

THE DYNAMICS OF PROSTITUTES LIVES IN METROPOLITAN CITIES

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Abstract

The prostitute is a terminology that is used for women who provide services in terms of sex to get some money or goods. This study aims to determine the factors that cause a person to become prostitute women in metropolitan cities. Methodologically, this study uses a qualitative approach by conducting interviews with several women prostitute and pimps. The results showed that a person becoming a prostitute woman is caused by economic factors and responsibilities to the family, habits or environment, deviant sexual behavior, and low education.

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INTRODUCTION

Makassar is one of the big and developing cities that has a population of 1,526,667 people (BPS Makassar City 2020). Makassar as a large city with a population in which economic growth and development are growing rapidly also gives birth to diverse conditions or dynamics of life. Makassar like other big cities also experiences an increasing population so according to Sutanto (1995), there will be various problems in the procurement and spatial planning for settlements, education, health, trade, recreation, religion, industry, sports and so on. In addition to the population of the settlement also becomes very important because in it there is an environment consisting of human housing that is equipped with infrastructure - social, economic, cultural and service infrastructure which is a subsystem of the overall city system and the consequences of Big cities are changing in the face of cities by spatial processes and result in overall changes in urban structures (Helbich, M. 2012).

Makassar with all its development also indirectly confirms its identity as a modern city. The identity of the city is a strong concept towards the creation of an image in the mind of someone who had never previously been understood (Fasli, 2003). Makassar as a modern city is growing with the hope of progress coming from within the city to the surrounding area. But, in the perspective of the postmodern era, that hope manifested itself in the development of new urban centers in the metropolitan periphery (Dear & Dahmann, 2008).

A big city like Makassar is a feature of the industry that is being driven quickly. According to Douglass (1998), it must be done by allocating high investment in the industrial sector in large urban centers. The big agenda is expected to go well and economic progress can be enjoyed by all people so that there is no social gap that is very far away. But hope is not always manifesting perfectly. The development of Makassar, on the one hand, will trigger competition to survive at all costs. This process is an adaptation to conditions that change or develop. Urban areas that are increasingly growing and developing also cause the development of heterogeneity which shows the social differences of the population (Mc Gee, 1995). So someone is required to have good skills so as not to be crushed by the pace of development. But the panic also often occurs in conditions that are very complex

(hyper-complex) as it is today. Panic and anxiety direct someone to act without logical thinking.

The panic can be seen from how to survive someone or a group. This panic is marked by the existence of a competitive culture that is a culture that supports public forms of competition and self-affirmation, especially individual verbal skills that are written or oral which are valued as a medium of competitive interaction (Fredal, 2014). But not all individuals or groups can survive in this competitive culture. One of the panic phenomena that was thrown out of the culture of competition in the city of Makassar is the existence of an area where some women or women choose to become prostitutes to survive. Surviving in the view of the prostitute is illustrated as described by Perkins & Bannet in Koentjoro (2004), a form of the business transaction agreed by the parties involved as a short-term nature that allows one or more people to get sexual satisfaction with a variety of methods.

But this phenomenon becomes interesting because Women's prostitute is in the same location. So researchers assume that it is not merely because of economic factors and they choose to become prostitutes. This makes the researcher interested in exploring the life dynamics of the Women's Prostitute in that location, one of the villages in Makassar, Pattingalloang Village, Ujung Tanah District. Where Pattingalloang has a population of 5,572 people (Kecamatan Ujung Tanah Dalam Angka, 2019). This research is a way to be able to see in full the dynamics of the life of Women's prostitute. This study is also different from previous studies which highlight the reasons for these women to become women's prostitute only from economic factors.

METHOD

This research is a type of qualitative research that is a process of research and understanding based on a methodology that investigates a social phenomenon and human problems (Creswell, 2009.) Where this research was carried out in Ujung Tanah, Kelurahan Pattingalloang, Makassar. The position of the research method in the scientific method can be said to be only part of the systematic steps in gaining knowledge because the new research method is a systematic procedure of the operation of the mind or logic that only

produces conclusions or rational provisions/only (Agustang, 2015: 18). This is in line with what was expressed by Miles and Huberman (1994), who stated that qualitative research consists of three components of the flow of activities, namely data reduction, data display, conclusion drawing (verification).

The selection of informants in this study uses a purposive sampling method that is the technique of taking data sources with certain considerations that the data source is considered to know the most about what is expected (Sugiyono, 2008). Purposive sampling is done by taking the subject not based on strata, random, or region but based on the existence of certain objectives (Arikunto, 2010). The informants chosen in this study are those who are following the characteristics or based on the level of information needed, are willing to be interviewed, can be a good source of data, and can be trusted. The main informants were prostitutes who lived in the area as many as 5 people. While 1 pimp and supporting informants are 1 resident who has a place of guidance for the children of the prostitute.

