

ABSTRACT

The rise of online gambling among teenagers in the Aceh Besar district is a concern that has prompted researchers to conduct a more in-depth analysis of the interpersonal communication that occurs between teenagers involved in this practice. This research aims to explore information about how communication between teenagers regarding online gambling takes place and the meaning of messages that motivate teenagers to engage in slot gambling practices. This research uses qualitative methods with a constructivist paradigm. This research uses a phenomenological approach method. The communication process is fundamental for humans, interpersonal communication allows individuals to convey their thoughts, feelings and desires to other people. Meaning of messages through interaction refers to the process of interpreting the meaning contained in messages conveyed between individuals or groups through interaction. The research results show that effective interpersonal communication and interpreting messages through online gambling information encourage teenagers to engage in online gambling. Interpersonal communication that occurs among teenagers in Aceh Besar district when carrying out online gambling activities is effective with openness, empathy, support, positive feelings and equality playing an important role in interpersonal communication relationships in the context of online slot gambling. The meaning of messages from daily interactions has a significant impact which shows that individuals tend to give interpretations and values to the experiences they experience.

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