

THE INFLUENCE OF TIKTOK ON CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOR: AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the influence of the TikTok application on children's behavior and the role of parents in addressing it from an Islamic perspective. This research uses a literature review approach with primary sources such as books, journals, and official reports from both government and private organizations. The results show that the TikTok application has a negative impact on children's behavioral development. TikTok contains videos featuring dances performed by both males and females, which can lead to a loss of modesty. Furthermore, excessive use of TikTok can waste time on non-beneficial activities and distract children from remembering and worshipping Allah. The role of parents, entrusted by Allah to raise and educate their children, is crucial in providing sufficient education to help them become righteous children (shalih and shalihah) and in guiding them when interacting with the TikTok application.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In today's modern era with technological advances, it has had a huge impact on the development of humanity. With technology, human work is getting easier, more flexible, and faster. The emergence of the internet among humanity makes it connected to each other, both near and far to the ends of the world, without limitations of space and time. Everyone can feel it, from young people to old people (Ulumando et al., 2025). With all the convenience and speed of existing technology, of course this cannot be separated from various influences, every update that exists certainly has good or bad impacts. This also applies to technology. With technology, this is not free from various bad impacts (Irawan et al., 2024).

Social media is one of the advances that is present in this era, one of these social media is the TikTok platform. The TikTok application is an application that provides various content in the form of videos. Currently, the TikTok application is very widely used by various groups in the world, especially among young people. The TikTok application displays various kinds of content with various themes, such as displaying various kinds of information, knowledge, and various interesting entertainment videos, both short and quite long. With the popularity of the TikTok application, there is more and more content available in it. So, there is not a little content that displays actions that cause many problems, show bad behavior, and cause a lot of harm. The many behaviors presented by TikTok need to be given serious attention, because TikTok has a very big impact on children who are still in the phase of forming their character and morals. Bad standards for children can be affected by the impact of these TikTok videos. Which will also have an impact

on the way of dealing with one child and another (Nahla et al., 2024).

Therefore, the Islamic religion, which is appropriate for every age, era, and place, regulates and educates its people so that they are protected from various damages and bad influences. Allah as the creator of the law pays great attention to the golden age and phases of children's growth and development, especially in terms of faith and morals. Islam teaches the importance of teaching good morals and education to children. So, with Islamic education for children will make them children who have good morals, are useful for the community and practice Islamic principles in everyday life (Asih, 2024).

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

First, Zahrotun Nahlah, Bagus Setiawan, and Anisa Fitri Nabila who researched "The Impact of TikTok on the Decline in Ethics of the Young Generation" which was conducted in 2024. The approach used in the research was a literature review. The results of the study showed that TikTok is a very disturbing social media because of the many bad influences that affect children, both young children and teenagers, both in terms of academics and knowledge.

Second, Dedi Irawan, Pirhat Abbas, and Mohd Arifullah who researched "Social Media and Teenage Deviation in an Islamic Perspective" which was conducted in 2024. The approach used in the research was a literature study. The results of the study showed that social media provides many benefits because from it we can get information, religion is the main foundation so that

treatment is not deviant, and Islam regulates children to achieve good morals.

Third, Nur Hasinah A. Ulumando, Yanti Rosalina Naitboho, and Syarif Idris PS who researched "The Impact of TikTok Use on the Lifestyle of Muslim Students: A Study of TikTok Social Media Use on Students of the Akhwal Asy-Syakhsiyyah Study Program, Muhammadiyah University of Kupang" which was conducted in 2025. The approach used in the study was library research. The results of the study showed that TikTok has made drastic changes to the lifestyle of Muslim students in the Akhwal Asy-Syakhsiyyah Study Program, Faculty of Islamic Studies, Muhammadiyah University of Kupang, where TikTok has positive and negative impacts. Therefore, wisdom is needed in using the application.

Fourth, Sri Asih who researched "Education of Moral Character as a Foundation in an Islamic Perspective" which was conducted in 2024. The approach used in the study was library research. The results of the study showed that Islamic religious education is very important for building and advancing children's character. Because as Islamic religious education is one of the efforts to make people have good morals.

Fifth, Misder Julianto who researched "The Impact of TikTok in Influencing the Young Generation" which was conducted in 2023. The approach used in the study was qualitative research. The results of the study showed that the TikTok application is very disturbing for the younger generation because it is used unwisely and also contains vulgar content.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The method used in this study is library research or literature study. Literature study is a research activity carried out by collecting news and data. Which reference sources come from books, notes, articles, or scientific literature that discuss the topic to be studied. This research is carried out analytically and carefully so that the data is collected, then processed, to obtain conclusions and answers from the research results sought from the research (Sari & Asmendi, 2020).

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A child is a trust that Allah gives to his chosen servants. A child is a great responsibility for his parents. Because a child with good and pious morals will lead his parents to goodness in this world and the hereafter, and vice versa, if a child has bad morals and is not pious, it will bring badness both in this world and the hereafter. A child is one of three things whose deeds are not interrupted, namely a pious child, because the prayers of a pious child will be the reason his parents still get rewards even though they have died. Therefore, it is important to educate children to become pious and pious children as a form of investment in the hereafter (Kaslam, 2021)

With the advancement of current developments, parents must be extra careful to protect them from bad influences and educate them with good education. Social media also plays a role in accompanying children's development, because they have used and lived side by side with it, one of the social media that is very popular with children today is TikTok. TikTok provides a lot of content for all ages and social groups. The

content produced and presented from the TikTok application is in the form of short and cool content that can be shown to friends and in the video, there is music, so TikTok users can add dances or choreography, and style freely. So, this will make children addicted to using the TikTok application, as a result children behave inappropriately for their age (Ilahin, 2022).

