

## ***ABSTRACT***

*The rising phenomenon of interethnic marriages in a multicultural society like Indonesia presents a unique challenge for Batak Toba families, who uphold strong traditional customs. This study aims to explore the family communication patterns within Batak Toba households regarding their views on children marrying partners from different ethnic backgrounds. Using a descriptive qualitative method, data were collected through in-depth interviews with three Batak Toba families residing outside their native region. The findings reveal that fathers tend to take on an authoritative role in preserving traditional values, mothers act as empathetic and flexible mediators, while children demonstrate an awareness of cultural traditions and ethnic identity. A significant obstacle identified is the father's dominant rejection of interethnic marriage, driven by concerns over the disruption of traditional structures. The family's communication patterns reflect an ongoing negotiation between traditional values and modern social realities. These findings highlight that family communication is not merely about message transmission but serves as a critical space for identity formation and cultural inheritance.*

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