IMPACT OF FANDOM CULTURE ON FAMILY HARMONY FROM ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract

The development of fandoms is very rapid; all artists have their fandoms. Almost everyone joins a fandom for leisure, and it is very accessible. These fandom activities certainly impact the fan's life and relationship with the family. This study explores fandom culture's impact on family harmony and Islamic views of fandom. Fandom is an activity that describes the closeness between fans and their idols based on cultural products. It used a qualitative case study approach with a purposive sampling of thirty informants. The result shows that fandom has five negative impacts on family harmony, namely: (1) neglecting family members from their obligations; (2) causing addiction, jealousy, and wastefulness; (3) children disobeying parental orders; (4) parents having difficulty taking care of children; and (5) poor communication between family members. Furthermore, fandom activities contradict Islamic teachings for five reasons, namely: (1) music and singing; (2) lousy consumerism; (3)
wasting time; (4) the wrong community; and (5) bad lifestyle. Family members should advise each other so that no member joins the fandom, thereby endangering the harmony of the family.

Perkembangan fandom sangat pesat, semua artis memiliki fandom masing-masing. Hampir semua orang bergabung dengan fandom untuk mengisi waktu luang, dan itu sangat aksesibel. Kegiatan fandom ini tentunya punya dampak untuk kehidupan sang penggemar dan hubungannya dengan keluarga. Penelitian ini bertujuan mengeksplorasi dampak budaya fandom terhadap keharmonisan keluarga dan pandangan Islam terhadap fandom. Fandom merupakan aktivitas yang menggambarkan kedekatan antara penggemar dan idolanya yang didasari oleh produk budaya. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif bersifat studi kasus dengan pengambilan sampel secara purposive sampling dari tiga puluh informan. Penelitian ini menunjukkan hasil bahwa fandom memiliki lima dampak negatif terhadap keharmonisan keluarga yaitu: (1) melalaikan anggota keluarga dari kewajibannya; (2) menimbulkan kecanduan, iri hati, dan keborosan; (3) anak tidak mematuhi perintah orang tua; (4) orang tua kesulitan untuk mengurus anak-anak; (5) komunikasi yang tidak baik antar anggota keluarga. Selanjutnya, kegiatan fandom menyelisihi ajaran agama Islam dengan lima alasan yaitu: (1) musik dan nyanyian; (2) konsumerisme yang buruk; (3) membuang waktu; (4) komunitas yang buruk; (5) gaya hidup yang tidak baik. Hendaknya anggota keluarga saling menasehati satu sama lain agar tidak ada anggota yang bergabung dengan fandom, sehingga membahayakan keharmonisan keluarga tersebut.

Keywords: Fandom culture; family harmony; Islamic view.

Introduction

Fandom is an activity that describes the closeness between fans and their idols, which is based on cultural products (Sumardiono, 2022). Fandom is also a subculture that offers a space for the community that allows all diverse groups of people to form a unity with the same interests (Hanjani et al., 2019). Fandom – the state of being a fan – is usually linked to popularity rather than high culture. People who appreciate high culture,
often as passionately partisan as pop culture's "fans," are described as "connoisseurs" or "aficionados" rather than fans (Jensen, 1992). The term "fandom" is rooted in the designation of certain sports fans, who used to be called "sport-fanatics." The Merriam-Webster Dictionary traces the use of the term back to 1903.

Fandom culture has advanced significantly throughout time. Beatlemania first stunned the world in the 1960s. It was followed by Boyband and Girlband Fever in 1990. The next was a resurgence of rock music, Bieber Fever in 2010, and then a boyband's emergence in 2010, shocking the world with the brilliance of its five members who debuted on X-Factor UK in 2010.

