Gay Matchmaking App Trends as an Act of Perversion
Adolescent Sexual in Gresik Regency

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Abstract

The development of technology is unstoppable again, this can be seen with the development in terms of finding a partner through matchmaking applications in the appstore and playstore such as matchmaking applications for gay couples. Gay applications will make it easier for them to meet the same sex but from various facts in the field this gay application emphasizes their sexuality. So same sex enthusiasts use the application to release their sexual desires. The use of same-sex applications in Gresik district is very widespread, especially for teenagers. The use of gay has a negative impact on teenagers in Gresik district there are various cases due to the use of same-sex applications such as mental disorders, and other actions. The use of gay applications will have a social impact on its users this can lead to psychological and mental disorders for teenagers. The purpose of the research is to find out why teenagers choose to use gay applications in Gresik Regency, to find out the proximity strategy used to get gay partners in Gresik Regency, to find out the impact of using gay matchmaking applications among teenagers in Gresik Regency. This study uses qualitative research methods and uses phenomenological research. In this study, researchers used data collection using interviews and observations while for data analysis techniques using the Miles and Huberman model data analysis technique starting from data reduction, data presentation and conclusion drawing. The results of the study: the background of choosing gay applications in the appstore ranging from family problems to wrong associations, getting a partner in gay applications in various ways ranging from giving gifts to persuading and seducing, the impact of using the application has a relationship to getting a venereal disease.

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PRELIMINARY

Humans are social creatures who always carry out an interaction. Social interaction is something that should be done by humans, interaction is carried out between two or more individuals in various things such as doing an activity and others. Along with its development, social interaction between humans must always be built because basically humans need each other (Abbas, 2022). Along with the development of the era of direct social interaction has been greatly reduced, this is due to one of the influences of technological developments. Technology at all times always experiences such rapid development, in today's development adolescents are especially required to follow the development of the existing era. The development of communication technology in the XXI century is very rapid, this can be seen from the ease of accessing some existing information. Communication technology changes the lifestyle pattern of social interaction of adolescents, this can be seen from the change in communication tools which were originally in the form of traditional social interaction to modern (Syahruddin and Arif 2022). Indonesian people used to communicate with traditional such as visiting relatives' homes directly, but in the current development communication by going to the house has been less done, this is because there is a communication tool that makes it very easy for humans, namely smartphones (Jumriani et al. 2021).

Smartphones provide convenience in accessing information and communicating indirectly. Smartphones provide convenience for teenagers. People no longer need to go to distant relatives to find out the situation because with the development of technology today makes distant people increasingly able to communicate with relatives, friends, colleagues and others. This communication technology not only changes communication patterns, but with the development of communication technology, people especially young teenagers in addition to being able to use smartphones as a communication tool can also be used to find a partner.

Applications on smartphones are very diverse, one application is an application in finding a partner or soul mate. Dating applications provide progress in finding a partner. In this couple finder application, a teenager can easily access information and download the application on the playstore or appstore.

This convenience is inseparable from the development of existing information. Matchmaking applications on Playsore and Appstore have diversity and types. Teenagers can easily access the application because access to login only enters the user's email and personal data. However, the use of matchmaking applications on the playstore and appstore not only has a positive effect but has a bad impact, one of the impacts is the existence of sexuality deviant applications.
This sexuality deviation application is found in the playstore and appstore, one of which is a gay application. Gay itself is a term for deviations committed by men who like fellow men. In the playstore and appstore for gay applications there are grindr gay chat, SCRUFF, blued: gay live chat &; dating, hornet - queer social network, SURGE-gay dating & chat, ROMEO-gay dating and others. Gay dating applications are very popular among same-sex teenagers, one of which is in Gresik regency. As a district with a level of industrialization and religiosity, Gresik Regency has cultural and cultural diversity as well as very rapid technological development. From the rapid development of technology, it causes deviant behavior among adolescents by not sorting out information on the use of applications that are not good, resulting in various groups of adolescents then accessing same-sex applications, namely gay.

The use of same-sex applications can be used for all ages. The use of same-sex dating applications has very easy friend access. This is because users only need to log in and can access the application. After logging in, users will find out the distance of friends in the application very easily, because in gay applications users can track the distance between same-sex friends easily because there is already distance detection in the application. The distance reduction in the application makes it easier for users to meet and have access to continue their friendships.

