
Parents as a Communication Technology Distributor and their Effort in Maintaining the Children's Character

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Abstract – Using technology to conduct a long-distance communication is very relevant to be used in this era, especially now that people's thought about technology is very sophisticated. For that reason, parents are obliged to be able to use technology as best as they can, so that they are not being inferior to children. If parents do not know about technology, they will be fooled by technology slowly. One of the uses of technology in parents is to be able to communicate with people, especially with their children. If children are not monitored from any angle, especially those who are distant from their families, will impact to the children's behavior that will change quickly in a negative way. So that, communication technology is considered to be good to grow character of the children.

As for the impact that will be occurred if there is no communication, is that, from internal factor: there is a difference of thinking between children and parents with different levels of education, from an external factor: namely the difficulty to control children to get along with friends who can make their character faltering. So, from that, it is very important for people to supervise their children all the time in order to grow good character to the children. From these impacts, it can be given the appropriate solution in order to develop children's character in accordance with what is expected. Parents must spend time and attention on the children and make an approach, as well as the unity of heart between the father and mother, so that the children will feel loved and valued as a child. This study is done to facilitate parents in guiding and directing as well as fostering good culture and appropriate behavior in children. Even though through social media, the children will feel cared for by the family and the child will be able to build character with the basis of attention directly.

Keywords – Communication Technology, Children's Character.

I. INTRODUCTION

Today most parents work outside home with various jobs. They work start from morning time until afternoon, or even until evening every day. Sometimes after going home, parents make their jobs in the home when actually they need to do interaction with their family, especially to their children. By this activities some parents forget their duties not only to interact and build relationship with their children, but also in educating children and instilling character in children. Parents are busy with their work, children are also busy with their own activities without anyone directing and guiding as well as paying attention to them [1]. This raises a lack of love and attention from parents, and a lack of good communication between parents and children. It can lead to deviant behavior and daily behavior of children such as: declining manners and ethics of children towards parents at home, likes to fight old people, do not want to be advised properly, dare to speak harshly to parents, blame each other in the family both between father, mother, and child which ultimately results in destruction in the household.

The development of science and technology brings many positive effects as well as negatives effects. Some of the negative effects of the development of science and technology are very necessary to be anticipated as early as possible [2]. The anticipation that can be done is reducing children playing with cell phones, because in the cell

phones which are already smart and contains internet connection, there is social media that is considered as one of the causes of children's moral decline [3]. This is happened, because social media are too free to show many negative contents on it. The children will be easily to follow what are they see from social media, especially the bad one. To rebuild and reimprove the children moral so that children behave, ethical and moral according to religious values and norms, the first step that must be done is to foster their mentality, character, and their personality to be good. In fostering mentality, character, and their personality, the emphasis is more on fostering character, because the formation of character is essentially the practice of religious teachings [1].

Parents are as the main key in the success or failure to realize the mental attitude and character in children [2]. Using good technology and communication between parents and children makes easier for parents to conduct character building through communication technology in children who are far from family. This has very positive effect on the growth and development of character and personality of the child. Emphasis on character building is expected to be able to materialize children, who are intelligently intellectual, who also have attitudes and behaviors in accordance with religious values and norms [4].

When they have these good attitudes and behaviors, it is hoped that they will also understand how to use technology to communicate with people around wisely, and certainly it will save more energy and time. According to [5], communication technology is needed, given that every society always wants to achieve increased performance and productivity. So in the present era, energy and time are very valuable, therefore it is important for parents to give or teach their children to use technology as a tool to form children who have noble character as expected by all parents, not children who are crazy about social media so they forget what should be their own obligation [6].

II. DISCUSSION

Technology is a future idea that can make humans easier to do everything that are exists, especially in communication. Argues that communication technology is a technology device that certainly supports the communication process at this time [5]. Communication technology device has become an important need to support the achievement of optimal communication goals, such as in the family [7].

In the family, communication technology is very important to use for long-distance communication with family or relatives, besides communication technology is also able to shape the character of children by telephone from the older family members' advices. Character that is formed through communication technology, is namely culture [8]. The character will gradually penetrate the children's brains through speech that is able to make children listen, understand it well, and believe well in the teachings of their religion. Zakiah Daradjat (in [9]) states that to learn the beliefs of religion in attitudes and behavior as well as living conditions in general and besides the role of religious spikology plays an important role in studying and developing religious souls in a person, as well as factors of belief through that belief itself. According to [10] the obstacles and solutions in developing business ethics through communication technologies including:

1. *Communication Technology Obstacles between Family Members in Developing Character in Children.*

In broad outline the factors that become technological barriers to communication between family members in growing culture in children are as follows:

a. *Internal Factor*

Internal factor means the factor that is coming from the children. If the structure of the body and physical condition from children is not perfect, it will make them difficult to adapt and socialize. However, if the environment is willing to accept the strengths and weaknesses of each person, then it will not hinder and will support the creation of an atmosphere that supports the child's future growth and development toward maturity.

High intelligence possessed by a child without being balanced by cultivating culture will make children grow up to be arrogant and do not want to comply with the prevailing norms and rules. Likewise, vice versa, low intelligence makes children experience delays in responding to all efforts made by parents and other family members. Unstable emotions are also a limiting factor for children, children will experience conflict with themselves and their environment if they cannot control and manage their emotion well.

