



THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA ON THE INCREASE IN DIVORCE CASES

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Abstract: This study examines the impact of social media on the divorce rate in Bandar Lampung City. The phenomenon of social media and information technology has affected the way we communicate, make friends, and establish romantic relationships. The problem in this study is why media use can cause divorce. This study aims to identify the role of social media in increasing divorce rates. This study uses a qualitative research method with a literature and case study approach. The results of the study show that the development of social media has an impact on divorce rates, acting as a risk factor in marriage because it can trigger jealousy and distrust and cause disputes that lead to divorce. Social media is also a means to live fondly of online shopping and then becomes a means of online gambling, thus affecting economic factors that eventually cause uproar and end in divorce.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Family life is one of the most critical aspects of every human life. In Islam, there are verses of the Qur'an and hadith about the commandment to get married. The state also supports building a sakinah family, as stated in Law Number 16 of 2019, amending Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning Marriage. Harmony in a mawaddah warahmah household is the dream and ideal of every married couple; at the beginning of their family life, they look at the ark of their household as full of beauty, love, and hope. Armed with their respective life experiences, they enter a new arena of life that is still unfamiliar. A million hopes to create a prosperous, loving, and

eternal family are always sweetly spoken when side by side as if they were a beautiful dream together.¹

The reality in society is that many married couples also live their married lives in disharmony, ending in divorce. The release of the bond is called divorce. The bond is often detached in the middle of the road because it cannot withstand the exposure to trials, so the bond ends in divorce for various reasons, one of which is due to the outburst, suspicion, and anger caused by social media technology. In essence, human behavior is to communicate, and communication technology is one of the most frequently used means to facilitate communication. Technology is a means for humans to communicate socially. Humans use technology because humans are intelligent. With his intellect, he wants to get out of trouble, live better, be safer, and establish relationships with other social communities.

Social media has become an essential part of human life in the universe after experiencing significant development, and social media has emerged with its characteristics and uniqueness. Social media not only functions as a two-way communication tool, but it turns out that more than that, in the late 90s, there were sites on social media to create personal blogs, namely bloggers. The site allows its users to create individual site pages, thus allowing blogger users to create anything they want. Furthermore, in 2002, Friendster became a very booming social media platform, and its presence became phenomenal. Since 2003, various social media have also emerged with multiple characters and their advantages, for example, Line, My Space, Facebook, Twitter, Google, WhatsApp, BBM, YouTube, Instagram, and so on.² Social media has now become a means of doing a variety of activities. The various functions of social media allow users to communicate more efficiently between individuals.

II. RESEARCH METHODS

In this study, the researcher uses a qualitative approach method. Meanwhile, data collection uses interviews, observations, and documentation. Analytic descriptive analysis is used for this analysis. In this approach, interviews are conducted with parties who are considered related to the main issue to be discussed. This type of research is from library research and field research findings.

¹ Nazar Bakhry, 2022. *Kunci Keutuhan Rumah tangga*. Yogyakarta, p.4

² Sohrah, 2020. *Media Sosial dan Dampaknya Terhadap Perceraian*. Al-Risalah Jurnal Ilmu Syariah dan Hukum 19, no. 2, p. 286-296.

III. DISCUSSION

a. Social Media and It's Problems

In essence, human behavior is to communicate, and communication technology is one of the most frequently used means to facilitate communication. Technology is a means for humans to communicate socially. Humans use technology because humans are intelligent. With his intellect, he wants to get out of trouble, live better, be safer, and establish relationships with other social communities. However, the development of communication and information technology has had a positive and negative impact.

The existence of technology gives birth to innovations that make human life more accessible, and science has developed. In addition, the development of the world of technology, especially communication, has helped millions of people worldwide to connect. Over time, humans can communicate with friends, family, and business relationships at low prices and with quality that tends to increase. Still, negative communication technology also impacts social life.