Gay apps will make it easier for them to meet the same sex, but from various facts on the ground, this gay application emphasizes more on their sexuality. So same-sex lovers use the app to release their sexual desires. The use of same-sex applications in Gresik district is very widespread, especially for teenagers. Gay use has a negative impact on teenagers in Gresik regency there are various cases due to the use of same-sex applications such as murder, mental disorders, and other actions. The use of gay applications will have social repercussions for its users, this can lead to psychological and mental disorders for teenagers.

Based on the above background, the author is very interested in conducting research with the title "Trend of Gay Match Search Applications as an Act of Adolescent Sexual Deviance in Gresik Regency" In this study, there is still no one who writes related to the title "Trend of Gay Match Search Applications as an Act of Adolescent Sexual Deviance in Gresik Regency" However, there are various related studies in different aspects.

**METHOD**

The research method used by the author in the study entitled, Gay Match Search Application Trends as an Act of Adolescent Sexual Deviance in Gresik Regency" is a qualitative research method. In this study researchers use phenomenological research, phenomenology in relation to the world of research is seen as a form of qualitative research, according to Husserl in afandi (2007) there are several definitions of phenomenology,
namely: (1). Subjective experience or phenomenology and (2) a study of consciousness from the main perspective of a person. Phenomenology itself can be understood to describe or understand a phenomenon about what is experienced by the subject of research. Researchers use phenomenological research because in this study the use of gay applications is a phenomenon that is again a trend among adolescents today.

The subjects in this study were adolescents in Gresik district. Informants in this study were taken using purposive sampling techniques where researchers determine sampling by determining special characteristics that are in accordance with the research objectives so that later they are expected to answer the problems being studied. The research location used in this study was in Gresik district. The reason for choosing the location is because Gresik regency itself is one of the districts that has a large level of industrialization so that it allows the rapid development and complexity of the busy activities of adolescent parents so that there is a lack of control in knowing adolescent social interaction activities besides that because Gresik regency itself is a district with the nickname of the guardian city so that with the nickname as the guardian city, the nickname can naturally be implemented as per the essentialism of the mayor city (Syaharuddin, 2022).

The focus of this study is the use of gay applications among adolescents in Gresik district is lowered in several indicators contained in the table below:

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Researchers in this study used data collection techniques and tools using interviews and observation. Observation is used by researchers to collect data during the research process in the field directly on situations or events in the field. Observation is one accurate method in collecting data so that researchers then use observation and combined with interviews. By using in-depth interviews with informants so that researchers get information about trends in the use of gay applications among adolescents in Gresik
The data analysis technique used in this study uses the Miles and Huberman model data analysis technique because the use of this analysis technique is very appropriate for this study. In qualitative model data analysis techniques, it is carried out with three stages, namely:

1. **Data reduction**
   
   This stage is the first stage in analyzing data from gay app usage trends. In this stage, the data is simplified so that later it can be adjusted to the needs and of course it is easy to obtain information. In this case, the data in question can be the results of interviews conducted by researchers to adolescents in Gresik district.

2. **Data presentation**
   
   After obtaining the data, the next stage is simplified, namely the presentation of data, in this case researchers can present data that has been reduced or simplified in the previous stage. The presentation of data will make it easier for readers to see the results of research that has been done.