Communicating through technology in a family supervise and pay attention to the character or character possessed by different children. For example, one child who has a bad temper will be difficult to receive advice from parents. He will tend to oppose advice and orders from the parents, he just feel himself right. The difference in the level of education and knowledge possessed by parents is a barrier to communication between parents and children. Parents cannot balance the knowledge and abilities of a child so that when parents tell their children the advices cannot be well received by the child. To teach children today is difficult, because children first know than someone as their parents, so what that people say to children is considered a breeze.

b. *External Factors*

External factor is about the difficulty to control children to get along with friends who can make their character faltering. For family who live far away from their children, for example, the opportunity to understand each other and explore will be even narrower. It is because the environment around them are not support them to meet everyday and do interaction as much as the interaction among family who live together. Environment is everything that exists around the child, which includes the family, school, and community environment [8]. The family environment is the first and foremost media that influences children's behavior and development [4]. The role of family or parents is very important in the development as well as physical and mental growth of children. The lack of social control of the family in children will cause difficulties for a child in finding his true identity. If this is not addressed wisely, it will have a negative impact on children's behavior and become an obstacle to be harmony in the family, especially the communication between parents and children in fostering cultural integrity in children.

Activities at work and carrying out activities outside home is a barrier to communication with children. By too pampering the child by only fulfilling the needs of the child with material without instilling good attitudes and behaviors, and also not realizing the importance of instilling discipline, not understanding the child, selfishness in children arises, this causes children to be difficult to be advised and make children not being independent in doing anything or we can say they are still dependent on parents. My communication is hampered due to my busy work and children are busy with their own activities such as busy playing the internet or online games, so there is limited time for me and my child to communicate or do interaction with them. From this description it can be classified communication barriers in cultivating culture in children in the Sumerta Kaja Village as follows:

- 1) obstacles to communicate between parents and children in fostering cultural integrity in children.

- 2) Some parents lack of good knowledge and communication skills, for example in conveying messages to children that are not well received by children.
- 3) Urban environment such as in the Sumerta Kaja Village, where most parents are busy working and affect the intensity of communication to be not optimal.

All the above attitudes will be able to inhibit the communication of parents with children and other family members in the family and the communication process. It will certainly give birth to unmutual understanding, disrespect, and ultimately destroy family interpersonal relationships, good and effective communication will never be happened.

2. Solution to Overcome the Obstacles and Make Effective Communication Technology between Parents and Children in Families in Sumerta Kaja Village

- a. The parents in Sumerta Kaja Village take their time and attention to the child and make an approach, as well as the unity of heart between the father and mother, so that the child will feel loved and valued as a child, this is done to facilitate parents in guiding and directing and cultivating character in children.
- b. Parents are open and democratic to communicate with children even though by telephone, children are given the opportunity to express their opinions.
- c. Parents pay attention to the character, interests and talents of the child, what is desired by the child, and also in everyday communication, for example when telling stories, giving advice, or when children carrying out or not advice from parents.
- d. Parents try to balance the knowledge and abilities of children, work together with other family members so that they can establish good communication in the family.
- e. In order to avoid communication barriers in the family, by having a unified heart between me and my wife, the conversation that I did was not only about the economic problems of the household and about the child, but also about the opinions and feelings experienced everyday.

Good communication between husband and wife, children and other family members will determine the quality of the communication in the family. If husband and wife respect each other, valued each other and seek solutions well and efficiently if there is a problem, it is likely that children will do the same.

Based on the description above, it can be concluded that the solution to overcome communication barriers and to make effective communication in the family, it can be done with parents by paying attention to the character and interests of children, parents try to balance the abilities and knowledge of children, parents take time and attention to children and family members, and open to each other in communication. Communication will be more effective if mutual understanding is achieved, namely the message delivered by parents can be accepted and well understood by the child as the recipient of the message.

III. CONCLUSION

Communication technology is one way for distant parents to communicate, monitor and supervise their children who are far away with them. By maintaining good communication between parents and children using communication technology, it will make children do not fall into social misunderstandings. The barriers of comm-

-unication technology between parents and children or in a family are coming from two factors, they are :

a. *Internal factor*

Internal factor means the factor that is coming from the children. If the structure of the body and physical condition from children is not perfect, it will make them difficult to adapt and socialize. However, if the environment is willing to accept the strengths and weaknesses of each person, then it will not hinder and will support the creation of an atmosphere that supports the child's future growth and development toward maturity.

b. *External Factor*

External factor means the factor that is coming from outside the children, like environment. The opportunity to understand each other and explore will be even narrower if the environment does not support the children. Environment is everything that exists around the child, which includes the family, school, and community environment. The family environment is the first and foremost media that influences children's behavior and development. Besides, there is a solution to overcome the obstacles and make an effective communication between parents and children in the family in Sumerta Kaja Village including: 1) Parents in Sumerta Kaja Village spend their time and attention on children and make approaches, as well as the unity of heart between father and mother, so that the child will feel loved, valued as a child, this is done to facilitate parents in guiding and directing and fostering good culture in children. 2) Parents are open and democratic in communicating with children, and children are given the opportunity to express their opinions.

In addition, the solutions to overcome communication barriers and to make effective communication in the family, it can be done with parents by paying attention to the character and interests of children, parents try to balance the abilities and knowledge of children, parents take time and attention to children and family members, and open to each other in communication.

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