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THE PHENOMENON OF ONLINE GAMBLING AND ITS IMPACT ON THE FAMILY ECONOMY (CASE STUDY IN GEDANG VILLAGE, SUNGAI PENUH CITY)

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ABSTRACT

This research was carried out with the aim of describing the prevalence of online gambling via cellphone media and the lack of understanding among some people about whether online gambling is haram, which will have a negative impact on the family economy in Gedang Village, Sungai Penuh City. Using qualitative research and descriptive research types. Data collection techniques use observation, documentation and interviews, so that all data is analyzed qualitatively using inductive thinking methods. The results of this research show that the rise of online gambling via cellphones is caused by low levels of education and starts from trial and error and in daily interactions so that online gamblers become addicted, thus violating Pasal 27 ayat 2 Electronic Information and Transaction Law and not maintaining their senses (muhafazah al- Aql) in the muqashid of Sharia.

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INTRODUCTION

Modernisation in the era of globalisation has resulted in structural and cultural changes. One form of modernisation is the development of forms of crime in the world of technology, including online gambling(Setyawati & Widjaya, 2023). Online gambling refers to gambling activities conducted over the internet, where gamblers must agree on the rules of the game and the bets to be made(Fanani & Tritasyah, 2023). Online gambling can be an addiction, where initially just trying it out and getting the next win will spur the desire or desire to repeat it with bigger and bigger bets with the hope that the more money that is bet, the victory will get more results(Mustaqilla et al., 2023). Online gambling is very easy to access on the internet, and has even mushroomed in various circles. So that many people spend their time gambling online so that they forget their obligations such as looking for the head of the family.

In Surah al Maidah verse 90 explains that gambling is detrimental and includes the actions of the devil, gambling is considered an option that promises profit without having to work hard. For people with low economic classes, gambling is considered the right choice for them to make money more easily(Sopalatu, 2017). Whether we realise it or not, the consequences of gambling are far more dangerous and detrimental than the benefits obtained.

If you pay attention, this online gambling game has a negative impact both socially, psychologically, physically and economically, causing the emergence of online gambling addiction(Azmia, 2021). Online gambling often makes individuals spend more time in front of a screen, thus reducing time to interact with family and causing social relationships such as relationships with friends and family to become tenuous(A. S. Sitanggang et al., 2023). Psychologically, someone who often plays online gambling will often think about the game being played so that it reduces the level of concentration. Usually online gamblers spend their time until late at night especially accompanied by a lack of physical activity, it will certainly have an impact on health, such as decreased liver function where one of the functions of the liver is to neutralise toxins in the body. In fact, it is not impossible that other diseases will also slowly be affected by online gamblers due to neglecting a healthy diet and exercise routine(Asriadi, 2020). Economically, online gambling causes individuals to spend more money than they can afford, which can result in mounting debts. This can even lead to cases of theft, where the purpose of this theft is to get money from the stolen

so that they can buy chips and be able to play online gambling(Sahputra et al., 2022). Meanwhile, Islam requires every adherent to follow Sunatullah in seeking income in a good and halal way. As for gambling, it makes a person rely solely on good luck, coincidence and empty dreams. Therefore, he is reluctant to work hard and try to everything that has been given by Allah.

The phenomenon of online gambling has turned out to be widespread in Indonesia, one of which is Gedang Village, Sungai Penuh Subdistrict, Sungai Penuh City, Jambi Province. The presence of online gambling in Gedang Village greatly affects the economic conditions of families. This online gambling addiction certainly has an impact and influence on the husband's behaviour towards his wife and children, namely in terms of uncontrolled emotions. In addition, this online gambling also has an impact on the assets owned by the family couple. This online gambling addiction has a negative impact such as the behaviour of husbands who sell property or furniture in their homes, so this often triggers arguments in their households.

As a result, many of them often lie to their wives regarding finances, and neglect to provide for their children and wives. So that there are often quarrels in the household due to this online gambling itself. They will often quarrel due to playing this online gambling and make high emotions and even do not hesitate to hit Isti and children and commit other acts of violence. Of course, this will have an impact on the household economy and also the goal of a sakinah, mawaddah and rahmah household cannot be achieved. This raises the question of the extent of public understanding and awareness of Islamic Law regarding online gambling activities and the application of laws that can be applied. In this study, researchers are interested in examining more deeply the economic impact of the people of Gedang Village, Sungai Penuh City who are involved in online gambling.

