of students (Rais, 1997). Brawls carried out by student groups are not only considered a form of social problem, but this action is also included in moral problems concerning the nature, behaviour, and morals embedded in a student, who should have traits and characters that reflect a noble student. There is also the emergence of moral decadence, also known as moral degradation, or most people call it moral decline, in adolescents. One of the causes of this problem is globalization, which allows people from all over the world to easily enter Indonesia. The negative impacts of globalisation include the occurrence of moral degradation in these adolescents, one form of moral degradation that emerges is juvenile delinquency (Sumara et al., 2017).

Many factors influence juvenile delinquency such as this brawl, including internal factors within a teenager which contains an identity crisis where a teenager has biological and sociological changes that should all be achieved by a teenager. As for external factors, the lack of affection from parents, communication patterns that are less harmonious, resulting in juvenile delinquency. Lack of understanding of religion, moral or religious guidance through households needs to be done since children are young with exercises, good advice, and being an example for children. The influence of the surrounding environment, if adolescents develop in a good environment, it can have a good influence, and vice versa if adolescents develop in a bad environment, it can have a bad influence too. There are several impacts of this brawl for the teenagers themselves, their families, and for others.

The relevant studies and research related to the impact of brawls on adolescent morality have been studied by several previous researchers, such as Muhamad Andrian, Faisal Tomi Saputra, Luna Safitri Salsabil studied the Culture of Brawl among Teenagers in Tangerang Regency. Through a case study approach. The results of this study indicate that the impact of brawls on the emergence of moral decadence, aka moral degradation or most people call it moral decline in adolescents is one of the problems faced by the Indonesian Nation.

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Further research conducted by Ihya Ulumudin examines the study of the phenomenon of secondary education student brawls. Through a case study approach. The results of this study indicate that the relationship between parents' communication patterns and the way children behave is very influential, parents give affection to their children, communicate well. A teacher must carry out his duties well, teach creatively, give awards to students, awards are useful because they encourage good behaviour and help motivate students so that they will try harder.

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This research focuses on the impact of brawl on the morality of teenagers in Tegal by making teenagers as the object of this research. The purpose of this study was to determine the impact of brawl, especially the impact on moral decline in adolescents. This research is expected to provide information and knowledge to parents to establish good communication with children, always give love to children, for teachers to be able to provide positive direction to their students, always appreciate their students well, and always carry out their duties as teachers properly, for teenagers to be more careful in socialising, thinking before acting.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

This research uses a qualitative method. Qualitative research is research used to understand social phenomena from the perspective of participants (Sukmadinata, 2009). Qualitative method as a research procedure that produces descriptive data in the form of written or spoken words from people and observed behaviour (Bogdan & Taylor). Based on the research title, the object is teenagers who are involved in the brawl. Data collection techniques by conducting interviews, collecting data from various articles and the internet that are in accordance with the studies to be examined.

## **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

Brawls seem to have become a culture in Indonesia. So that the word brawl is familiar to the community. There are several impacts arising from the action of the brawl action including on oneself and society. Unlike criminal acts committed by individuals, criminal acts that require group or organised actions that create damage or at least greater physical impact (Andrian, 2017). There must be factors that cause a teenager to commit the act of brawl. Not only causal factors but there is an impact caused by the action of brawl. That way there is certainly a solution to overcome the action of brawl or prevent brawl.

# **Factors Causing Brawls**

The rise of juvenile delinquency such as this act of brawl by taking action against one another, which causes a negative impact on themselves and others. Some of the factors that cause these acts of brawl include:

#### **Internal Factors**

1) Yourself

This adolescence is a period of growth where adolescents are looking for their identity, still want to try new things, if adolescents at this time do not get guidance, improper direction, it will have a fatal impact on the attitude of a teenager's development. One of them will commit acts or social deviations such as acts of brawl.

2) Unstable emotions

Unstable emotions will bring many unwanted things. Someone who is not good at controlling emotions will usually take dangerous actions. Likewise, teenagers who cannot control their emotions tend to commit acts of deviation or violence, such as being involved in brawls.

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#### **External Factors**

1) Lack of love and guidance from family

Family is the main foundation for the development and growth of a child. Where the family is very important to build the character and attitude of a child by means of good parenting, and right so that a child has a good character too. Meanwhile, if a child does not get affection or guidance from their family, the child tends to have a closing character, wanting to try various kinds of challenging things that they do not know which are good and right.

2) Influence of socialising in friends

Associations in friendship greatly affect the formation of a child's character and nature. If a child hangs out in an unhealthy environment, then the child tends to have an unhealthy character as well, such as fighting, smoking, drinking, and taking drugs. On the other hand, if the environment is healthy, the child will have a healthy character too.

# **Impacts**

# 1) For the teenagers themselves

The impact of this juvenile delinquency will have an impact on themselves, very detrimental physically and mentally. Although such actions make teenagers feel pleasure, the pleasure is only temporary. The impact on the physical, disease due to an irregular lifestyle. Mentally, teenagers cannot control their emotions well, have a weak mentality, their personality is always deviant, especially in terms of morals which will experience a decline, violating ethical rules. It will last as long as teenagers have not received direction and guidance from someone.

# 2) For the family

Children are the successors of the family who can later become the backbone of the family, if their parents are no longer able to work. If a child has committed a deviant act in religion, it will cause disharmony in the family, causing a break in communication between parents and children. Of course this is not good, teenagers often leave the house, rarely come home, always play with friends to drink alcohol, the family will feel embarrassed, disappointed by the actions taken by their children. Even though everything is done by teenagers just to vent their disappointment with their families.

## 3) For society

When adolescents make mistakes in social life, it is bad for themselves and their families. The community will think that this teenager often causes trouble, gets drunk, or disturbs the peace of the community. The community will think that the teenager who makes a mistake will be labelled as a teenager who has no morals, and the community's view of the teenager's attitude will be ugly. To return everything to normal, it takes a very long time, and a sincere heart.

#### **Solution To Brawls**

Juvenile delinquency in any form will have a negative impact on the surroundings. There are several measures to deal with juvenile delinquency, with penal means efforts and non-penal efforts.

1) Penal means is to take action against the perpetrators of brawls in accordance with the acts committed in accordance with the laws and regulations.

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2) Non-penal means are carried out with preventive measures in this case preventive efforts in tackling the brawl with a persuasive approach to the perpetrators of the brawl such as, conducting counselling to places prone to brawls, holding religious activities, giving a good example to teenagers, etc.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

The phenomenon of violence such as this brawl has internal causal factors (self) has not been able to control its emotions, while external factors (from outside) are wrong in association, lack of parental affection. This brawl has a negative impact on the surrounding, one of the impacts of this brawl is the moral decline in adolescents, it is very concerning if adolescents experience moral decline, because adolescents are the next generation of the nation. It should get special attention from various parties to overcome it. The role of parents is needed in the formation of children's character, therefore parents must always supervise the association of their children, so as not to fall into the wrong association. There are several efforts or solutions to this brawl with non-penal means and penal means.

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