



Communication Behavior of Mandailing Culture Husband and Wife at Different Age Different Wedding in Sopoonggang Baru Village (Case Study of Wife Older Than Husband)

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the phenomenon of couples who marry at different ages with the aim of knowing how the communication behavior of husband and wife in the Mandailing culture in marriages with a large age difference in the Mandailing culture. There are many differences in marriage with a large age difference between husband and wife which tends to make it difficult for couples to unite thoughts, ideas and opinions. This will be a challenge for the household so that it can make a household that is sakinah, mawaddah, warahmah. This research uses a qualitative approach with a descriptive qualitative research type. Source of data obtained from primary and secondary data. Data collection techniques were used through observation, in-depth interviews and documentation with three husband and wife couples with a much older age difference than their husbands with a distance of five years, seven years and ten years. The results of research conducted in Sopoonggang Baru Hamlet show that different age marriages are much older for wives than husbands, but there are problems that often occur in domestic life, including: difficult to control emotions, relationships decreased sexual relations between husband and wife, jealousy, differences in perspectives and economic problems. To solve problems that occur in marriages of different ages, the following methods are used by informants to solve problems in the household, namely: discussing and ignoring each other. There are several things that couples with different ages do in building household harmony including being honest, being open to each other, trusting each other and staying closer to Allah SWT.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Mandailing tribe is one of the ethnic groups that occupies parts of the Tapanuli Selatan Regency and the Mandailing Natal Regency, North Sumatra. The Mandailing people are one of

the many tribes, the original inhabitants of Indonesia (Zulham Siregar, 2020). The Mandailing area is divided into 3 parts based on the location of the Batang Gadis river flow, namely: in the southern part it is said Mandailing Julu (Upstream Mandailing) known as Small Mandailing, in the middle part it is said Mandailing Godang (Mandailing Besar) and in the northern part it is said Mandailing Jae (Mandailing Hilir) (Harahap, et al 1997: 87).

The Mandailing people have their own culture, the Mandailing mother tongue is also called hata (Language) Mandailing. Mandailing language is used for daily communication, both at home and outside the home. The Mandailing language has its own characteristics, for example starting from the point of view of word formation, the meaning of words is based on the type of usage. Intonation greatly influences the meaning of the Mandailing language. The word bagas means home, other forms such as malungun mean longing and there are many other languages (Muslim Pohan, 2018).

Until now the Mandailing people have spread to various regions in the archipelago, one of which is in Sopoonggang Baru Hamlet. Sopoonggang Baru Hamlet is in Langkimat Village, zip code 22747, Simangambat District, North Padang Lawas Regency. The population is 125 families, and most of the population is Muslim. Some of the people work on oil palm plantations but some work outside of it. So that not a few residents have oil palm plantations, and also work on plantations owned by oil palm companies. Some of them work as government officials, teachers, traders, private employees, and health workers.

There are several stages in Mandailing people's wedding customs, including, (1) Marsapa boru, the prospective bride will be questioned about marriage. If the bride agrees and her family agrees, the time for the next meeting will be determined. (2) Marsapa Batang Boban, in the second stage this will be discussed about the amount of dowry (tuhor) that must be borne or paid by the groom's family. (3) Topot kahanggi tompas bonalu, this activity where a group of men consisting of kahaggi and boru children visit/come to the house of boru mora's children who are in the village. (4) Patibal sere, at this stage the men visit the women's house to give gold. (5) Martahi pabuat boru, a small party on the men's side. (6) Mata ni horja adaboru, the last stage of the D-day party on the women's side. Those are some of the stages that must be passed before stepping into marriage in the customs of the Mandailing community (Alpin and Irfan, 2021. 5).

Regarding marriage with a large age difference amidst the advancement of the times and current technology, family law issues are increasingly complex and spreading among the people. Moreover, the problem of marriage is that there is a large age difference and it is not just one case that occurred in Indonesia, but there are several people who make the decision to marry a woman who is much older. In Dusun Sopoonggang Baru, there are marriages with a large age gap between men and women, where the women are older than the men.

Communication Behavior

Behavior is a series of activities, actions, real movements of a person that can be counted and observed. This definition was put forward by Rutherford. Communication behavior is an individual action when conveying information verbally or nonverbally to the behavior of other individuals. The results of communication behavior will signal individuals to get their way of action (Rinawati, 2019:47).