One Direction, often shortened to 1D, is an English-Irish pop boy band formed in London in 2010. The group comprised Louis Tomlinson, Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Liam Payne, and Zayn Malik until he departed from the group in March 2015. One Direction is one of the biggest boy bands in the world, and its fans, known as "Directioners," have become one of the fastest-growing fandoms (Celebmix, 2017). Over 300 shows played across four sold-out world tours, four No. 1 albums on the Billboard 200, six Billboard Hot 100 top 10 hits, four Video Music Awards, 28 Teen Choice Awards, two Saturday Night Live appearances, and billions of streams. It was all made possible by the group's fervent international fanbase, characterized by its rabid devotion. It was also accelerated by the rise of social media and music streaming, ultimately rivaling the fandom of any other boy band in history (Paul, 2021).

One Direction is currently on hiatus. It is not uncommon to see a music group's members take time to focus on solo endeavors or other projects outside the original group's confines (Calcagno & Denis, 2022). In early 2015, Facebook announced that Zayn Malik would leave the band. The four remaining members released a final album and announced an extended hiatus in August 2015. (Dambrosio & DiFiore, 2023). This boy band is no longer active, but the One Direction fandom is still active and growing, making history (Paul, 2021). Especially during the 2020 pandemic, many new fans discovered One Direction through social media like TikTok or Twitter, especially during One Direction's 10th-anniversary celebration. The Directioners fandom even won the award for the best fandom in 2016; they got the award because they are loyal, dedicated, and passionate. The
Directioners fandom also received this award because they actively contribute to society by donating to needy communities, such as people with disabilities and environmental conservation organizations.

One Direction's fandom in Indonesia is one of the most massive; even One Direction members acknowledged this at a concert held on March 25, 2015, in Jakarta. The enthusiasm of One Direction fans was enormous; even the South Jakarta Police had to liquidate One Direction's ticket sales in Kota Kasablanka, South Jakarta (Pamungkas, 2014). Indonesia is also one of the biggest One Direction supporters; it can be proven from album and single sales data as well as song streaming data on various music platforms.

When someone joins a fandom, they dedicate their time to their idol and the community through fandom-related activities. For example, writing fanfiction, listening to songs, attending concerts, promoting albums, attending meetings, watching movies, selling merchandise, etc. Directioners in Indonesia actively write fanfiction on Wattpad and AO3, attend concerts by One Direction members, and promote their songs. One Direction fans also manage fan accounts on various social media platforms, such as TikTok, Instagram, and Twitter. Time taken up for various fandom activities will reduce time with family because each fandom member is a family member, whether as a wife, mother, child, husband, father, brother, sister, aunt, or other family member.

The family is the smallest unit in society but has a significant role in a cultured nation and state (Wahid & Halilurrahman, 2019). Based on this understanding, it is evident that everyone in the fandom is part of the family. A good family is a harmonious family. The qualities of harmony are congruence, appropriateness, and concord. An excellent and harmonious family respects one another, is orderly, is disciplined, and encourages virtue. It also has a strong work ethic, is devoted to elders, loves knowledge, and makes the most of free time. Besides, it can provide for the family's fundamental needs and is peaceful (Basri, 1996). A harmonious family is one where there is love, harmony, and respect among members in order to foster a sense of calm and tranquility, which is further anticipated to lessen societal issues that exist in society (Arintina & Fauziah, 2014).

Harmonious families must communicate and spend time together to avoid family conflicts. Fandom activities have a very high intensity; almost
every time activities are carried out within the fandom community, they have a very high level of participation. For this reason, it needs an explorative study to find out whether there is a correlation between fandom cultural activity and family harmony. This research identified what impact family members feel when one of their members joins a fandom, and with that, the public can further consider whether joining a fandom is good. Apart from that, with this research, the public also knows what Islamic views are on fandom.

Research discussing fandom culture has been conducted by Sa'diyah (2019) by linking fandom with communication science. Her study showed that fan culture can be seen in four contexts on the internet: communication, creativity, knowledge, and civic power. Research on fandom with a social science focus was also carried out by Kusuma et al. (2020), indicating that global fandom also functions as a social agent. Fandom influences fans to participate in various social movements, such as organizing charity events. Apart from that, research on fandom and its relation to economics has also been carried out by Dinningrum & Satiti (2021). They concluded that consumers constantly perceive the products they buy as a sign of their connection to their idols. By exchanging enjoyment from actively interacting and exchanging online feedback, fans are willing to perform fan service on their terms to personalize customization following their interests as active and devoted customers.