As if it has become an obligation when gathering with family or friends to create video content on TikTok and affect their personality and behavior, because when they are busy making TikTok videos they will be angry and annoyed if disturbed. And also, they ignore or do not pay attention to the surrounding conditions because they are busy with the shows on TikTok. Because children are still in the phase of finding their identity, this will greatly affect children's morals. Feeling happy when being the center of attention of society (Ilahin, 2022).

As a modern technology user when using social media, it must be accompanied by faith and piety, because if someone is equipped with these two things, then he will use social media for something useful, then he will get benefits from it. And vice versa if you do not use it for something useful, you will get bad things. Therefore, the perfect Islamic religion has regulated how humans should have good morals for the sake of good honor and image for each individual (Irawan et al., 2024).

Responding to the many negative impacts of TikTok, in Islamic law, namely first, showing one's private parts can be done by showing various dances and choreography or dance, which shows the shapes of the body, its private parts and this causes the loss of shame that should be embedded in humanity, especially Muslims. Shame is very important in the basic

foundation of a Muslim's morals, because shame is a shield to avoid doing bad and harmful actions (Irawan et al., 2024). TikTok really eliminates this sense of shame. Whereas in the hadith of the Prophet Muhammad, it has been taught that if there is no sense of shame, humans will do whatever they want (Tuasikal, 2019). And Allah has also ordered to cover the private parts perfectly for both men and women. Allah says: "O children of Adam, verily We have sent down to you clothing to cover your private parts and beautiful clothing for adornment" (Irawan et al., 2024).

Second, lying. In order to achieve popularity on TikTok, many users of their accounts create fake news and unreliable information. The lies are packaged as attractively and beautifully as possible so that people who watch the content will immediately believe it. This is very contrary to Islamic teachings, because lying is one of the three signs of hypocrisy, namely when he speaks, he lies. Lying is also included in sinful acts, where if the person who is exposed to fake news until the source dies, his *jariyah* sin will also continue to flow to him. Even in a joking state, lying is still not allowed. So, lying will have a bad influence both in this world and in the hereafter (Irawan et al., 2024).

Third, waste time. A lot of time is spent using TikTok, starting from watching useless videos to spending hours, then making dance videos repeatedly. This can distract Muslims from various kinds of worship, such as delaying the time for prayer. In Islam, time is very valuable, because every moment that passes is worth a reward if it is passed with good deeds (Irawan et al., 2024).

Fourth, the spread of illegal content, such as pornography, gambling, violence, hate speech or insults (Helandri et al., 2023). this is very inconsistent with Islamic legal values and has an influence on children's language style and behavior in a negative way which can be seen from the way they speak in a style that is less civilized and less polite (Permana et al., 2025). Because Allah regulates the rights of every individual and maintains their confidentiality, and Allah also protects human property and souls so that humans live in peace and tranquility.

Fifth, Addiction. Addiction to using TikTok is undeniable to have a negative influence. Among them, disruption to the psychological stability of TikTok users includes the effectiveness of sleep time, anxiety, and mood disorders. "Fear of Missing Out" (FOMO) is the biggest cause of addiction to this TikTok application where users experience pressure to always follow the latest and newest trends (Permana et al., 2025). Feelings of not being left behind by the development of the times. Islam teaches its followers not to waste money on useless things and to live according to their individual abilities. As a result, the feeling of gratitude slowly disappears in the souls of children who are exposed to trends and feelings of inferiority or lack of confidence in the choices made also arise, as well as the need to feel recognized by social circles (Maruapey et al., 2025).

Sixth, creating social comparisons. TikTok often presents idealistic content, which not everyone can achieve the ideal concept. Therefore, this can trigger social comparisons among TikTok users and feelings of unhappiness with the life they are currently living (Permana et al., 2025). Social disparities can be in various ways, such as: the economy which has differences in

wealth and property, differences in the quality and access to education, differences in health services, differences in the spotlight and quality of natural resources between urban and rural areas between regions. Islam teaches that humans must feel optimistic, continue to strive and surrender to Allah whatever the results because everything is Allah's destiny and Allah is the one who provides sustenance (Yumaris & Lensa, 2023).

5. CONCLUSION

Islam teaches its followers to always have noble morals. All of this can be achieved if parents educate their children well and their children are given a pious environment and friends. With the rapid development of the current era, where the world is very sophisticated, of course parents have many challenges in educating their children. Among the challenges of educating children in today's era is the challenge of the many bad influences produced by technology. Among these technologies is a social media called TikTok. TikTok is an application that is widely used by the world's population, from young to old. TikTok presents various kinds of content in the form of videos.

TikTok has many bad impacts such as, loss of children's self-confidence, making children like to lie, eliminating children's shame because they show choreography or dances anywhere, whether at home, market, roadside, park, at work and others, wasting time on things that are not useful, neglecting to worship Allah, the spread of content that is detrimental to many parties, and creating social comparisons which will make children force their condition beyond their abilities. It can give children excessive anxiety and a sense of always following trends, every

time there is an update in terms of fashion, goods and so on they try to buy and have it, because if they don't have it, they will feel out of date. This requires children not to be themselves.

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