Communication between husband and wife is included in interpersonal communication, interpersonal communication is communication between 2 or more people face to face, which may be that each individual captures a reaction from the information conveyed by the communicator, both verbally and nonverbally. different communications. Communication with younger siblings is a special type of interpersonal communication, especially when it only has 2

members. The definition above was put forward by Mulyadi and Mubarak. As for examples of communication between younger siblings: husband and wife, two close friends, two colleagues, teachers and students and so on.

Attribution Theory

The theory that researchers want to use in this study is: Attribution Theory. Attribution Theory (Attribution Theory) was initiated by Fritz Haider in 1958. This theory provides an outline in understanding how people describe their behavior and that of others. The translation that appears is related to how people interpret the reasons for their behavior or that of other people which are not fully determined by internal or external factors.

Harold Kelley explained that this attribution theory is a theory about how to draw conclusions, about what is the basis for someone to do an action, decide to act in a certain way. This attribution theory states that when someone observes individual behavior, they try to determine whether it arises internally or externally. Internal and external determinations are determined by 3 factors, namely:

1. Specificity, meaning that someone will argue the behavior of other individuals differently in different situations. If a person's behavior is considered normal then it is considered an internal attribution.
2. Consensus, meaning that everyone has the same view when responding to that person's behavior in the same situation. If the consensus is high, it includes internal attribution, if it is low, it includes external attribution.
3. Consistency, meaning if someone assesses individual behavior with the same response from time to time. The more consistent the behavior, others will attribute it to internal causes.

If the three factors above are fulfilled then there is an external attribution, otherwise it will be stated because of one's own condition (internal attribution). Attribution theory explains about understanding individual responses to events around us, by knowing the purpose behind the events experienced. Attribution theory explains that there are behaviors related to human perspectives and qualities, so that it can be said that just looking at behavior will determine the character of people in managing certain circumstances.

A proper understanding of a person's personal circumstances and mindset can be invaluable in many ways. Sometimes it is necessary to know more, find out the characteristics of people who are more affluent and find out the reasons behind the way they behave. According to social psychology, basically profit comes from an interest in finding out causal relationships in the social world. Overall, it's not just choosing not to know how someone did it, it's important to know more about why they did it. The process by which we seek data is called attribution or the attempt to understand the causes behind behavior (Robert A Baron and Donn Byrne, 2003).

The concept of Sakinah marriage contains two things, especially Mawaddah and Rahmah. Mawaddah is included in outward needs, in this case what must be provided by the husband, namely maintenance such as sufficient food, proper clothing and shelter, the levels of which are changed according to the ability of the husband. That is, how much salary is given by the spouse to the partner sufficient to meet the physical needs, no less and no more. While Rahmah is included in the inner needs, among others, such as:

1. Do good in bed

Namely for the needs of the biological codra (inner needs) of the wife. doing something useful in bed is a natural thing for husband and wife, because that atmosphere has more influence on household life.

2. Having sex with his wife is ma'ruf

There are many ways you can do for a good relationship with your partner. Therefore, certain tips must be sought to create a conducive atmosphere.

3. The rights of the husband and the obligations of the wife

The partner's freedom and wife's commitment include the choice to be obeyed, then respected and treated as well as possible, especially in bed.

4. Maintenance and education of children

In addition to great attention to children and conditions of affection, as God's command, children must be properly educated, which is shown by their level of development.

5. The creation of harmonious social relations

Living in society is a necessity for people. in this way, one must do something useful in daily work within the household, one must also achieve something useful in association outside the home (AM Ismatulloh).

2. RESEARCH METHODE

The type of data is qualitative and quantitative data in primary or secondary form. The type of data used in this study is qualitative data (Kun Mariati, 2001: 110). In this review a qualitative approach is in the form of data obtained from observations and interviews. Not in the form of numbers but as words or sentences. The data sources in this study are divided into 2 namely primary and secondary.

Primary data is a form of gathering information from legitimate sources or researchers obtain data without going through delegation. Information is taken directly from the subject as the data source in search. How to collect this information is completed directly by researchers using measuring devices then processed by researchers.

The research information was obtained from the results of direct observation, interviews and documentation directly to 3 couples who were married with a large age difference between husband and wife starting from the age gap of 5 years, 7 years and 10 years for this situation the older wife. The secondary data is a source of information obtained from the correct archives, books related to the object of examination, theses, theses and so on.