The impact of One Direction’s fandom still needs more exploration, so it becomes the concern of this study. Commonly, K-pop fandom is the subject of research. In addition, this research also links the cultural and religious aspects. It also linked culture and psychology to examine further whether dense fandom activities significantly impact family harmony through the Islamic perspective on fandom.

Method

This study used a qualitative approach with a case study type. Case studies are carried out on events or ongoing symptoms, not symptoms that have occurred. The informants selected by the researchers were family members who joined the One Direction fandom or those who had a family relationship with someone who joined the One Direction fandom in South
Jakarta, with the assumption that they were people who knew in depth about the concern of this research.

Purposive sampling from key informants and snowball sampling were used to gather the data. The researchers collected data, conducted interviews with informants, and made observations to get detailed results describing how the problem in this study was formulated. In-depth interviews were conducted with thirty informants who met the research criteria, followed by an interview with a marriage and family counselor. The criteria set by the researchers were that the informant had joined the One Direction fandom or had a family member who had joined it for at least two years, so they knew and felt a real impact on their lives. After the interviews, the researchers analyzed the data using a coding system: reviewing and examining existing raw data by labeling it as words, phrases, or sentences. The selected coding means that some, or more, of the informants, felt that impact on their lives.

Finding and Discussion

The Impact of Fandom on Family Harmony

Harmony in the family needs to be adequately built to create good communication relations between its members. Understandably, the characteristics of a good and effective family are equality and justice for each family member (Wood, 2016). After going through the interview process with some informants, the researchers found several impacts of fandom on family harmony, namely:

Neglecting family members from their obligations

Every family that operates properly must have rules and regulations that apply to it. Each family member has defined rights and obligations. In essence, the roles of husband and wife in the family complement each other. The two and the other family members cooperated in various fields, including economics, education, politics, and religion (Riady, 2021).

However, joining a fandom can impact the negligence of family members in carrying out their responsibilities. As expressed by Yuni, a mother of a One Direction fan since 2016, her child was so serious about
watching 1D funny videos that sometimes she cried about missing them, so she could not be bothered. Therefore, she often neglected her domestic job, such as doing the dishes (Yuni, Interview February 24, 2023).

Farah, a student who is a fan of One Direction, expressed a similar sentiment when she said, "Being active in fandom is busy, so the schedule is tight; sometimes I watch award shows until 3 o'clock, so I do not do campus assignments, I don't iron clothes, and I don't sweep the floor in the afternoon either. So sometimes my sister and mother often nag at me." (Farah, Interview February 26, 2023).

**Causing addiction, jealousy, and wastefulness**

Fandom is driven by hedonic and eudaimonic motivations, as these theories are still relevant (Delmar et al., 2016). Participating in a fandom increases spending among family members, which leads to arguments between family members. It is closely related to one of the causes of family conflicts, namely money management. Jess, a wife who is a One Direction fanfiction writer on AO3, explained that,

"If you've joined a fandom, be prepared to be financially impacted, which ultimately will impact family harmony. The merchandise is costly, not to mention the shipping costs to Indonesia are really expensive! Also, if you've already bought one, you'll definitely want to rebuy it so that your collection is complete. So, yeah, it's rather addictive. Not to mention concert tickets! Subscription to Spotify (a digital music streaming service) and purchasing fan-made goods as well! It harms family harmony because my spouse must feel that spending money on unimportant things is particularly useless, as a result of which we frequently argue." (Jess, Interview February 22, 2023).