A mobile phone, commonly called a mobile phone, is an electronic telecommunication device that can be carried around because of its small and lightweight shape and generally functions to make and receive phone calls, as well as send and receive short message services (short message service, WhatsApp, Facebook, Facebook Messenger, mobile phones are equipped with various features, such as capturing radio and television broadcasts, audio and video player software (MP3), digital cameras, games, and internet services. Almost all people in the world communicate remotely using this facility. However, amid accessible communication, it is not uncommon for mobile phones to hurt the community, especially those who are married. For example, with social media, you can do online gambling, online shopping, and chatting with the opposite sex in addition to having an impact on household harmony as well as the family economy, in the end, filing a divorce lawsuit.³

Social media can be interpreted as a medium on the internet that allows users to represent themselves or interact, cooperate, share, communicate with other users, and form social bonds virtually.⁴ The research results on social media users are

³ Interview with Yovie Azbandi Azizi , Chairman of the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, 17 September 2024

⁴ Rulli Nasrullah, 2017. *Media Sosial Perspektif Komunikasi, Budaya, dan Sosioteknologi*, Bandung: Simbiosis Rekatama Media, p. 11.

almost evenly distributed in every age group, gender, and profession, including lecturers, civil servants, private advocates, and others. As many as 99.50% of female respondents use social media, and 98.08% of men. Women are the most social media users compared to men, although the number difference is insignificant. Social media can be broadly grouped into several categories, namely, website collaboration projects such as Wikipedia, blogs and microblogs such as Twitter, content/content (a medium for sharing various kinds of multich as YouTube, social and twoking sites such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram.

The Indonesian Internet Service Providers Association (APJII), a survey institution in Indonesia, currently notes that there are 856 internet companies in the Indonesian internet industry sector; this number is expected to increase quickly and is estimated to reach 1,000 companies next year.⁵ According to a survey conducted by internet users in Indonesia, it currently reaches 210 million people, or 77 percent of the total Indonesian population. APJII noted that internet penetration in Indonesia has reached 78.19 percent in the 2022-2023 period or penetrated 215,626,156 people.⁶ The study found that 98 percent of the children and adolescents surveyed knew about the Internet. The age of internet users is highest at 25-29 years and 35-39 years old, amounting to 79.5 percent.⁷ As for the use of the internet itself, the use of social media, especially applications for *chatting*, is in the second position with a percentage of 36.4%, with the first place used for cameras and photography applications with a percentage of 50.9%. Social media that is widely used by the public is in the form of *chat applications* such as *Facebook*, *Twitter*, and *Blackberry Messenger*, as well as content-sharing applications such as *YouTube*, *online games*, and others.

The diverse functions of social media allow users to communicate more efficiently between individuals and communities (groups). The convenience offered by social media also affects a person's way or lifestyle. Various types of social media, such as blogs, are social media that allow users to upload daily activities, comment on each other, and share. In other words, social media as a digital communication tool enables

⁵ Kebiasaan, M. A. (N.D.). *Prosiding Seminar Nasional Seri Ke 4 Program Studi Magister Manajemen*.

⁶ Ni Kadek Sinta Widiari, 2024. *Teknologi Sebagai Sarana Penguatan Identitas Budaya Lokal untuk Mewujudkan Indonesia*. *Prosiding Pekan Ilmiah Pelajar (PILAR)* 4, p. 78–87.

⁷ Asosiasi Penyelenggara Jasa Internet Indonesia, *Pesatnya Industri Komunikasi di Indonesia Dorong Pelaku Usaha Lakukan Pembaruan*, *Buletin APJII Edisi Desember 2022* terus illustration: envanto elemnts 18apHaiji.or.id *Bulletin APJII Edisi Desember 2022*.

new styles of interaction with known and newly known people so that there is accessible communication with outside parties, which sometimes ultimately leads to mutual suspicion and even becomes a tool for causing infidelity.⁸ This is inseparable from the positive and negative impacts that are difficult to avoid, but it depends on the user. If social media is used for positive needs, then the impact must be positive, and vice versa.⁹

