

FACTORS CAUSING THE RISE OF ONLINE GAMBLING AND EFFORTS TO PREVENT IT IN THE SOCIETY ACCORDING TO THE ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract

This study aims to analyze the factors causing the rise of online gambling in society and prevention efforts from an Islamic perspective. In the digital era, widespread internet access has facilitated the spread of online gambling, which is now accessed by various groups, including teenagers. Various factors, such as poverty, lack of employment opportunities, and the influence of the social environment, encourage individuals to engage in gambling practices. In addition, the wrong perception of the probability of winning also exacerbates this problem. From an Islamic perspective, gambling is considered a prohibited act, and prevention efforts need to be carried out through strengthening faith and piety, religious education, and community development. This study is expected to provide a deeper understanding of the impact of online gambling and the importance of social intervention to protect individuals, especially the younger generation, from detrimental behavior.

Keywords: Online Gambling, Prevention, Islamic Perspective

1. Introduction

In today's digital era, information technology has had a significant impact on various aspects of human life, including people's behavior and social interactions. Now, all groups, from adults to teenagers and children, can access the internet and understand the basics of its use. Many people feel that internet services make their lives easier. Various areas of life, such as communication, education, economy, and social interaction, can now be supported by the internet (Addiyansyah & Roffi'ah, 2023). The presence of the internet has also changed the structure of people's lives in Indonesia, where many people now have access to this technology. However, as users, teenagers are often unable to distinguish between internet activities that are truly beneficial. They tend to be easily influenced by their social environment and often do not consider the positive or negative effects of internet use. In addition, the increase in internet use also facilitates abuse for online gambling (Sitanggang et al., 2023). These advances also contribute to the decline of social values in society, which is one of the factors causing the emergence of various social problems. Therefore, it is not easy for someone to adapt or adjust to such a complex society. Difficulties in the process of adjustment and adaptation can cause confusion, anxiety, and various contradictions, both directly visible and hidden, both external and internal (Bobby Ferly, 2023).

Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 11 of 2008 concerning Electronic Information and Transactions (UU ITE), which was ratified in 2008, driven by the rapid development of technology, especially in the field of information technology. In the context of modern globalization, technological progress is very rapid, especially in the information technology sector, which allows individuals to easily access and disseminate information to the wider public. Although this technology brings significant benefits, the advantages of information technology can also have negative impacts, one of which is the potential for misuse to commit cybercrime. Cybercrime refers to illegal acts involving computers and carried out through global electronic networks. Cyberspace itself, which is also often associated with the term "*cybercrime*," refers to a computer-based communication space that exists in a virtual world. The Internet, or better known as cyberspace, has become an important part of everyday life, creating a new reality that erases the boundaries of time and space, allowing for unlimited interaction. Therefore, the term cybercrime is used to describe acts of abuse that occur in this online environment (Alifian Fajar Rizkita, 2023) .

Every individual has the freedom to communicate, enjoy entertainment, and access various things that are considered useful and enjoyable for him/her. The characteristics of cybercrime are global, with the characteristic that this crime is committed by those who have expertise in using the internet and its applications. Thus, it can be concluded that cybercrime is a form of criminal act that utilizes the internet, computers, or other electronic devices as a means to commit crimes. (Muhammad Rizal et al., 2023).

Gambling is a gamble with money, and the person who wins will get all the money. Since gambling depends on fate, the person playing must accept his defeat and lose all the money wagered. In the Islamic view, gambling is an action that is prohibited by Allah SWT. In the Al-Qur'an, the term gambling (*maisir*) is mentioned three times, namely in surah al-Baqarah verse 219 and surah al-Maidah verses 90 and 91. These three verses reveal several bad habits that emerged during the period of ignorance, such as *khamr*, *al-maisir*, *al-ansab* (sacrificing to idols), and *al-azlam* (drawing one's fate with arrows).

In Indonesia and many other countries, online gambling is increasingly rampant, posing a major challenge to society and the government. This activity is more accessible to teenagers and productive age groups than just adults (Fanani & Tritasyah, 2023). Online gambling is one of the most common cyber crimes in Indonesia. According to the Financial Transaction Reports and Analysis Center (PPATK) [2]. Between 2017 and 2022, around 157 million online gambling transactions have been carried out in Indonesia. The total value of money circulating in these transactions reached a total of IDR 190 trillion. This online gambling case not only harms society financially, but also harms the country's social and economic systems (Kesuma, 2023). Online gambling often involves real money transactions, and this can be done through a website or app that hosts the game. However, it is important to remember that online gambling often involves significant financial risks, and can lead to addiction problems or other negative outcomes. In addition, the legality of online gambling varies from country to country. Some countries prohibit it, others strictly regulate it, and some countries allow it completely. It is important for anyone interested in engaging in online gambling to understand the risks and regulations that apply where they live.