Alya, a high school student who has been a One Direction fan since 2020, reinforces this statement:

"It's really wasteful when you join a fandom; you have to buy things even though they're not real merch, and it's also pricey because it has the One Direction fandom name. The products are excellent, and since I want to be recognized as a 1D fan, I will undoubtedly want to purchase them repeatedly to give the impression that I am a bigger enthusiast. If that is the case, it would be wasteful; I would still be wasting my parents' money; my mother would be upset; my sister would be irritated; she would be very envious of me since my mom gave me money to buy things; and as a result,
we would argue frequently. Yet, the main issue was that we started quarreling out of jealousy because I was wasting money." (Alya, Interview February 28, 2023).

Devi, a marriage counselor, admits that she has often conducted couples counseling sessions where the main problem stems from fandom and matters of financial spending. She stated that fandom matters and selling merch items, although it seemed trivial, is fatal since it can lead to divorce. Some couples had domestic conflicts centered around jealousy and fandom (Devi, Interview February 28, 2023).

**Children disobeying parental orders**

Children have personality potential according to their parenting style and environmental influence (Muthmainnah, 2015). The environment and daily activities, such as the intensity of exposure to the world of fandom, also affect a child's personality and obedience level. It is conveyed by Sabrina, a sister of a One Direction fan. She said her younger sister was preoccupied with fandom-related activities such as scrolling through Twitter and watching TikTok videos. She refused to help her parents when she was busy with One Direction (Sabrina, Interview, February 26, 2023).

Sucipto, a father of two daughters who are One Direction fans, also admitted that all of his children ignored him since they were busy with Harry and Louis (One Direction members). He offered her youngest daughter take extra lessons after school to help her get ready for college, but she declined, saying she needed to watch Louis' tour on Instagram every night. The same thing happened to his eldest daughter, whom he encouraged to pursue a career in pharmacy because she had outstanding potential. However, she chose to major in English literature to learn the language and be ready to meet Harry (Sucipto, Interview February 24, 2023).

**Parents having difficulty taking care of children**

The main task of parents is to take care of their children in terms of education. A mother and father have a crucial role in children's education so that children become smart and continuously excel in all fields, including the family, school, and community (Arsyad, 2017). However, a father or mother's involvement in fandom can negatively impact family harmony when children are sidelined because fandom is considered more important.
Shofi, a mother who has been a One Direction fan since 2010, admits, "Sometimes when it's late at night, especially when the fandom is bustling; for example, there is an award ceremony or a music video about to be released, I just leave my children alone and let them have fun playing alone." (Shofi, Interview February 27, 2023).

It is in line with what was conveyed by Tasya, a 1D fanfiction connoisseur who is also a mother of three children; she stated, "It's really a hassle taking care of toddlers. My daily activities are reading fanfic and managing blogs about fanfic, so it's already like work; so I get confused sometimes when my children are fussy; I have to read fanfic, and it takes up quite a bit of time." (Tasya, Interview, February 22, 2023).

This statement is corroborated by Maulida's statement, a mother of four who recently discovered One Direction after the 2020 pandemic, she said,

"Sometimes during the day, I don't take care of my children; thank God, they're old enough to be able to take care of themselves. I'm always busy. It's challenging to look after my kids because I spend too much time on Tiktok and watching YouTube video interviews. I don’t monitor my kid's study during the night of Louis' tour; I'll be in my room watching him perform and let my kids do whatever they want." (Maulida, Interview February 26, 2023).

Poor communication between family members

Sumakul (2015) found that children who grew up in a disharmony family environment were at greater risk of experiencing personality disorders and becoming antisocial. A peaceful, happy, and prosperous family is the dream of every human being. It requires communication to create a harmonious family (Arwan, 2018). Unfortunately, joining a fandom harms family communication; twenty-five out of thirty informants admitted that fandom activities take time, so family members spend less time chatting.

Lia, a One Direction fan who runs an updated account, thinks, "It's only natural that my family and I don't communicate properly. From morning to night, I'm glued to my laptop and cellphone in my room, checking for information on The Boys (the One Direction members). So, yeah, it is true that the communication is poor because I only talk to them when it is necessary." (Lia, Interview, February 26, 2023).
Gina, a One Direction fan brought up religiously, admitted that her relationship with her parents is terrible and her communication is limited. She said that "My mother and father don't like that I'm still enthused about 1D because I already know it's against Islamic teachings and bad for me to be wasteful and depressed. They disagree with me joining the fandom, so I eventually stopped talking to them; I live in a boarding house now, and I communicate with them only about 4-5 times a year if it's necessary." (Gina, Interview, February 25, 2023).