This research was carried out in Sopoonggang Baru Hamlet, Langkimat Village, Simangambat District, North Padang Lawas Regency. When the research will be carried out in May 2022 - June 2022. In this study the authors used data collection techniques in the form of observation, interviews and documentation.

Checking the validity of the data used in this study is source triangulation, namely comparing the results of interviews, observation results and documentation as well as other documents needed in this study. Sugiyono (2014) explains that the triangulation of data sources is divided into 2, namely techniques. collection. data sources. data, this triangulation uses several different options outside the research data, intended to check as a correlation to the research data obtained

3. RESULT AND ANALYSIS

Age Difference Marriage in New Sopoonggang

Sakinah mawaddah warahmah marriage is the goal of every husband and wife to establish a harmonious relationship. However, harmonious relationships don't just appear right away, there are definitely many problems or challenges that every couple must go through. Through the marriage bond, to reach a household that is *sakinah mawaddah warahmah* requires the awareness of each partner in carrying out their rights and obligations in the household, caring for each other, respecting each other and then respecting, loving and loving one another (Moh. Muchtar, 2007: 128).

The age difference is not a problem when it comes to reality, respect and understanding is what is needed between partners. When there is a dispute causing problems in the family, it can be discussed properly without emotion until it is finished. If the husband and wife can communicate as well as possible, the problem will be resolved. Younger men cannot be replaced as the head of the family. So it cannot be denied that a man's selfishness is high when the wife is older than her husband, because a woman needs a lot of patience as a wife in order to be able to reconcile her husband's feelings. The age of a wife who is much mature will not always give in and think maturely, because a woman is someone who wants to be given affection.

The marriage that took place in Sopoonggang Baru Hamlet was an unusual marriage, because researchers found married couples with a large age difference where the wife is more than the husband, this was found out when the researcher conducted an interview with the Head of the Office of Religious Affairs, Mr. Asranuddin Siregar, S.Ag that the residents of Sopoonggang Baru perform age difference marriages that are much older than their husbands by five couples. Researchers took three married couples to be used as research, namely couples with an age gap of five years, seven years and ten years.

Estrangement occurs because of excessive selfishness, usually occurs in married couples. Women prioritize feelings over logic, are sensitive, and want to be cared for by their hearts, but men are the same way, wanting to always be noticed by their partner, especially when the husband is younger than the wife. When communicating with a partner, many differences arise when the couple has a much older age than the husband, including:

1. Differences in Viewpoints

Differences in perspectives or opinions of course trigger conflicts in the household, these differences arise when making decisions. For example, what happens in the life of the **AY** couple is the age difference of 10 years, with the younger age of the husband his thoughts and principles in life are still immature, something that the husband wants to buy must be obeyed by his wife, the egotistical nature of young husbands tends to be high, not thinking about long term while the wife thinks more long term and will buy what is needed more. So in the above couples have disagreements between husband and wife taking policy. The same thing with **IL** couples because of the emergence of bad interactions, namely in expressing opinions, it is better to discuss what is lacking in each of us so that our partners can understand what we feel and what we want. For example, a couple with an age difference of 7 years, with a wife who is no longer young or entering menopause, the desire to have sex will decrease, while the age of the husband who is still young, the desire to have sex is still high. With this, the couple with an age difference of 7 years discussed it well so they got an agreement so as not to cause household disappointment. Effective interaction in husband and wife relationships, couples can understand each other. The danger of poor

husband and wife communication cannot be ignored, especially in conditions where one actively feels that they are not communicating with their partner.

2. Husband's Rights and Obligations to Neglected Families

The husband does not understand the meaning of running the household, causing the husband's obligations to his wife not to be fulfilled while the husband's duty is to provide for his wife. This is forgotten by the husband, often forgetting the children and wife with uncertain intentions so that the husband's obligations are neglected. This is faced by an MI couple with a five year age difference. This couple has two children and the child always wants to be with his father, but the husband always goes to the shop or hangs out so that he comes home late at night causing his son to always cry wanting to sleep with his father. At a young husband's age, the feeling of playing is still there, let alone sitting in a shop drinking a glass of coffee while chatting with friends, in the end, he forgets the time and profession as a husband and father. This is caused by a lack of attention from a wife to her husband because usually after a child is born a wife feels that her children need more attention than her husband, especially in conditions where she is equally active and feels she is not communicating with her partner.