Online gambling has many negative impacts, including (1) the money spent on betting will run out when they lose, so that's what drives gamblers to look for more money to play again. Gamblers can go into debt many times Selling items that are not their own to committing theft, (2) Gambling can reduce health and trigger detrimental behavior and emotions, such as defeat which can have an impact on mental health (stress and depression) and cause impulsive and aggressive behavior, (3) Online gambling can interfere with adolescents' interest in learning and hinder their academic process, causing sleep disorders that affect academic activities, (4) Gambling affects adolescent values, where adolescents who play online gambling tend to spend more time in front of the screen than interacting socially, (5) Gambling sites increase the risk of personal data theft. Initially, many people try online gambling as a form of experimentation, but after winning, the desire to continue trying can develop into an addiction, especially if they continue to increase their bets. Often, they ignore the fact that the higher the bet placed, the greater the risk of loss they may face if they lose. This study aims to explore the impact of online gambling on various levels of society, including students, with an emphasis on the economic, social and individual welfare consequences (Ardhan et al., 2023). One example of an online gambling case that is currently happening is an online gambling case carried out by a young man from the Ulujami area in South Jakarta. He was addicted to playing online gambling because he often won

and got a lot of profit, so it was difficult for him to stop. He even made the decision to sell his motorbike and cellphone just to gamble. Even after losing, he kept trying until he ran out of money to bet. He continued to gamble on the internet by borrowing money from his friends, which eventually made him owe them a lot of money (Nurdiana et al., 2022). Then quoted from the tempo.co page, there has been another case of online gambling carried out by a TNI soldier, namely Lieutenant Laut Eko Damara, a member of the Marines who then committed suicide because he was entangled in debt due to online gambling of Rp 819 million. The two cases above show that online gambling addiction can have very serious consequences. Someone who is entangled will continue to find ways to gamble even if they have to sell personal assets or borrow money, which in the end only adds to the financial and emotional burden. Then the pressure due to large debts can affect mental health and trigger desperate actions.

Online gambling is included in the category of criminal acts. Efforts to overcome this crime are known as policies, which refer to efforts to reduce crime through rational criminal law enforcement, with the aim of fulfilling a sense of justice and creating effectiveness. (Kusumaningsih & Suhardi, 2023). The cases that occurred show the serious impact of online gambling addiction, both in terms of financial and mental health. This tragic event raises an urgent need to conduct further research on the factors that trigger online gambling addiction and its impact on people's social and emotional lives. In addition, efforts are needed to overcome these problems. Based on this, I am interested in conducting a study entitled " **Factors Causing The Rise Of Online Gambling And Efforts To Prevent It In The Society According To The Islamic Perspective .**"

2. Research Methods

The data collection technique used in this study uses literature study. Where the author conducted a literature study on journals and articles that discuss related research topics, scientific journals and studies that have been conducted previously. Furthermore, it becomes material for the author to develop the contents and flow of this study. The references for the author as reference materials are sources that can be trusted and have been recognized for their writings and research results.

3. Results And Discussion

3.1. Definition of Online Gambling

Table 1. Definition of Online Gambling

Year	Author and Title of Article	Research result
2022	(Beno et al., 2022) The phenomenon of online gambling in South Jakarta.	Gambling is called Maisir because the results are obtained in an easy way, without requiring effort, only relying on lottery and luck.
2023	(Tasya Jadidah et al., 2023) Analysis of the prevalence of online gambling in society	Online gambling is a type of gambling that uses the internet as a medium for betting, where in the game, gamblers must agree to the rules of the game and what is at stake.

Based on Table 1, the term gambling in Arabic is al-Maisir, which means easy or wealth. M. Quraish Shihab explains that gambling is called Maisir because the results are obtained in an easy way, without requiring effort, only relying on lottery and luck (Beno et al., 2022). Meanwhile, according to Article 303 paragraph 3 of the Criminal Code in Indonesia, gambling is defined as any game that relies on the hope of winning, which generally depends on luck. Online gambling, according to expert Adli (2015), is a form of gambling that uses the internet as a medium for betting. In this game, gamblers must agree to the rules of the game and what is at stake. If their team wins, they are entitled to everything that has been wagered (Tasya Jadidah et al., 2023).