Further discussion with Devi, who is a family counselor, revealed that fandom can harm communication. Fandom and family communication are very closely related. Someone is lonely in the family, so they look for distraction and join the fandom. It could also be that someone joins a fandom and eventually detaches or disconnects from other family members because of the fandom's excitement, the euphoria of new friends, and endless exciting activities (Devi, Interview, February 28, 2023).

From the explanation above, it can be seen that there are several impacts of fandom on family harmony, namely: (1) neglecting family members from their obligations; (2) causing addiction, jealousy, and wastefulness; (3) children disobeying parental orders; (4) parents having difficulty taking care of children; and (5) poor communication between family members.

**Islamic View of Fandom**

Islam is a perfect religion that has regulated all aspects of human life. The characteristics of Islamic teachings include various fields, such as the field of religion, Muramasa, which includes issues of education, science, culture, society, economics, politics, life, environment, health, and work, and Islam as a scientific discipline (Nasrullah, 2015). Islam is a religious teaching with norms that must be obeyed based on the revelations of Allah, which were revealed through the Prophet.

In Islam, Allah commands Muslims to idolize Rasulullah because he has great morals and character (Pratama, 2020). The argument is stated in the word of Allah, “Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers
Allah often.” (QS. Al-Ahzab [33]: 21). One of the numerous advantages of making the Prophet an idol is that Muslims who do so would receive the assurance that they will be reunited with the Prophet in heaven. He stated, "You will be with those whom you love." (Sahih al-Bukhari 3688). Based on the hadith, it can be concluded that a person will be gathered with those he loves. If one loves the righteous, then one will be gathered with them. The concern is that if he idolizes an artist, or in this case, a boy band, then he will be gathered with them. It was also emphasized in the narration of Thobroni in his Mu'jam, from 'Aisyah with marfu' (up to the Prophet) status, "No one loves the people unless he is gathered with them on the Day of Resurrection." ('Aunul Ma'bud, 11/164, Asy Syamilah).

Idolizing someone can bring them to the afterlife. If a Muslim chooses excellent and righteous people as idols, that will lead them to live in the hereafter with a group of good people who live in heaven. On the other hand, if someone has terrible people as their idols and then follows their bad behavior, they will be gathered with their nasty idols in the hereafter. Islam discourages Muslims from joining fandoms and idolizing celebrities because the Prophet should be idolized above anyone else. However, Islam also opposes joining fandoms for some additional reasons, such as (1) music and singing; (2) lousy consumerism; (3) wasting time; (4) the wrong community; and (5) bad lifestyle.

Music and singing

There are many arguments indicating the prohibition of music and singing, both coming from the Al-Qur'an and the hadith of the Prophet; among them are the words of Allah: “But there are some who employ theatrics, only to lead others away from Allah’s Way—without any knowledge—and to make a mockery of it. They will suffer a humiliating punishment.” (QS. Luqman [31]: 6). In this verse, the scholars interpreted lahwal hadith (useless speech) to mean singing and musical instruments. Moreover, the words of the Messenger of Allah: "From among my followers there will be some people who will consider illegal sexual intercourse, the wearing of silk, the drinking of alcoholic drinks and the use of musical instruments, as lawful. (Sahih al-Bukhari 5590)
Syakhul Islam Ibnu Taimiyah Rahimahullah said, "None of the four madhhab scholars disagree about the prohibition of musical instruments." Imam Abu Hanifah detests singing and considers listening to it a sin. Imam Malik bin Anas declared, "Whoever buys a slave and it turns out that the slave is a singer, then he should return the slave because there is a disgrace." Imam Asy Syafi’i said, "Singing is a pointless thing that I don't like because singing is evil." If anyone is addicted to listening to singing, then his testimony is rejected." Imam Ahmad bin Hambal remarked, "Singing grows hypocrisy in the heart, and I don't like it either." Based on these four scholarly opinions, it is clear that music is forbidden in Islam, while in fandoms, almost all activities contain music, which is very distracting. Thus, joining a fandom is forbidden because it is feared that it will lead to neglecting the Qur'an and straying away from Islam.