Positive Impact Social media is a beneficial means to accurately ease or accelerate communication regarding various needs and interests of human life.¹⁰ However, on the other hand, the negative impact is abuse from various social media will result in violations of applicable life norms, for example, the influence of westernized life,¹¹ the vulnerability to crime or immoral violations, for example, infidelity in the domestic life of married couples which has recently occurred a lot as one of the impacts of social media abuse, because we can effortlessly search for or accessing data of ex-exes, for example, in high school, college or adolescence either directly or by asking friends of old friends, material for using social media to find a partner to cheat on. As stated by the Registrar of the Tanjung Karang Religious Court M. Iqbal, explained that "Divorce cases that have occurred in the Tanjung Karang Religious Court since the last few years one of the causes is social media, it is further explained that currently, the trigger for the divorce of married couples is not only economic factors but also due to the use of social media that its users abuse. According to him, in line with the evidence in the trial of divorce cases at the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, relatively many married couples divorced because it began with jealousy problems that started with the couple's friendship on social media."¹²

Social media today seems to be the most accessible facility to commit infidelity. It is considered one of the triggers for domestic rifts.¹³ The issue of divorce triggered by social media seems to have become a phenomenon in its own few years. This can be

⁸ Erna Karim, 1999. *Pendekatan Perceraian dari Perspektif Psikologi*, Jakarta: Yayasan Obor Indonesia, p. 15

⁹ Hasil jawaban responden melalui survei *google form*, oleh penulis, periode September 2024.

¹⁰ Sohrah, 2020. *Media Sosial dan Dampaknya Terhadap Perceraian*. Al-Risalah Jurnal Ilmu Syariah dan Hukum 19, no. 2, p. 286–296.

¹¹ Helmawati, 2014. *Pendidikan Keluarga "Teoritis dan Praktis"*, Bandung: PT. Remaja Rosdakarya, p. 24 reviews

¹² Interview with Mr. M.Iqbal, Registrar of the Tanjung Karang Religious Court on September 2, 2024.

¹³ Syafruddin Syam, 2023. *Pemicu Media Sosial dan Pengaruhnya Akibat Perselingkuhan: Fenomena dalam Kehidupan Keluarga*. Al-Ussrah: Jurnal Al Ahwal As Syakhshiyah 11, no. 1.

seen from various news reports in *online* and print media as illustrated by the following news:

- 1) According to data from the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) released on February 28, 2024, by Kompas.com, the number of divorces in Indonesia in 2023 reached 463,654 cases. This number decreased by 10.2 percent compared to the previous year, reaching 516,344 cases.
- 2) Lampung Tribune Thursday, February 2, 2023. Title: Divorce in Lampung in 2022 is 17,043.
- 3) The Republika Newspaper, Friday, August 30, 2019, once released news that in Karawang, there were 2,500 divorces due to infidelity on social media.
- 4) Serambinews Aceh Daily, Wednesday, 12 January, released news titled Social media triggers infidelity, divorce rate rises to 155 cases in West Aceh Dayaku.
- 5) Wartaku.Id, March 07, 2022, released news titled "Rampant online infidelity; the divorce rate in Bojonegoro is increasing."
- 6) Antara News Bengkulu, January 19, 2012, made news with the title divorce increased allegedly due to cheating on Facebook.

The latest data published by the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) in December 2023 places Lampung province in 11th place nationally. The number of divorces in Lampung was recorded at 2,838 data cases as of 2023.¹⁴ This figure increased compared to 2022 and was lower than December 2021. The growth over the last five years in this region shows a decrease of -18.59%. The following are the ten provinces with the most significant number of divorces nationally in 2023, namely:¹⁵

- 1) Indonesia 463,654 cases
- 2) West Java 37.38 thousand cases
- 3) East Java 33.57 thousand cases
- 4) Central Java 23.18 thousand cases
- 5) Banten 3,327 cases
- 6) Lampung 2,838 cases

Looking at some of the titles above, this outbreak occurred throughout Indonesia, not only in Lampung. So, it becomes a trend when social media such as *WhatsApp*,

¹⁴ Nurbaiti Aprilia, 2023. *Perbandingan Hukum Perkawinan Antara Anak Angkat dengan Orang Tua Angkat Menurut Hukum Indonesia dan Hukum Aljazair*, "Skripsi" Lampung: Universitas Lampung.