3. **Conclusion drawing**
   
   The next stage is to draw conclusions from data that has been compiled based on the first and second stages then further grouped and presented by drawing a conclusion from the discussion of trends in the use of gay applications. This conclusion becomes information that can later be presented.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The development of social interaction in the era of digitalization makes teenagers in Gresik district have a way to get a partner. In finding a partner in the era of digitalization is very easy, various application trends in the appstore and playstore make it easier to find a partner, with the existence of a mate search application then makes young people, especially in Gresik regency, can access easily through their respective smartphones, one of which is the same-sex mate search application (Mutiani and Faisal 2019). The same-sex matchmaking application is a deviant matchmaking application where in this application teenagers will find same-sex friends around them. Various types of gay applications are found in the appstore and playstore, one of which is the hornet application and the blued or walla application.
The use of gay applications in Gresik regency based on the use of blued and hornet applications is quite a lot, this is based on the very close distance of application use so that an understanding can be drawn that users of hornet and blued applications for the Gresik regency area are very much spread in various sub-districts in Gresik regency. This is based on access to use the application which is very easy and there is a guide to using the application, users just write in the appstore and playstore searches related to gay couple search applications after that application users only need to download on the appstore or playstore then access to use application users only stay using a gmail account after giving access to use the user's gmail account then only need to fill in personal data which will be used to provide an overview to other users so that later in finding a partner in the application the user can get the desired partner. The use of easy access that allows users to access very easily is based on the ease of access for hornet applications and blued applications.
Users of the walla or blued and hornet applications themselves are spread from the age of 14 years to 40 years in Gresik regency. The age of teenagers in using hornet and blued applications is quite diverse, this can be seen from the age given in the application biodata then from the profile photo displayed. Users using walla or blued applications and horns have their own goals in using the application both used to find a partner and profit. The use of the walla and hornet applications will get a partner easily because the users of the hornet and walla applications in Gresik regency are quite visible from application users. The walla or blued and hornet applications can provide access to users to see the location of other users so that later users can interact with each other because the distance of users to each other is quite close, in the blued or walla and hornet applications users can see users around from zero kilometers to hundreds of kilometres. So that it is possible between users to find out the distance between other users. The blued or walla application provides access to find out and get a partner with three features, namely the smart selection feature, the surrounding feature and the online feature where this feature provides easy access to choose the three access features making it easier for users.
Teenagers in Gresik regency use gay applications because various factors such as family environment factors will affect the pattern of sexual deviation, this is based on several reasons such as parents who experience peceraian or broken home which then results in adolescents experiencing disorders, because they have seen parents who do not get along, intact and not together, resulting in trauma to adolescents. This trauma resulted in teenagers in Gresik regency then experiencing fear of dating, causing teenagers to be reluctant to date and teenagers to focus more on managing their careers. This will later make adolescents experience their own fears that can lead to sexual deviance so that adolescents then choose to like the same sex because they think being friends or liking the same sex is better than liking the opposite sex which causes trauma again due to parental divorce.

This trauma factor is caused by the background of adolescents, where adolescents have poor backgrounds such as having been victims of sodomy. As a result of this sodomy perpetration, adolescents experience severe trauma so they do various ways to stop the trauma, but because adolescents are less open to their own parents or siblings, resulting in sodomy events that they have experienced do not dare to speak because of several factors such as fear of being scolded, shame, and others. With the lack of sex education that is lacking in Indonesia so that things like this are inappropriate things to talk about that make teenagers who become victims, and result in teenagers not daring to tell their parents their situation which will result in teenagers falling into their sexual deviance resulting in teenagers using gay applications in
retaliation for what they experienced. By using the application, teenagers who experience trauma will get a sense of comfort as a result of having similar deviations.

Furthermore, the school environment in the school environment can be one of the factors causing sexual deviance in Gresik district. A school that is a place where teenagers are educated but can be a place of bullying or bullying. Bullying carried out between students can actually result in disruption of students’ mental and psychological conditions due to bullying carried out between students so that students experience mental disorders and result in the condition of the students themselves where then students will feel afraid, feel alone, no longer socialize with colleagues. As a result of behavior carried out by peers, adolescents experience social crises in the school environment and result in students or adolescents needing friends to tell stories. Bullying makes students use social media to socialize and then results in students using gay applications as a form of action they consider right because teenagers consider gay applications as applications that accept them without bullying.

The play environment brings positive and negative sides depending on how the environment conditions and adolescents place themselves. Teenagers have a level of comfort when they tell stories are listened to well, good listeners are people sought after by teenagers. Therefore, the play environment will later affect the process of sexual deviance if the teenager cannot sort and take care of themselves. The play environment is one of the environments that is close to young men because basically men themselves prefer to play compared to women. Therefore, the play environment is vital to influence adolescent understanding patterns and behavior. Behavior carried out by peers can be a behavior that will later be carried out continuously by adolescents. Teenagers who use gay applications in Gresik regency can deviate due to the poor play environment, this is because several things such as their play environment are all men, resulting in what kind of curiosity the woman does not convey, resulting in deviation of sexsibility in the teenage boy and resulting in teenage boys hooking up with their own male friends. The ruling factor in the playing environment also affects this, resulting in the ruler or who is feared by teenagers to be semena mena do various things that are less reasonable in reason, such as having to follow what the ruler does, for example having husband and wife relations with men or having to do oral sex. So that from this environment results in teenagers who were previously straight to become bisexual or like the same sex or like two opposite sex, namely liking men and women from here then later teenagers will access same-sex applications be it hornet, blued, grindr to vent their sexual desires.