3.2. Types of Online Gambling

Table 2, Types of Online Gambling

Year	Author and Title of Article	Research result
2023	(Addiyansyah & Roffi'ah, 2023) Online Gambling Addiction Among Teenagers in West Cilebut Village, Sukaraja District, Bogor Regency	Types of online gambling 1. Pragmatic Play site 2. Online Poker 3. Online Togel

Table 2 shows that there are several types of online gambling, including

3.2.1. Pragmatic Play site

Pragmatic Play is an online gambling platform that allows users, including teenagers, to access it via mobile phones using cash. The company is based in Malta and is a software developer for the online gambling industry, focusing on developing casino games. This online gambling site is one of the most popular among research respondents. Many teenagers are interested in using it because with a minimum deposit of 10 thousand rupiah, they already have the opportunity to get a jackpot bonus. This makes them interested in playing online gambling in the hope of getting big profits even with small capital.

3.2.2. Online Poker

Initially, this poker game was very popular on Facebook because players could sell chips or credits in the form of real money. Now, you no longer need to have trouble finding buyers or filling credits, because you can do it directly with us at Sports369. You only need to use one of the local Indonesian bank accounts such as BCA, Mandiri, BRI, or BNI to make deposit or withdrawal transactions. On average, the reason teenagers in Cilebut village play this type of online gambling is because of the ease of making deposits and withdrawals if they win.

3.2.3. Online Togel

This lottery game is similar to Bola Tangkas, which has long been known by gamblers in Indonesia. In the past, during the New Order, this game was known as toto gelap, while abroad it was better known as lottery. Although it has been around for a long time, this game remains popular among gamblers regardless of age. Along with the development of the times, this gambling can now be played online. This game is one type of online gambling played by respondents in this study. They chose this online gambling because of the ease of playing, which only requires guessing (Addiyansyah & Roffi'ah, 2023)

3.3. Factors causing online gambling

Table 3, Factors causing online gambling

Year	Author and Title of Article	Research Results
2024	(Krisna Murti et al., 2024) Factors Causing the Rise of Online Gambling and Efforts to Prevent It in the Community	a. Human Resources Factors. b. Poverty Factors. c. Employment Fields. d. Environmental Factors.

2023	(Addiyansyah & Roffi'ah, 2023) Online Gambling Addiction Among Teenagers in West Cilebut Village, Sukaraja District, Bogor Regency	a. Learning Factors
2022	(Nurdiana et al., 2022) The Phenomenon of Online Gambling in South Jakarta	a. Perception factors regarding the probability of winning

Based on table 3, there are several factors that cause online gambling, including:

3.3.1. Human Resource Factors

Human resources, in this context, refer to the perpetrators of the crime themselves. Gambling behavior can affect a person's mental condition. Someone who likes to gamble tends to have a low mentality, such as being lazy, careless, easy to speculate, and quick to take risks without careful consideration. Instant attitudes and a desire to win often trigger such behavior, coupled with a lack of concern for the environment, which hinders efforts to eradicate criminal acts of gambling, both conventional and online (Krisna Murti et al., 2024).

3.3.2. Poverty Factor

Teenagers in the village of West Cilebut who were the research samples showed that the main factor for them to play online gambling was poverty. Most of these teenagers have insufficient income to meet their daily needs. It is not surprising that the education factor has a big impact on gambling behavior, especially in terms of the desire to continue gambling. Poverty is often the main cause of someone being involved in criminal acts. To meet their needs and avoid poverty, teenagers take shortcuts by playing online gambling. Therefore, they are interested in playing online gambling because they are tempted by the possibility of big income, especially when they win on the first try, which makes them want to keep trying again.

3.3.3. Jobs

Another factor that drives teenagers to play online gambling is the lack of job opportunities, which causes them to be unemployed. The high unemployment rate greatly influences teenagers to get involved in online gambling. The absence of permanent jobs makes it difficult for them to earn a living. The more unemployment, the greater the possibility of deviant behavior, including gambling. This is what attracts teenagers to play online gambling; they can get money easily without having to work hard. Teenagers who have low levels of education and do not have permanent jobs often have difficulty earning an income, so they feel forced to gamble online to meet their living needs.