There are at least six sources of evidence that can be used as a basis for collecting case study data including documentation, archival records, interviews, direct observations, participant-observation, and physical artifacts (Yin, 2009). However, in this study data collection was only done through interviews with an oral question and answer process that took place in one direction, meaning the questions came from the interviewee and the answers were given by the interviewee (Fathoni, 2006). The interview process is carried out directly and openly so that the data obtained is more than the subject under study and of course using descriptions in the form of words and language, in a special natural context, and by utilizing various scientific methods (Moleong, 2007).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

1) Economic Factors and Family Responsibilities

Economics is one of the most important and major joints of life. Adequacy of economic needs will make the process of life run with a good and comfortable cycle. But not everyone can be in a good cycle. Then the choice of an antagonist is one way for economic life to continue. One of those choices is to become a prostitute where this choice emphasizes money and money to motivate a prostitute. Economic pressures, poverty factors, cause economic considerations to maintain their survival, and especially to get a better social status (Koentjoro, 2004).

This was stated by Main informants 1 and 5. Based on the results of the interview, the first informant chose to become a Women's Prostitute because her husband and 3 children left her. To meet economic needs quickly is to become a woman prostitute. Furthermore, based on the results of the interview, key informant 1 received more guests or customers in his own home. When they were about to do their work, the 3 children were left by their neighbors. This is done so that the children do not know the work of their parents even though their neighbors know their jobs. Main informant 2 stated when interviewed that Women's Prostitute was the worst choice she had chosen. Because she had applied for a job several times with a junior high school diploma but always failed. Due to inadequate economic conditions and do not want to overload his parents about the economy, becoming a prostitute Woman is a choice. And from the results of being a prostitute, according to the confession of the main informant 2, the economic condition is better than before. His work as a prostitute was kept a secret to his parents by becoming one of the credit kiosk keepers.

While the main informant 5 based on the results of interviews conducted that became a WTS because of a sense of responsibility as a mother who feels the need to provide a decent life for her child even though her husband is still there. The confession of the main informant 5 further stated that her husband spent more time playing cards and gambling. It is not uncommon for her husband

to play the role of a pimp and find a customer for his wife. And the proceeds from the transaction are used to gamble and use illegal drugs. For the main informant 5, the life of the child is primary even though her husband does not carry out his function as the responsible head of the household.

Economic factors are classic factors so someone chooses to become a prostitute. The economic factor is the pressures that must be filled immediately. From the statement of the informant above, it can be seen that shortcuts and as a form of accountability from the economic point of view play a role in holding these economic needs in any way, including becoming a prostitute. Operational economic factors are difficult to meet their daily needs because there are no jobs that generate enough money to be able to meet their daily needs (Munawwaroh, 2010). Structural poverty such as uneven government policies eventually gave birth to a chaotic cross which triggered this circle to keep turning. An inadequate economy met with a high consumptive attitude finally found a short cut which is to become a prostitute.

2) Habits

The environment or habits is one of the forming of a person's character or personality. Habits and ways of choosing life are also shaped by habits. Woscester (2002) in the study found that many prostitute or sex workers originating from or residents of an area where the practice of prostitution is tolerated by local traditions. This is experienced by key informants 3 who have been in this profession for 1 year. Based on the explanation of the main informant 3 in the interview process, the choice to become a prostitute was due to an invitation from his brother who also became a prostitute. Based on observations from researchers during interviews at home, the main informant 3 for the economic level looks well established and well-off.

Another acknowledgment from the main informant 3 that she did this work because she was tempted by his brother's persuasion. With seduction that can meet all, she needs such as the latest HP or other personal needs. Her sister, according to the confession of the main informant 3, still often receives orders when her husband goes to work, but differently, namely with a social media application, then an appointment at a hotel. The tariffs set by the main informant 3 were quite high; this was conveyed during the interview. The tariff set is in the range of IDR 300,000 to IDR 1,000,000. Physically observed by researchers, the main informant 3 who was still 20 years old was fairly young and had a proportional body shape that made it possible to set high prices.

In-depth interviews were conducted by researchers about the high rates set by key informants 3. Based on answers from key informants 3, namely for the tariff of IDR 300,000 that use contraception and only done in the guesthouse or boarding house. While the tariff for IDR 1,000,000 is those that do not use contraception and are carried out in hotels where the main informant 3 has ordered. Interviews were also conducted with a pimp whose main job was selling credit and having a kiosk or room for WTS to do their work when receiving customers. From the results of the interview, the pimps deliberately provide a place for the prostitute so that the results obtained from the agreement with WTS more. Every prostitute who receives customers with the help of a pimp receives 60% plus a room rent of IDR 50,000 / once WTS receives guests. The main informant 3 also stated that the choice to become a prostitute was due to seeing the figure of his brother who had lived with a great deal. What is also interesting is the existence as WTS is always represented by ownership of property or a good home. The obvious temptation is in the form of ownership of luxury goods.

The temptation as stated by Audifax (2006) is built through efforts to make people believe in something and become something that is the subject of their desires as well as the objects of their desires. Make yourself as sex objects to get the subject in the form of money or expensive objects. The statement from the informant described a model that was copied and followed. Modeling is one of the ways of socializing prostitution that is easy and effective (Koentjoro: 2004). This is also the reason for the informants choosing to become a prostitute. Besides, another reason was found why the main informant 3 became a WTS was that since she was still in junior high school she had seen his brother having sex directly with his customers in his own home. So that curiosity and suggestion arise. From the researchers' observations, it appears that the moral boundaries at the research location are very loose or ignored.