3. Jealousy

Jealousy is common in marital relations because it is considered the spice of the relationship. Even though jealousy is considered normal, in certain circumstances jealousy can have a negative and positive impact on relationships. The feeling of love born to a partner cannot be far from jealousy. People's jealousy is different, for example a wife who likes to dress up will always look young because of her routine grooming and is often the center of attention of other men. Like a couple with an age difference of ten years AY, with a wife who is no longer young but good at maintaining her appearance, she will always maintain her appearance so that her husband does not look old, but her husband does not like it when his wife dresses up for fear that his wife will turn to other men, especially around the house they are many teenagers who often tease their wives. This is a quarrel in the household of a couple with an age difference of 10 years. This quarrel ends in mutual neglect or silence but does not last for only one day and a maximum of two days. Basically jealousy is a bad feeling that arises because of the fear that someone will lose their partner.

4. Economy

Economic problems often become quarrels in a husband and wife relationship. A man who intends to get married must be able to live independently to provide for his personal needs, because running a household, men are responsible for providing for the family, including eating, drinking, clothing and proper housing. Economic problems have a strong influence on the creation of a *sakinah mawaddah warahmah* family. Needs for days to be paid are sometimes not the same as income. For example, the couple AY has a 10 year age difference working as a palm oil harvester and his wife is a housewife with one child. With a salary of 2,000,000/month spending on motorbikes 800,000/month plus children's milk, not to mention other needs such as parties make spending more and more, have not had time to pay monthly money has run out while the need for food and clothing continues to increase, a small commotion arises causing both of them to blame each other and cause them to ignore each other. However, it never led to serious problems, only momentary emotions. If each of them is aware of the mistakes that have occurred and in the end forgive each other. That is what is being debated in the household of a couple with an age difference of 10 years.

5. Husband and wife sexual relations

Spiritual needs are one of the important factors driving a sakinah household. With an older wife's age, it can affect the wife's sexual feeling to treat her husband. During menopause, the wife's sexual desire decreases, especially when she is tired of working and taking care of the family, while at that age, the husband's passion is peaking. For example, a couple with an age difference of seven years and a wife who are forty-five years old have entered menopause, they don't want it anymore, especially from morning to evening, their wife works, at night she wants to rest, while her husband still wants to always have sex. The age of the wife who is older than the husband is also an inhibiting factor in household harmony. This is often a household problem for couples with an age difference of 7 years due to lack of time to spend together, limitations in the relationship between husband and wife and their partner. that is what becomes a quarrel in the household of a couple with an age difference of 7 years.

6. Emotional Control

Everyone has a different level of selfishness, especially in controlling emotions. The couple with an age difference of 7 years, IL, both work all day, leaving in the morning and returning in the afternoon. Even her husband often comes home at night because there is often damage to the truck he drives while working. Fatigue is often carried over into sensitive households so that small problems such as the untidy placement of her husband's clothes can trigger a commotion so that the two of them snap at each other because their selfishness is equally high. As a more mature wife, she sometimes has greater patience in dealing with her husband, more often gives in when there is a commotion in the household.

Based on the results of the research that has been described above, the method used by couples of different ages is much older than the wife compared to the husband in building household harmony, namely by building good communication. This method is carried out by couples with an age difference of 7 years with the age of the wife being older than the husband will cause a lot of differences to unite life goals, commitment in the household must have good communication. Then be honest, open and trust each other. This method is used by couples with an age difference of ten years and couples with an age difference of five years. Aims to get to know the partner's personality better, to be able to exchange thoughts in order to understand the partner's wishes. Because age can affect how to act towards something in uniting differences in some couples who marry at different ages. Then the couple has an age difference of seven years, apart from building good communication they also build harmony by maintaining romance in the household. With the age of the wife getting older, she must still look attractive in front of her husband to maintain household harmony. By always cooking together until eating together a harmonious relationship can be established. Finally, the method used by MI couples with an age difference of 5 years to build household harmony is by building a religious soul, always drawing closer to God and teaching religious values to wives and children so that they are always grateful for the blessings that God has given to their creatures.

4. CONCLUSION

The marriage of couples with a large age difference is common, because in the perspective of Munakahat fiqh there is no discussion of the age limit for marriage. The age limit for marriage is

also not included in the pillars and legal requirements of marriage. Some of the ways that couples with different ages do in building household harmony are maintaining romance in the household, being honest, open and trusting each other, building good communication between partners and building a religious spirit.

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