

# **Understanding the Pattern of Relation Between Family Members: Exploratory Study on Marital Relationship and Parent-Child Relationship using Indigenous Psychology**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The family is the smallest and most fundamental social institution in the social structure. Family institutions consist of parents, in this case father and mother, and children. The psychological dynamics that occur in it will have a long-term impact on the individual in it, both positive and negative. However, studies on relationships between individuals in the family are still rarely found. This study uses the approach of indigenous psychology to understand and interpret data, given the dynamics of the family and the values and norms contained therein will be greatly influenced by the cultural context in which the family is located. This research is a qualitative research that will use an open-ended questionnaire to explore the patterns of family, parent-child, and husband-wife relations. The analysis was carried out by content analysis (1991) technique guided by an analytical framework according to Strauss & Corbin (1990). Both of these studies show that interpersonal relationships are experienced and perceived differently by individuals at different age levels. This is due to the different maturity of social cognition in individuals at each age level. Mature individuals tend to emphasize the welfare aspect in the form of harmonious relationships as markers of quality relations. Meanwhile, adolescent individuals, most of whom are still dependent on their parents, view parents as people who are taller than themselves, either because of their great role in raising themselves, or because of the positive characteristics of their parents. Furthermore, male and female adolescents tend to see their mothers as important figures because he devotes his love and caring for children to grow up with patience and kindness. In young women the qualities shown by the mother place the mother as an example for her. While male adolescents tend to see their father as a hero figure that continues. work hard for his family. Aside from being a role model for himself and authority figures, law enforcers in the household. Teenage girls tend to see their father as a hero figure who always protects, as a figure of the head of the family and leaders that must be obeyed, and a role model for him

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