METHOD

In terms of the type of data, the research approach used in this research is a qualitative approach. What is meant by qualitative research is research that intends to understand the phenomenon of what is experienced by the research subject holistically, and by means of descriptions in the form of words and language, in a special natural context and by utilising various scientific methods(Moleong, 2017)

The type of research approach is descriptive. Descriptive research is research that seeks to tell the solution of existing problems now based on data(Mardawani,

2020). The type of descriptive qualitative research used in this study is intended to obtain information about the phenomenon of online gambling and its impact on the family economy in Gedang Village, Sungai Penuh Subdistrict. What is meant by qualitative research is research that intends to understand the phenomenon of what is experienced by the research subject holistically, and by means of descriptions in the form of words and language, in a special natural context and by utilising various scientific methods(Umrati; Wijaya, 2020).

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In gambling, the media used is a smartphone or mobile phone. 66.48% of the Indonesian population has accessed the internet in 2022 and 62.10% in 2021(Badan Pusat Statistik, 2022). The high use of the internet reflects the climate of information openness and public acceptance of technological developments and changes towards an information society. The high number of internet users in Indonesia is inseparable from the rapid development of mobile phones. In 2022, it was recorded that 67.88 per cent of the population in Indonesia had cellular phones. This figure increases when compared to the condition in 2021 which reached 65.87 per cent.

Based on the data above, it is in line with what Mr Anwar said, namely: "Nowadays everything we need is on mobile phones. Whatever we are looking for is all on mobile phones, so it depends again on the user. Used for benefits or mudharat". The same thing was also expressed by Mr Admiral, a member of the Sungai Penuh City Police, namely: "Now all circles of society mostly use mobile phones even early childhood without exception. So the use depends on the user whether it will be useful or the opposite".Then one of the community also revealed that they use mobile phones in addition to communication as well as for entertainment, one of which is online gambling.

Based on several interviews, it is stated that the use of mobile phones in negative terms is used for online gambling. This makes it easy for everyone to do gambling with

the mobile phones they use every day. This has a very bad impact on mobile phone users, especially for residents of Gedang Village, Sungai Penuh.

This was revealed by the Head of Gedang Village, Mr Ir. Efdal Taufik that "when monitoring community activities, there are a lot of young people and also men hanging out who are said to be mabar (playing together), it turns out they are playing online games, and one of the online games is gambling. As a village official here, I am very worried about the social development of my residents because they should be working, fulfilling their responsibilities to their families.Based on these interviews, it can be concluded that the current level of use of mobile phones is widely used for gambling practices.

The lack of public understanding about online gambling has a negative impact on the family economy. Based on the author's observation that of the 12 Neighbourhood with a total population of 4,821 people and half of the population is male and 1,281 are heads of families. The low level of education of the community has an impact on their understanding of online gambling. According to Mr Admiral "The community actually understands that gambling is haram, but when they play online gambling, they feel that they can quickly get a win (money) so that it motivates them and is addicted to continuing to play this online gambling even though a lot has to be sacrificed, especially internal property, which ultimately causes their hearts to be closed. The word of Allah SWT in Surah Al-Baqarah verse 219 is explained:

يَسْـَٔلُوْنَكَ عَنِ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِۗ قُلْ فِيْهِمَآ اِثْمٌ كَبِيْرٌ وَّمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِۖ وَاِثْمُهُمَآ اَكْبَرُ مِنْ نَّفْعِهِمَاۗ وَيَسْـَٔلُوْنَكَ مَاذَا يُنْفِقُوْنَ ۗ قُلِ الْعَفْوَۗ كَذٰلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللّٰهُ لَكُمُ الْاٰيٰتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَفَكَّرُوْنَۙ ٢١٩

They ask you about alcohol and gambling. Say, "In both there is great sin and some benefit to man. But the sin is greater than the benefit." And they ask you about what they should spend. Say, "The excess (of what is necessary)." Thus Allah explains His verses to you so that you may think (Q.S. Al-Baqarah: 219).

The above verse states that gambling and intoxicants are major sins. This verse answers the questions that the Companions asked the Prophet. The answers are not only about the law of alcohol and gambling, but also answer the question of what to spend on; and also about the issue of orphans. The dangers of gambling are no less than the dangers of drinking alcohol. Gambling makes people happy and angry quickly, and anger will lead to hostility and even murder.

