

## FANATICAL BEHAVIORS OF JAKMANIA SUPPORTERS IN THE AGES OF 10 – 12 YEARS OLD IN SAWANGAN

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### ABSTRACT

This research was aimed to find out the fanatical behavior of Persija supporters in the ages between 10 – 12 years old in the area of Sawangan, Depok. This was a qualitative study with qualitative descriptive research design. The sample of the study were 4 children in the ages between 10 – 12 and sub area coordinator of Sawangan. The data were collected by observation, interview, documentation and field note. The data were analyzed through data collection, data reduction, data description and verification or conclusion. The results of the research found that the children in the ages between 10 – 12 already had the senses to like something. Thus, these children still needed guidance from their parents in order to avoid any negative behaviors. The nearest persons also had big influences to teach or tell these children about what was good to be imitated and what was not since these children were very easy to imitate something that they were seen or heard, unless these children might have anarchist behaviors.

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## INTRODUCTION

Soccer is one of the sports demanded and favored by various people around the world without looking at social status, age or even gender. It is one of hilarious cheap sports and 'populist'. In its development, there are many people which support this sport even in the stadium to crowd the area.

Thus, the fanaticism refers to a very strong favorable or support from a group of supporter called Jakmania to their soccer team, PERSIJA JAKARTA. These supporters' fanatical behaviors seen from their ways in collecting stuffs of their beloved club such as the players' Jerseys, pictures and other accessories. This shows that the fanaticism should not always be identical with negative things. We could manage it to maintain which one is good to be done and which one is not.

The supporters in the ages between 10 – 12 years old should be accompanied by their parents or close related persons. Parents and or close related persons are able to educate children's behaviors to let the children know which one is good to be imitated and which one is not. This research was aimed to change fanatical behaviors of children in the ages between 10 – 12 to a better ones as these children are young generations of this country. Therefore, the writers would like to direct their fanatical behaviors to become the ones which are more appropriate with their ages.

The uniqueness of this research is that to show different side of Jakmania towards a fanaticism. The impacts were not just clearly seen, even more, the fanaticism in this case showed their real cultures and the ways they built communication within Jakmania and with other supporters.

The formulation of the problems in this study were as follows:

1. What were the factors caused fanatical behaviors of the supporters of Persija in the ages between 10 – 12 in the area of Sawangan, Depok?
2. How were the fanatical behaviors of the supporters of Persija which aged between 10 - 12 in the area of Sawangan, Depok?

## LITERATURE REVIEW

Behaviors of something which can be observed. According to Susanto (2011:134), "Behavior is the actualization of someone by doing activities determined by self-willingness based on the intention from his/her heart".

Lucky & Setyowati (2013:185) explained that fanaticism refers to a sense of more love which will give a tremendous impacts on life attitude of someone. Everything which is believed to give a love and more life's spirit to the person.

According to Setiawan (2014:42), there are two types of organization fanaticism, i.e. positive fanaticism and negative one. The existence of positive fanaticism is caused by total awareness of someone to a problem or an object faced. While negative fanaticism is a fanatical behavior caused by other causes without any awareness of someone.

In a blog (Ultras, 2013, *sejarah terbentuknya Jakmania*, <http://ultrasin-indonesia.blogspot.com/2013/sejarah-terbentuknya-jak-mania.html>, accessed on March 12, 2019, Jakmania or is a group of supporters from a soccer team of PERSIJA JAKARTA. Jakmania was established since Indonesian League IV on December 19, 1997. The idea of having Jakmania was firstly proposed by the former manager of PERSIJA, Diza Rasyid Ali. This idea was fully supported by the former Governor of DKI JAKARTA, Sutiyoso. Sutiyoso is served as a leader of PERSIJA JAKARTA. He

likes soccer, thus, his love feeling towards soccer made him want to revive and activate soccer in JAKARTA both for the team and the supporters.

The stages of children's mental development between the ages of 10 – 12. In this range of ages, Jean Piaget's theory cited in Ramlah (2015:222) describes that the children are coming to the concrete operational stage, this stage are the stages commonly stages for the children in the Primary School level. At this stage, the children are able to understand an operation (logic) with the aid of concrete things, this operation with the aid of concrete things means a mental treatment or action about the facts in the real life.