**Bad consumerism**

When someone joins a fandom, it is not uncommon for them to begin spending their money on fandom-related goods, such as photo cards, keychains, tote bags, posters, concert tickets, t-shirts, hoodies, and other apparel (Shin Min-jung, 2018). *Tabdzir* is squandering and spending one’s wealth badly, which can be called lousy consumerism. It is the information conveyed by Al-Mawardi. Abu Ubaidah said, "A person who is redundant (*mubadzir*) is a person who is excessive, who spends and destroys wealth." (Tafsir Zadul Masir, 3:20).

Someone is considered to act *tabdzir* or has bad consumerism if they use their wealth for immoral acts or use it for permissible things but spend it all. Allah Ta’ala mentions in the Quran, “Give to close relatives their due, as well as the poor and ‘needy’ travelers. And do not spend wastefully. Surely the wasteful are ‘like’ brothers to the devils.” (QS. Al-Isra’ [17]: 26 – 27).

This great hadith shows the obligation to regulate the expenditure of wealth by using it for good things and acceptable to Allah because, on the Day of Resurrection, humans will be held accountable for the wealth they spent while in the world. It shows that joining a fandom will undoubtedly cause the fan to have a lousy consumerism trait because many fandom activities are contrary to Islamic law, and will spend much money to buy fandom needs. For this reason, Islam prohibits its people from joining fandoms because, in the hereafter, wealth will be judged on how it was
obtained and where it was spent. Furthermore, the fan with this bad consumerism trait will take a long time to be accounted for.

**Wasting time**

Joining a fandom is very time-consuming; there are always activities, from streaming new singles to promoting albums, watching award shows, drawing, reading and writing fanfiction, and many other activities. While in Islam, a Muslim should make the most of his time because it is precious. Ibnu Qayyim Al-Jauziyah rahimahullah said, “If you are not preoccupied with good things, you will surely be preoccupied with bad things.” (Al Jawabul Kaafi, 156).

It is a rule in life. If time is not filled with positive activities, it must be filled with opposing activities. Therefore, joining fandoms is not recommended by Islam because it is very time-consuming for things that could be more useful. Time has excellent virtue in Islam, so humans are commanded to use time as well as possible. As with wealth, time will also be held accountable regarding what the age was spent doing in the afterlife. Because humans live only once, this opportunity should not be wasted; use this time for worship that is obligatory and *sunnah* (following Prophet’s practices), not to be busy with makruh things (disliked but not sinful) or *haram* (prohibited by Sharia). Meanwhile, with the fandom's varied and endless activities, whether on weekdays or weekends, whether on summer holidays or year-end holidays, joining the fandom is not following Islamic teachings. It is feared that people will neglect their duties and become too busy with fandom activities.

**Bad community**

When people join fandoms, they frequently connect with friends from that fandom and sporadically with members of other fandoms. Naturally, this connection will involve criticisms and disagreements; for instance, the Grammy Award for Album of the Year is frequently cited as a point of contention. This argument frequently results in criticism, jeers, and insults. Islam forbids disparaging, mocking, or insulting people. Allah declares:

“O believers! Do not let some ‘men’ ridicule others; they may be better than them, nor let ‘some’ women ridicule other women; they may be better
than them. Do not defame one another, nor call each other by offensive nicknames. How evil it is to act rebelliously after having faith! And whoever does not repent, it is they who are the 'true’ wrongdoers.” (QS. Al-Hujuraat [49]: 11).