The dangers caused by gambling include making addicts have a tendency to destroy self-esteem, waste families, very easily antagonise other people, tendency to steal, switch to eating wealth by unlawful means, lack of consideration in doing bad and vile deeds. In fact, all of these actions are habits that are very disliked by people who think normally. However, those who are addicted to gambling do not realise this, even more so as if they are deaf and blind. If a place has been infected with gambling, then there is always strife, hostility and murder in that place. Reckless work, often happens to gambling players, such as suicide, robbery, and others. As a result of gambling, morals will be damaged, do not want to work to make a living in a good way, always expecting victory from gambling. In the history of gambling, there are no people who are rich because of gambling, on the contrary, many rich people suddenly fall into poverty and destitution because of gambling. There are also many happy households that suddenly fall apart because of gambling.

However, it goes back to the people of online gambling. They enjoy their frivolity more so that it becomes a habit that eventually plunges them and it is difficult to get rid of gambling in their minds. This is in accordance with the words of Allah SWT in Surah Al-Maidah verse 90:

يٰٓاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْٓا اِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْاَنْصَابُ وَالْاَزْلَامُ رِجْسٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطٰنِ فَاجْتَنِبُوْهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُوْنَ ﴿٩٠﴾

O you who believe, verily (drinking) wine, gambling, (sacrificing to) idols, casting lots with arrows, are among the deeds of the devil. So avoid those deeds so that you may have good fortune. The above verse contains confirmation that drinking alcohol and gambling are the deeds of the devil that must be avoided. Various types of gambling both online and slots that have the same characteristics as conventional gambling in terms of gambling and uncertainty of results include major sins. Gambling is essentially an act that is contrary to religious norms, norms of decency and legal norms(Vijananda, 2021). Of course, it is very contrary to the principles of balance and justice in Islam.

Without realising that gambling has a negative impact on their economy, as stated by one of the residents of Gedang Village "I have a friend trapped in online gambling, he sold his land because of debt and I witnessed the sale of the land. When asked what the debt was and what the money was used for, it turned out to be to make up for the online gambling losses he had made."

Therefore, the impact of online gambling on the family economy is very destructive and causes the perpetrators to get into debt. The same thing was also expressed by brother IW (30 years old), one of the people who did online gambling, namely; "Because of hobbies and likes, like that sin, knowing that it is haram but still doing it as entertainment. It is very detrimental, what is used up. Even the money used as savings is also used up to play gambling and also I always fight with my wife".Actually, they themselves understand that gambling is haram and very detrimental. But they still do it because it has become a habit. So it goes back to the person's psychology to refrain from gambling.

The author quotes again the results of interviews with online gambling individuals. The lack of religious understanding has a negative impact on the perpetrator's economy. Based on the statement from AD (35 years), namely: "For the youth in RT 12, the level of understanding is very low, seen from the number of teenagers who drop out of school and they do online gambling, it is very bad and even destructive."

In Indonesia, gambling has been prohibited in Article 27 paragraph (2) juncto Article 45 paragraph (2) of the Electronic Information and Transaction Law. Parties who intentionally distribute or make accessible online gambling are punished with a maximum imprisonment of 6 years and/or a maximum fine of Rp 1 billion. In addition, Article 303 of the Criminal Code imposes a maximum imprisonment of 4 years and/or a maximum criminal fine of IDR 10 million for gambling players. Despite being prohibited by Indonesian law, online gambling is still widely found in the community. From the point of view of the sociology of law, the series of criminal regulations that ensnare online gambling offenders have not been effective in becoming a means of social control over society(A. Sitanggang et al., 2023)

Some social problems and conditions are conducive factors that cause crime. In general, the problem of gambling is difficult to overcome because there are many influences from the increasingly complex circumstances of development around society so that it requires cooperation between the community and law enforcement officials in addition to requiring a long time and also requires enormous costs (Santoso, 2022). The sanctions given to the perpetrators are only light so that they are not deterred from their actions while the dealers or those who carry out this act are sometimes free from legal sanctions. In addition, there are also several factors that make it difficult for gambling to be completely clean from the environment.

CONCLUSION

Based on some findings in the field, mobile phones as a means of communication in general are now widely used for things that are not useful and are misused for negative things, namely online gambling. Through mobile phones the practice of gambling is very easy to do. The lack of understanding about religion in the family causes husbands or children to fall into gambling. Without realising that gambling has a negative impact on their economy and life in the future.

Some people who do online gambling are caused by the environment where they live and where they work also do the same thing so that they are easily tricked into doing this bad thing. They feel that online gambling can make them earn money instantly. The difficulty of the local government to prevent online gambling is because they do not have the means to block online gambling accounts or applications.

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