



The Millennial Muslim Activity using Internet: An Indonesian Perception

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to describe the millennial Muslims activity using internet; frequency and duration of access, type of application, content accessed, and their attitude towards the negative content. A survey was conducted on 130 students from Pekanbaru City, Riau Province of Indonesia. The purposive random sampling research samples were students in Islamic curriculum background schools that were accessible to researchers. The data were gained through closed questionnaires and analysed descriptively. The results show that internet use in younger generation of Muslim is worrying, judging from the frequency and duration of their access, and more on social media to chat, to share photos or to view videos. Most respondents used their allowance to access the internet without their parents' concern. High school respondents are tempted to see sadistic and pornographic content when accessing the internet, compared to junior and elementary school respondents. Findings are significant to increase parents' awareness of negative effect of internet usage especially to adolescent.

Keywords: Internet syndrome; Students; Millennial Muslim generations

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INTRODUCTION

Generation for the word millennial shows the similarity of birth year, age, location, and historical experience that has impact on the life phase of certain group of people (Kupperschmidt, 2000, in Putra, 2017). Berkup

(2014) from Turkey stated that millennial generations are those who were born between 1980 and 2001 who right now, they are about 18 to 40 years old. Stafford and Griffis (2008). state that millennial generations are the population who are born between 1980 and 2000, meanwhile United States Census Bureau (2015) limits the birth of kids between 1982 until 2000 for millennial generation.

The research by Yuswohady (2016) explains the characteristics of millennial generations; 1) believe more on user generated content

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