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ABSTRACT

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This study explores how children's perceptions of parental communication styles influence the development of self-concept among Generation Z in Indonesia. The research aims to understand how Authoritative, Authoritarian, Permissive, and Neglectful communication styles are interpreted by children and how these perceptions shape their emotional and psychological development. This study applies a qualitative research approach using in-depth interviews with Generation Z participants who reflected on their childhood experiences within family communication settings. Data were analyzed using thematic analysis and interpreted through Symbolic Interaction Theory to examine how meaning is constructed through parent-child interactions. The findings reveal that children who perceived parental communication as supportive, empathetic, and open tended to develop a positive self-concept, confidence, and emotional stability. Authoritarian, Permissive, and Neglectful communication were associated with self doubt, insecurity, and identity confusion. The study concludes that children's interpretations of parental communication play a significant role in shaping self-concept development. Effective and emotionally supportive communication within families is therefore essential in fostering healthier self-perceptions and well-being among Indonesian Generation Z individuals.

Keywords : Parental communication style, self-concept, Generation Z, Symbolic Interaction Theory, Family communication.

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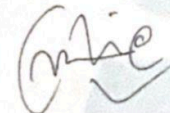
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