3.3.4. Environmental Factors

The environment can be considered as a driving factor for gambling behavior, including pressure from friends or groups to participate in gambling and marketing strategies implemented by gambling managers. Pressure from groups can make potential gamblers feel uncomfortable if they do not follow what the group does. On average, teenagers from the research sample indicated that they were in an environment that supported online gambling, thus attracting their interest in trying to play. In addition, marketing methods used by gambling managers, such as often showing gamblers who win, give the impression that winning in gambling is

common, easy, and can be achieved by anyone.

3.3.5. Learning Factors

Learning factors have a significant influence on gambling behavior, especially in terms of the desire to continue gambling. Teenagers usually start by trying to understand how to play online gambling. When they understand and get a win at the beginning, this can cause addiction and the urge to repeat the success. A pleasant and profitable experience will be stored in a person's memory, making them want to repeat the experience. In learning theory, this phenomenon is known as Reinforcement (Addiyansyah & Roffi'ah, 2023).

3.3.6. Perception factor about the probability of winning

The perpetrators' view of the chances of winning in gambling greatly influences their actions. Many gamblers who have difficulty breaking the habit of gambling tend to have a false understanding of the chances of winning. They believe that they will win, even though in reality the chances are very small. This belief is an illusion that comes from uncertain situations or events and is very subjective. Gamblers find it difficult to stop because they believe that they have a great chance of winning and can make a bigger profit compared to the amount wagered (Nurdiana et al., 2022).

Year	Author and Title of Article	Research result
2024	(Sumardianto et al., 2024) Analysis of the Negative Impact of Alcoholic Beverages and Online Gambling from the Perspective of the Qur'an	Strengthening faith and piety is the main foundation emphasized by the Qur'an as an effort to combat despicable acts. In-depth religious education and religious activities Family and community development The role of religious scholars and educators in preventing gambling is very important.
2024	(Anisa, 2024) Online Gambling in the Perspective of Maqashid Syariah	The role of religious scholars and educators in preventing gambling is very important, such as providing education through sermons and lectures.

Based on table 3, Efforts to prevent online gambling from an Islamic perspective, strengthening faith and piety is the main foundation emphasized by the Qur'an as an effort to combat despicable acts. Faith and piety function as spiritual fortresses that protect a person from temptation and negative behavior. As a concrete step, programs that focus on increasing spirituality and understanding of religion can be a long-term solution in strengthening the foundations of faith and piety. The Indonesian Ministry of Religion, in its 2021 report, emphasized that in-depth religious education and structured religious activities can strengthen an individual's character and spiritual resilience, helping them avoid despicable behavior

Family and community development is also an important aspect in preventing evil, in accordance with the concept of amar ma'ruf nahi munkar in the Qur'an. This concept emphasizes the active role of society in

preventing bad deeds and supporting good (Sumardianto et al., 2024). Ramli said that the formation of a community that cares, reminds each other, and works together to combat the circulation of alcohol and online gambling can be an effective social fortress. By building a solid and committed community, society can create a healthier and more supportive environment, thereby reducing the spread of negative behavior (Sumardianto et al., 2024)

The role of religious scholars and educators in preventing gambling is crucial, especially in a society that upholds religious and moral values. Religious scholars and educators can use their influence to shape attitudes and behaviors, as well as provide accurate information about the dangers of gambling. Here are some ways religious scholars and educators can contribute to efforts to prevent gambling. One of them is through education through sermons and lectures. Religious scholars have the opportunity to educate the congregation about the dangers of gambling through Friday sermons and lectures in mosques or communities. They can link the negative impacts of gambling to religious teachings that emphasize the importance of a productive and responsible life (Anisa, 2024)

4. Conclusions

The conclusion of this discussion shows that the prevalence of online gambling among teenagers, especially in West Cilebut Village, is triggered by various factors, including: Teenagers who experience economic difficulties tend to look for quick ways to get money, including through online gambling. The factors are Lack of Employment Opportunities: High levels of poverty encourage teenagers to look for alternative income, which often ends in gambling. Social Environment: Peer pressure and attractive gambling marketing can trigger teenagers to try gambling. Learning Factors: Early positive experiences in gambling can lead to addiction, because teenagers want to return the winnings. Perception of Winning Probability: Many teenagers have a false perception of the chances of winning, which makes them continue to gamble even though the chances are small.

This phenomenon not only has a negative impact on the financial condition and mental health of individuals, but can also disrupt the social order of society. Therefore, it is important to make preventive efforts from an Islamic perspective, which includes strengthening faith and piety, religious education, and active community involvement in overcoming this problem. By understanding the factors that cause and impact online gambling, it is hoped that effective solutions can be found to protect teenagers from this negative behavior.

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