3) Sexual Behavior

The things that have often been done are a process that is very difficult to leave. Including the sexual behavior that was originally just for fun, has finally become a necessity that must be met at any time when the feeling arises. This is what triggered the main informant 4 to be Women's Prostitute. Physically what is seen by researchers will be from the main informant 4 is indeed young and sensual grooming. From the interview results it was found that sometimes when the feeling of having sex was present, the main informant 4 could do it with a friend or someone she just met without payment. But when the financial condition is felt to be lacking, the activities of the Women's Prostitute are subject to a tariff. This enormous sexual behavior was acknowledged by key informants 4 sometimes to be released to others when their boyfriends could not fulfill that desire.

Recognition from the main informant 4, sexual behavior done with his boyfriend used to be done sometimes during school hours. But they prefer to skip class and find a place to channel their sexual passions. Another narrative from the main informant 4 is that before having sex, they watch porn videos and often imitate scenes from the video. For the main informant 4, giving honor to his boyfriend who eventually became a necessity because she was sure to be married by his boyfriend. But what happened was not the case. Their relationship ended and key informant 4 was addicted to sex. Main informant 4 never thinks about the long-term of what she does. After graduating from school, with less expertise and high sex needs, the main informant finally became the Women's Prostitute 4. The main informant term 4 "can get the money too good".

It was also found based on the results of interviews that the main informant 4 also often went out of the area with other Women's prostitute for just a walk. But she still runs the activity as a Women's Prostitute in that location. For the main informant 4, having sex is a desire or need that must be fulfilled. Desire according to Baudrillard (in Yasraf, 2011) shows his tendency to immoral forms, because she is strongly influenced by the attitude of rejection of all forms of moral judgment. For the main informant 4 moral is no longer important. For her sex needs must be met even with his friends though.

Desire displayed by the main informant 4 in the view of Lacan (2009) is the desire of an active. Where this desire is the desire to have all means of self-gratification, an object that manifests certain markers. Main informant 4 always has a way to channel his sexual desires which results in sexual satisfaction. Great sexual behavior always asks for ways to be channeled.

4) Lack of Education

Education is the process of absorption of all knowledge from formal and informal classrooms. Through education also all social values are introduced, as well as skills to determine alternative life when work is not found. This becomes important because of increasingly complex life problems and the development of human civilization. A high level of education will help answer all

the problems and challenges of the times. At least someone has the provision to determine the right steps when living life. While people who have low education then tend to experience obstacles to survive and eventually choose a shortcut, one of which is Women's Prostitute. Sriwidodo (1997) in his research stated that besides low WTS education some could not read and write Latin letters.

Based on researchers' interviews with informants, it was found that their education level was only up to the high school level, and some even did not graduate. The main informants 1, 2, and 5 only received education up to junior high school level. While the main informants 3 and 4 completed high school. From the acknowledgment of informants 3 and 4, they completed high school education but rarely participated actively in lessons. They are more engrossed and spend time outside of school. Even they enter the school for only a moment then skip.

Key informants 1, 2, and 5 recognize consciously that they do not have good work skills, so it is very difficult to find decent work. For the main informants 1, 2 who are 37 years and 36 years old, looking for work in large stores is no longer attractive because there will be more expenses and long payday. In the sense of meeting economic needs is very difficult. What they need is money to come quickly to make ends meet as soon as possible.

CONCLUSIONS

The prostitutes are women who make their bodies as a means to produce the necessities of life. The results of this study found a variety of facts that are shaded in the dynamics of the lives of Women's prostitute. The facts are in the form of their causes to become Women's prostitute to the solutions that must be treated to change the mindset and lifestyle of the Women's prostitute.

Each Women Prostitute interviewed by researchers has a different background and has different causes when choosing to become a Female Prostitute. Economic factors remain the main reason for this. Meeting the needs of the fast economy is the main reason someone becomes a WTS. A sense of responsibility as part of the family also triggers someone to fall into a world of favors for a moment. Another cause is because of habits or the environment that presents an interesting picture when becoming a Women Prostitutes. From seeing directly the process of having sex to making the closest people as a role model in terms of the fulfillment of property and luxury objects. This imitation attitude is no more than to achieve a luxurious lifestyle and elevate social conditions in terms of property ownership.

Besides, high sexual desire makes someone always want to vent their sexual libido so that the path taken is to become Woman Prostitutes. This choice of a side from satisfying needs is also a matter of meeting the temporary economy. This factor is more about the gratification of sexual desire alone, but to be able to continue to exist like a face still beautiful, the body remains proportional and adequate accessories, these activities such as "diving while drinking water" satisfy sexual desires and impose rates. These conditions must be followed up with the empowerment of WTS, providing business capital so that economic turn over continues and given an intense explanation of the dangers of free sex. And the most important thing is the effort to build awareness of life that establishes social norms.

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