

Sosialisasi diri : remaja di internet = Self socialization : adolescence in the internet

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Abstrak

Tulisan ini menelaah proses sosialisasi yang terjadi di dalam konteks internet. Teknologi internet yang baru muncul mengambil peranan penting dalam kebudayaan dan aktivitas sosial. Salah satu dampak yang masih kurang ditelaah adalah dampaknya bagi proses sosialisasi remaja. Perkembangan teknologi yang cepat membuat agen sosialisasi tradisional, seperti orang tua dan pemerintah, merasa khawatir dengan perkembangan peran internet. Tulisan ini mencoba menelaah karya dan pendapat berbagai ahli terkait sosialisasi, sosialisasi remaja, dan dampak internet terhadap proses ini. Salah satu argumen menarik mengenai internet sebagai konteks sosialisasi adalah bahwa proses sosialisasi di internet ternyata lebih mendekati sosialisasi diri. Berbagai sifat internet seperti anonimitas, luasnya konteks, minimnya otoritas, serta kebaruan struktur dunia internet membuat individu remaja memiliki kebebasan dan agensi yang lebih tinggi dalam proses sosialisasi. Tulisan ini juga mencoba menelaah berbagai aktivitas sosialisasi remaja yang secara khusus berjalan di dalam konteks internet, seperti perilaku fiktif, berbohong, dan perancangan sebagai metode check and balances yang lebih egaliter.

The purpose of this paper is studying the kind of socialization process happening in the internet. Since its emergence the internet has taken an important role in culture and social activity. Yet studies in several of its contexts, such as adolescent socialization, is still sorely lacking. The radically development of the internet is quickly changing society and the nature of socialization, incurring anxiety and confusion especially on traditional agents of socialization. This paper is written in an attempt to study and compare some expert's studies and opinions regarding socialization, adolescent socialization, and the internet's impact on it. One of the most interesting opinion, is that the process of socialization happening in the internet is actually closer to the definition of self socialization. Some of internet's contexts, such as lack of anonymity, breadth of context, lack of authority and the relative novelty of internet's social structure are the factors influencing adolescent socialization. In the internet, adolescents tend to have a higher level of agency and independence in their socialization process. This paper also covers various adolescent socialization activities happening uniquely in the internet context, such as fictive behavior, lying, and scaffolding as a more egalitarian form of check and balances.