Sofia in Priyanto (2014:47) explains about children who are suitable with their ages between 7 – 10 years old. These children are coming to the stage of Achievement Play, a stage of play in which these children have started their activities of competitive playing. These activities are done because the children want to show their achievements.

## **METHOD OF THE RESEARCH**

The method used in this research was qualitative research. According to Sugiyono (2010:3), getting the data with the usage and certain purpose scientifically is called scientific method. According to Moleong (2010:5), investigating and finding an understanding related to the phenomenon with specific context by using naturalistic approach is called qualitative research method.

Based on the background previously described and referred to scientific field point of view, the research conducted by the researchers in this study was a qualitative-descriptive research. Andriani, et.al. (2014:316) further add that a research design is a planning, a headline on how a research understands type of relationship between investigated variables. As Nasir (2017:89) argues that a descriptive research is a study to find facts with appropriate interpretations.

According to Azwar (2015:34), research subjects are the main sources of research data, namely, those which have the data about investigated variables. Sukmadinata (2011:132) explains that informants are persons who being taken advantages to give information about background situation and condition of a research. In this study, the subjects of the research which became the main sources were those who had the relationship with what were being investigated and able to give suitable and correct data. The subjects in this research were the children aged between 10 - 12 years old who became the members of Jakmania in the area of Sawangan, Depok.

The techniques used to collect the data were as follows:

Observation, according to Bungin in Ibrahim (2015:81), observation is human's daily activity by using their five senses in which eyes as the main aids besides another senses such as ears, nose, mouth, and skin. Interview, in this research, data collection technique applied was interview. According to Moleong (2010:186), interview is a conversation done with certain purposes. Documentation, according to Ibrahim (2015:93), documentation is evidence tools of something, including notes, photos, video recordings and or anything resulted by a researcher. Field note, according to Idrus (2007:85), field note refers to notes written in detailed, carefully, broadly and deeply resulted from an interview and observation conducted by the researchers about actors, activities or the places where the activities happen.

## **FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

This research was conducted on Abdul Wajab Street, RT 01/ RW 05, Sawangan Lama, Depok City, West Java. The sub-district of Sawangan is divided into 2, they are Kelurahan Sawangan Lama and Kelurahan Sawangan Baru. The environment at this Kelurahan Sawangan Lama is very populated and this area is descent enough as the residential place. This area is not like areas in other cities which are far from the word 'descent' as the residential places. This area is closed to sport facilities such as Football field, Volleyball field and futsal field. The Mayor of Depok is having plan to manage the area into a healthy and clean area for the residences.

The condition of this research which was held in the area near to sport facilities convinced the researchers that the local people in this area like sports. Since the facilities available will also influence the activities done by the local people. These people are surely happy with the provided facilities which can be used.

The results of the interview with District Coordinator held on Monday, October 14, 2019.

In the beginning, Jakmania was formed by 40 members until it is getting bigger now. It was officially launched on December 19, 1997. There are various types of activities done by Jakmania and one of them is sport, i.e. tournament, held by Jawa Pos, and Jakmania was invited to all district coordinators to join that event.

Jakmania got the best supporters in Indonesia. Jakmania becomes one of the proud supporters in Indonesia. Thank to the Almighty God that Jakmania gets along with another Jakmania and performs as it should be. We have a routine twice-a week meeting and doing futsal. We always find ways to build good coordination with all members. And this what makes Jakmania different from another clubs. Jakmania has its own ways including on how to build the relationship among players, for example,

there is a player whose in his area Jakmania exists, then this player makes good communication. Thus, the communication is built very well to Jakmania.

The involvement of Jakmania in the society is very good, especially in the area of Sawangan, such as with RT and RW. This very well relationship shown when we had ever ran a gathered-program. For the area of Sawangan, we had ever organized social works. It is hard for me to say that there is only a few members who are not responsible and make the brotherhood among Jakmania supporters become bad. Thank to God that the relationship among supporters is especially Jakmania. If there is a rumor said that the supporters of Persija did not behave well and were rabble-rousing, it was caused by very few persons who do not want peace.

. There are various ways can be done in order to support Persija Jakarta, such as sing in the stadium, give supports or creativities by using papers with faces or names of Persija Jakarta players, encourage the players with positive critics. Thus, supporting Persija Jakarta does not only by singing but also by showing good behaviors as the good portrait of Persija.

