



THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY IN DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS IN STUDY CHARACTER BUILDING

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Abstract

The family has an important and main role in children's development in character education studies both at home and at school. Character education is a form of realizing and developing the character of students who are of good quality in terms of ethics, morals and academic achievement. One of them is the family which is the main forum for a child in forming educational character at home. Involvement of families and children to get to know each other. And the involvement of parents and teachers at school in paying attention to a child's growth and development in class. The problems that arise in forming character education are caused by the lack of parental awareness of character education. Parents prioritize their children's academic achievements and grades over politeness and honesty. This results in an education that is smart but does not have good character, lack of ethics and morals in every child. So overall, parents have the most important role in the development of students in character education studies both at home and in the surrounding social environment. To prevent bad character in children, parents are expected to be able to provide good parenting and guidance without resorting to violence. Likewise schools, with teachers who teach students how and what are the good character points as a student.

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Introduction

Education today does not only look at how many students there are in each school, but also has to look at the quality of those children. This is one of the challenges for the world of education in dealing with the conditions of children which are increasingly worrying day by day. Where morals and manners for children are very low and minimal, with many actions occurring outside the limits of a child such as fighting, brawls, promiscuity, and so on. It is worth suspecting that the cause is in his own family environment by observing his family background. (Andhika, 2021). In the development of students or children, the family has an important role in forming character education in the home environment. Apart from family, teachers at school also have a role in forming character in the school environment. A child's character is first formed through closeness and good communication between the child and his parents. Through close proximity and good communication, the child's character will be well formed. Therefore, character education is an identity that helps in forming a quality Indonesian generation. The role of the family in the development of students is to provide good facilities and infrastructure in the world of education. Apart from the world of education, students' development in forming character education can also be carried out in the family, community and social environment. The main education of a child is education from parents since in the womb. In the sense that education is an alarm for every parent to evaluate how their child's education has been adapted to the religion and culture of their nation (Purwasih, 2021). A family that is harmonious, peaceful, full of affection and love will affect the psychological condition and character of a child. The aim of the role of parents in character education is to find out what steps families take to build children's character in the era of globalization with current technological developments. The role of the family that

helps in forming character in children is the presence of father and mother figures in parenting, a good communication approach, spending quality time with children, and educating children in an authoritative pattern. Success in educating children does not only lie in the results of the child's academic achievements, but what is most important is the positive character that emerges in the child. Preparing and creating a strong generation is not an easy thing. Behind that, synergy and support from both parents is needed. Because the obligation to educate children lies in the hands of both parents, namely father and mother. The problems that arise in forming character education are caused by the lack of parental awareness of character education. Parents prioritize their children's academic achievements and grades over politeness and honesty. This results in an education that is smart but does not have good character, lack of ethics and morals in every child. So overall, parents have the most important role in the development of students in character education studies both at home and in the surrounding social environment. Character education is not part of the process of doing exam questions, memorizing, getting good grades. Character education is a person's habits, character, psychological traits, morals or manners. The habit of always doing good, being honest, being ashamed of cheating, and lying about things that are not good. Character cannot be formed in an instant way, it is not as easy as giving suggestions, advice and instructions but must be trained continuously and proportionally with the aim of forming a strong character and mentality. (Ahmad, Adrian, & Arif, 2021).

Research Methodology

This research uses a literacy study approach method. This literacy study research is research that obtains the necessary sources of information or quoted materials from libraries and the internet. Regarding theories and ideas related to this research, we sorted existing sources of information according to the title. The data collection technique for information sources is using literacy study techniques or known as qualitative descriptive analysis.

Result & Discussion

The family is a small unit in society consisting of father, mother and children and has an important role in first education at home. The family is the first and main environment for a child, where the child begins everything he does not know is within his own family. According to Soelaeman, in a psychological sense, a family is a group of people who live together in a common residence and each member feels an inner bond so that they influence each other, pay attention and exchange stories. The family itself is the main forum for a child in the process of growth and development (Rohmatin, 2018). Every individual in society has a different form of character, both formed from birth and environmental factors. Because a person's character can be formed from where he lives and what the surrounding environment is like. According to Setiawan & Sukatin (2020) character education deserves to be one of the things that must be focused on to create a golden generation in the future. For this reason, especially families should not go off track in providing character intake to children from an early age. In a quote from Amaruddin, Atmaja, & Khafid (2020), Presidential Decree number 87 of 2017 concerning Strengthening Character Education emphasizes that character education aims to protect the nation's children and develop good, noble character values in children. Good character will produce good attitudes and vice versa, bad character will produce bad attitudes. Actually, what is a character? Character comes from the Latin word character, which means character, mental characteristics, personality and habits. According to the Big Indonesian Dictionary, character is the psychological traits, morals, manners that differentiate a person from others (Fadilah, et al., 2021). Character is human values related to God Almighty, fellow humans, the environment, oneself and the culture of one's nation including attitudes, words, actions, thoughts and manners. Character education requires special methods to achieve it, including appropriate methods are praise methods, punishment methods, habituation, and exemplary methods that are trained repeatedly. There are several points of educational character values that can be applied generally, including: religious, responsible, socially caring, peace-loving, communicative, respectful, loving the country, fond of reading, tolerant, democratic, honest, disciplined, creative, hard working, independence, and there are many more character value points that can be formed in students. The main role in forming character education lies with fathers and mothers. Philips, quoted by Zubaedi, stated that the family should be a school for love (school of life), or a place of learning full of true love and affection. The role of parents or family in the development of students in character education studies is very important and most importantly in the surrounding environment, here are some of the roles of the family in shaping character education in children from an early age: (1) Providing religious education. This is the main point in shaping a child's character, the extent to which he understands his religion (2) Instill good values and morals such as being honest, disciplined and responsible (3) Both parents and family members must love and care for each other by providing warmth and harmony in the family status (4) Both parents are expected to be able to maintain peace in their family by controlling all bad emotions that arise and not taking them out on their children (5) Mutual respect and appreciation between parents and children (6) Build a wall of

