

ABSTRACT

Children who are fatherless or who have lost their father figure due to family divorce can experience an imbalance in the family. A fatherless child is a child who does not have an intense relationship with his father and loses the important role of a father figure. Researchers conducted preliminary research and found that ineffective communication patterns can occur in complete or incomplete families. The problem of fatherlessness in Indonesia is quite serious, so Indonesia is called the number 3 fatherless country in the world. The urgency of this research is to find out the communication pattern factors that hinder a child experiencing a fatherless situation, in addition to knowing the effective communication patterns of a fatherless child with his father. The purpose of this research is to describe the communication patterns of adolescent children who experience fatherlessness (the absence of a father) in divorced families. Includes supporting factors and factors inhibiting communication. The underlying theory in this research is interpersonal communication and family communication. This research uses a descriptive-qualitative method to describe the communication patterns of teenagers who experience fatherlessness in a divorced family. This research was conducted using data collection techniques using an interview and observation process in the city of Bandung. The communication patterns of teenagers who experience fatherlessness are influenced by various factors, such as the presence of a new family from their father's side, differences in thoughts and views, and a lack of self-disclosure from both the child and the father. The suggestion in this research is that researchers hope that future research, when examining interpersonal communication between parents and children, will focus more on efforts to improve the relationship between the two. This is because, in this study, researchers found that many parents and children had poor relationships.

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