

# THE RATIONALITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DETERMINING THE FUTURE

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## ABSTRACT

The new modernity brings many consequences for young people in reaching for the future. The many expansions of education that occur in various countries make the younger generation face challenges and risks in achieving the expected future. This research was conducted with an effort to explore and find the meaning of "success" in the perspective of young people and various strategies carried out by young people in achieving the future in an era of uncertainty. This research uses narrative qualitative method. The research was conducted in Yogyakarta. The subjects in the study consisted of eleven young people who were prescribed by purposive sampling. Data collection was carried out by in-depth interviews and literature studies, while data analysis borrowed Miles and Haberman's analysis techniques. The results of this study show that the meaning of success in the perspective of young people has a diverse perspective as someone is said to be successful when they are able to process, survive, dare to take risks for their goals and dreams. Even success is not always interpreted as worldly success but also success in the end. They believe that if in the world they can be "successful" then later in the afterlife they will also be "successful". In achieving the desired success, young people still have various aspirations in the midst of the digital era and the uncertainty of the times. From the diverse aspirations of young people towards the future, they also experience challenges and / or obstacles that come from within young people (laziness, insecurity, poor management) and from outside young people (family and social environment). With the challenges and obstacles they face, young people carry out several strategies to achieve their future both in academic and non-academic fields. Young people also believe that always thinking positively and praying is their key to living a life in the future. From the results of the research above, efforts are made to provide an overview for all circles, both young people, the general public, policy makers, educational institutions to be used as strategic steps in mapping the future of young people.

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