Bad speech is clearly forbidden in Islam, as Allah says above. Moreover, the human tongue is among the things that will be held accountable for in the hereafter. Meanwhile, joining a fandom has the tendency to influence its community to speak badly and criticize others. Thus, joining a fandom should be avoided because the behavior of its community is contrary to the teachings of Islam and the behavior exemplified by the Prophet. It is feared that by joining a fandom, a person will develop bad habits or personality traits because it is clear that the people around him influence a person's character.

**Bad lifestyle**

Typically, people who join fandoms will try to follow the lifestyle of their friends in the fandom or even their idols. Fans will attempt to purchase clothes, cosmetics, musical instruments, food, and other items owned by their idols. It is not uncommon for fans to smoke, drink alcohol, go to clubs, and dress like their idols. In general, Muslims are prohibited from resembling unbelievers in terms of their specialty. This resemblance is known as tasyabuh. From Ibn 'Umar, the Prophet said, “He who imitates any people (in their actions) is considered to be one of them.” (Sunan Abi Dawud 4020).

Islam instructs its followers to be shut, which means to abandon what is not beneficial for the hereafter. It means that a Muslim's lifestyle should be simple, not excessively using wealth to support his lifestyle and not following his lust for his appearance and lifestyle. That is why fandoms are not in line with Islamic teachings, because fandom communities and their artists tend to influence fans to have lifestyles that are contrary to the principle of *zuhud*. It can range from small things, such as the fan's hairstyle or diet, to things blatantly against Islam, such as the fan becoming a smoker or LGBT supporter.
The results of this study indicate that fandom has a significant negative impact on family harmony. The relationship between a husband and wife, or parents and children, can be threatened by joining a fandom. The responses of the research subjects are in line with Parlia’s theory (2020) that although fandom seems to bring people together, it can often divide and foster certain types of bad behavior.

Gerungan (2004) states that family harmony will form wholeness in family interaction; normal (harmonious) social interactions take place, and aggressive actions accompany no mutual hostility. Family harmony is the unity of the family, the compatibility of the relationship between husband and wife, and the presence of calm. This harmony is characterized by an orderly home atmosphere that is not prone to conflict and is sensitive to household needs. Sahli (1994) has a further opinion that family harmony is formed when the husband and wife live in peace, both physically and mentally, because they feel pretty satisfied with everything that exists and what has been achieved in carrying out household tasks, both internal and external. It also concerns sexual livelihood and the associations between family members in society in a harmonious household.

There is a very high correlation between good communication, orderliness in the home, and family harmony. According to the findings of this study, family members who participate in fandom tend to lessen family harmony because they frequently become preoccupied with fandom-related activities, impeding open communication and a welcoming environment in the home.

Islam also prohibits a person from joining a fandom due to the negative consequences it will have on both the individual and their family, as well as other factors. Fandom-related behaviors and lifestyles—such as those involving music, alcohol, smoking, the normalization of the LGBTQ+ community, and others—violate Islamic precepts.

This research still requires further exploration to find out other impacts of fandom from a psychological aspect, for example, analyzing the impact of fandom on adolescent mental health. Therefore, further researchers can study participants who come from other backgrounds, such as domicile, age, marital status, or other professions. In addition, future researchers can also develop quantitative studies to confirm these impacts.
on family harmony. Therefore, the contribution of the following researchers is very significant in uncovering what previous researchers have not touched.

**Conclusion**

Fandom culture significantly impacts family harmony, so this study states that fandom has a negative impact on family psychology. Apart from being inadequate from a psychological point of view, fandom is also bad from a religious point of view because several things in fandom differ from religious teachings. Family members should advise each other so that no member joins the fandom, thereby endangering the harmony of the family.

The implication of this study is that fans who have joined the fandom can reflect and learn lessons and reduce the adverse effects they have been exposed to on their families. In addition, family members who also feel family disharmony because one of their members joined the fandom can see the root of the problem and begin to improve their family harmony. Moreover, considering the development of increasingly rampant fandoms, it is necessary to conduct more in-depth research, especially from the social and political aspects.

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