trust and support every good decision made between parents and children (7) Being able to spend quality time just hanging out with the children, to maintain good communication and closeness without being awkward, sharing stories with each other (8) Parents set examples of good behavior. Because when children see and imitate what their parents do, they should set a good example in front of the children as much as possible (9) Involve children in homework by teaching it slowly without coercion (10) Discuss the rules in the house between parents and children and agree on them without any element of coercion (11) Accompany children's learning and become a personal teacher at home.

Apart from the above points of family roles that are carried out at home, there are several things that parents must also do to contribute to several children's activities at school. Just as parents actively participate in paying attention to their children's attitudes and behavior at school through student activity books provided by the school, parents regularly meet with their children's homeroom teachers to find out how far their learning has progressed at school and how they socialize with their classmates. Parents can do this with children from early childhood up to elementary school level, because in general children at middle and high school levels tend to think that this is an action that restrains them.(Sukma, 2021). Family development of children's character is carried out by nurturing, educating, leading, guiding and managing all the children's needs both at home and at school. A good family pattern of character development for children determines the success of the child's character education. And mistakes in developing children's character patterns caused by the family also have a negative impact on children's character education, such as children committing acts of violence, promiscuity, being easily emotional, thoughts that are always negative, mental health that continues to be disturbed, and children becoming indifferent to surrounding environment(Subianto, 2013). In the current era, families must really pay attention to the way or pattern of caring for children's character. Where there are many bad influences that can come from anywhere and damage the child's character. Including the role of parents in parenting children to prevent bullying behavior, which usually occurs in elementary and middle school children. Bullying is an example of bad character that is still often found in the school environment. In the case of character education to prevent bullying, parents are expected to be able to provide education and strengthen their children so that they are braver and always confident in positive matters, as well as giving their children the opportunity to defend themselves. However, parenting that is too harshly given to children will make children tend to get used to situations that stress or threaten them, resulting in attitudes that are examples of bullying that are detrimental to themselves and the surrounding environment.(Firlana, 2023). For the role of mothers who tend to be emotionally dominant with children, it is hoped that a mother will be able to provide warmth and good advice to her children, both in her actions and words. Apart from the role of the mother who provides warmth, love and affection, there is also the role of the father, namely as a leader in the family. A father is also expected to be able to provide a good example, which has an influence on motoric development in children. The child's closeness to the father influences the child that the father is his main protector. Fathers also have a big influence on children, especially daughters. Even though, as we know, the father is the person who has the highest respect for his child, he is able to hide all his pain in front of his family. So it is not surprising that the role of both parents has a big influence on a child's success. Start with small habits in the surrounding environment, such as towards yourself, family and friends. All parents definitely want children who have good behavior and personality, so start working together between one party and another in shaping that education. With the realization of character education carried out by parents at home, it will be easier for the school to provide additional understanding regarding the character education that is mandatory for a student.

Conclusion

The role of the family in the development of students in character education has an important role in realizing education with students who have moral and ethical quality, not only quality in children's achievements and academics. In this case, good cooperation is needed between parents and children at home and parents and teachers at school. Apart from all that, parents and family are the main forum for a child in forming the kind of character they want. If the family environment supports the formation of the child's character well, then it is certain that the child will provide a good personality to the environment around him. Likewise, if parents do not provide good education and support in forming their child's character, then it is certain that the child will do things beyond his limits without caring about other people around him. This is because children reflect what their family does, sees and hears at home. So for parents or families, start by making habits that have positive value, both directly and indirectly. Because creating a golden generation is not an easy thing to do with one action. Good little habits are needed, such as when you make a mistake, say sorry, when you need help, say please, and when you are given something, say thank you. This may seem trivial to people who do not have good ethics and character, even though the meaning of these three points has a very good meaning when applied to life and the people around them.

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