This is the thing that should be understood and underlined by the supporters. It is such a funny thing if sometimes the supporters talk about fanaticism. There are many people or groups of people who are having blind language regarding fanaticism. Fanaticism blind refers to narrow thoughts even for the good side of Persija. It was found that many groups of Jakmania suffered from fanaticism blind. These supporters are fanatical but they do not realize the causes and effects of their fanaticisms. In that case, there will always be reasons which are caused by the fanaticism and resulted something anarchist.

In my opinion, there should be a strict rule from the leader; building up the coordination and confirmation with his members. Since the fanatical attitudes which make Jakmania becomes negative might be caused by the leader. It might be through the words to provoke or heating up the situations. Thus, the one who should avoid the over-fanatical attitudes is the leader.

Basically, fanaticism owned by the supporters is a common thing, because each individual likes certain things and has high-senses towards the things he/she loves. Fanaticism is not always negative, and can be something which is positive as long as it is accompanied and directed well. Loving Persija Jakarta is not a mistake since Persija Jakarta is a meaningful soccer club and as part of sports in Indonesia. The most important thing is that how the senses of loving something give positive advantages in the daily life. Because life and living is aimed to be better, beneficial, and to give roles to others.

The results of the interview with children aged 10 – 12 years old conducted on October 12, 2019.

Everything loved will never be bothered by anything since everything can be beaten by the feelings with no exception. Therefore, fanaticism should be owned without doing any negative things. Fanaticism is expected to spread good viruses and not too much.

Favoring something would be more fun if you feel happy everytime after you do your favourite things. That is why, you need to do everything which make you enjoyed.

You do not need to do any anarchist actions which might put Persija club into bad image. Since those actions are done by irresponsible individuals and it might break good image of Persija club.

Fanatical behaviors are different from anarchist actions which spoil good brand of Persija club. Anarchist actions are only done by those who want to give bad label to Persija Jakarta. These actions are totally different from fanaticism which supports the players by singing so that the players will be motivated.

In purchasing the attributes of Persija Jakarta, some of the supporters kept their pocket-money and some were bought by their parents. Having the attributes of Persija Jakarta will create self-happiness with no exception because if the supporters do not have the attributes yet, then they could not be considered as fully-parts of Jakmania.

In this current era, parents are the ones who introduce Persija since early. Then it is not strange if there are supporters who have been supporting Jakmania since they were on the second or third grade of Primary school. In this case, the parents play important role to introduce Persija Jakarta.

If we like something then the first persons that we inform are parents and most of the parents support anything liked by their children. Loving what has been being favored by the children will make these children happy moreover if they get supports from their parents.

Most activities held by the supporters of Jakmania are those which are appropriate for adults. Only the members who always participated in all activities scheduled by Persija. The supporters of Jakmania are big in number and varied consisting of adults, teenagers, and also kids. For adults and teenagers, the problems are not that many since they have understood about good and bad values. However, kids should get important and main priority as the supporters of Jakmania. Because in the reality, the children are not stable yet and need extra companions so that they will not be influenced by negative things from their surroundings. All parties in this

case should work together and hand-in-hand in order to accompany these children as the supporters of soccer.

## CONCLUSION

The results of the analysis showed that fanatical behaviors have touched children and these cannot be stop to spread, hence these should be guided and given education which explains which are good fanatical behaviors and which are not. Fanatical behaviors shown by the children aged between 10 – 12 years old by doing everything towards the things they love such as having many attributes of Persija, i.e. jersey, sticker, shawl, photos, and flag of Persija Jakarta. Besides, these children will also do their best to watch their favourite club lively in the stadium when Persija Jakarta is having their match.

The subjects of this research got to know Persija from their surroundings such as from parents, relatives and friends. When these subjects of the research watched the match of Persija Jakarta directly in the stadium, the willingness to watch the match lively started and from that time, they wanted to become the supporters of Persija Jakarta, called Jakmania. Thus, the influences of close-related persons were very high in educating and observing these children to let them know what good to do and what is not. Because the children at these ages are easy to imitate everything they see or listen/hear. If they are not being accompanied, these behaviors might become anarchist. Therefore, in order to make these children are protected from negative environments, they need to be observed and guided by the parents at home such as educating them about things that could be done and could not. This way will make the children own good behaviors so that their future life will not be put into negative things.

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