The strategy to get a partner in the walla or blued or hornet pair search application is very diverse, users in the blued or walla application can be by looking at the biodata identity
first, be it a profile photo, the role of the user, be it a vers where this vers can be flexible, it can be a female and male figure, then there is a top where the top is a figure who becomes a man while there is a bot that becomes a female figure. In the walla application itself, it does have several roles so that other users can later find out from the user profile what the role is looking for to become a partner is because fellow roles also cannot be paired. Users in the walla or blued application can also add height, body shape both from fit, muscular, burly, large and others so that it can attract the attention of other users to contact account users besides that users can also use access to the purpose of using the application both for chat, dating, friends, connections, dating and immediately meet or write in the user's bio related to the purpose of using the application. So from here then that can be used by users to attract the attention of other users. Users can also give seduction and give gifts to other users if they really have a sense of restraint in pairs. The hornet application itself is almost the same as the blued or walla application where the hornet application also provides access to the use of applications related to filling in personal data both to provide profile photos then personal photos and the purpose of using the application then gender so that other users can also find out about the user's information so that it can provide a separate knowledge for other users related to the partner sought so that when the user is one With other application users interested in each other by seeing the edits that have been written they will contact the user's account so that later it is expected to establish an online communication interaction and later will communicate intensely so that it can be both vers, bot, top get the partner they have wanted from the introduction.

Figure 6. Access Walla or Blued and Hornet App User Profiles
The impact of using gay applications is very diverse, application users will get bullied when they are caught using the application because the gay application is a sexual deviant application. Bullying carried out by the community and peers is very diverse, such as not wanting to make friends or being expelled from the village. However, from various sources that researchers conducted using interview methods from several samples, there were never cases that knew that they were gay. But basically, if this is found out, these teenagers will get social sanctions from society because basically our culture is more eastward so this kind of thing is considered inappropriate.

This deviation not only has a negative effect on teenagers but has a positive effect on users when the gay application is used properly such as by using the application to do same-sex social interaction and doing positive things together such as building a joint business due to the same sexuality factor or the same fate. However, not all teenagers on the application use gay applications for positive things, teenagers also use the application for prostitution by selling themselves at their own rates, this can be done by teenagers because teenagers have factors why they sell themselves to male connoisseurs such as economic factors. Family economic factors are common for them to be a major factor why they do this. Rates for teenagers who sell themselves start from Rp.100,000 to Rp.1,500,000. These rates are based on their experience and physique, the more the teenager has a good physical level, the higher their price among same-sex enthusiasts.

Teenagers in using gay applications such as blued and hornet not only sell themselves to serve the same sex but in the application there are also several services such as massage, traditional massage offered by users who do use the application to make a profit but even though there are services provided but basically the massage and massage services do not only serve massage or massage but users also provides additional massage services both massage for vitality and for intercourse with various rates offered ranging from traditional massage ranging from Rp.100,000 to above depending on the individual application user and the services provided. But from the benefits provided, it also has a negative impact as well as the transmission of diseases such as HIV and others.

**CONCLUSION**

The development of technology makes developments in terms of finding a mate easier, this is because someone is no longer looking for a partner through a dating agency or matchmaking. The development of smartphones makes a person can easily find a partner through a smartphone by accessing the playstore and appstore to use it in finding matchmaking applications such as matchmaking for gays both hornet applications and
walla applications. Teenagers use hornet and blued applications due to several backgrounds such as trauma due to parental abuse, loss of a father figure, bullying, sexual harassment so that then teenagers access hornet and blued applications as an effort to get a father figure or due to other factors. The strategy used in getting a partner in the application is very easy, users can use access to the features in the application as an effort to get a partner, seduction and gift giving into an identity in getting a partner's heart. The impact caused by the use of blued and walla applications has both positive and negative impacts. Positive impact there are various beneficial features such as the live streaming feature to get beans from other users so that the application account can be used as a place to sell both products such as poppers and others to services such as massage or massage services to sell personal videos to other users for profit and there are negative impacts that are caused such as sexual deviance, the spread of venereal diseases.

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