¹⁵ Mawadda Warohma et al., 2023. *Prediksi Jumlah Perceraian Menggunakan Metode Extreme Learning Machine (ELM)*. Journal of Information System Research (JOSH) 4, no. 4, p. 1448-1454.

Instagram, and *Facebook* become one of the triggers for divorce.¹⁶ Social media is a trigger for divorce because many jealousies and infidelities start on social media. The number of people uploading evidence, either from photos or statuses on social media, is a driver for divorce.

This arises because the husband or wife prefers to have fun on social media rather than caring about the family. Not only that, but infidelity is getting more accessible through social media. Quarrels due to playing tricks can occur more often through the existence of intimate photo tags of couples with other people. This was even worse when the couple quarreled in the social media comment column. This phenomenon must undoubtedly be addressed more wisely in the use of social media. Technology and social media have a significant role to play today. However, selective steps to take advantage of it are no less important to observe that there is a negative impact of the use of social media on the survival of married couples' household life. Everyone always expects eternity in the hen. Eternity in marriage is written in Marriage Law *Number 16 of 2019*, Amendments to *Law Number 1 of 1974*, concerning Marriage is defined as an inner innate bond between a man and a woman as husband and wife to form a happy and eternal family, household based on the One God.¹⁷

Divorce in Islam is allowed. However, Allah SWT does not like divorce, as contained in the following hadith: "The halal act that Allah hates very much is talaq (divorce)." Divorce is regulated in Government Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia Number 9 of 1975 concerning the Implementation of the Marriage Law, *Law Number 16 of 2019* concerning Marriage, Amendments to *Law Number 1 of 1974* in Article 19 it is stated that the reasons that can be used as a reason for divorce are: "One of the parties commits adultery or becomes a drunkard, a drunkard, a gambler, and so on who difficult to cure. One party leaves the other party for two consecutive years without the other party's permission and a valid reason because other things are beyond their ability. One of the parties received a 5-year prison sentence or a heavier sentence after the marriage took place. One party commits cruelty or severe persecution that endangers the other party. One of the parties has a physical disability or illness as a result of not being able to carry out their obligations as a

¹⁶ Aulia Nursyifa and Eti Hayati, 2020. *Upaya Pencegahan Perceraian Akibat Media Sosial dalam Perspektif Sosiologis*. Journal of Sociology of Humanist Education 5, no. 2, p. 144-158.

¹⁷ *Undang-Undang Nomor 16 Tahun 2019* tentang Perkawinan, perubahan atas *Undang-Undang Nomor 1 Tahun 1974*

husband/wife. There are constant disputes and quarrels between husband and wife, and there is no hope of living in harmony in the household anymore”.

Based on the description above, it can be understood that both Islamic law and positive law that apply in Indonesia make it difficult for divorce to occur. However, the reality found at this time from year to year is that the number of divorce cases continues to increase significantly nationally and locally. Specifically, in the jurisdiction of the Lampung High Court in 2023, divorce cases amounted to 2,838 cases; in 2022, there were 17,043 cases, and only 15,390 files were granted by judges.¹⁸

Based on data at the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, the age of the litigants is dominated by the age range of 21 to 40 years, and according to Muhammad Iqbal, Registrar at the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, the most dominant age of divorce from year to year is in the age range of 21-40 years. This age is classified as a young/early adult. According to Hurlock, in his book *Developmental Psychology: An Approach Across the Life Span*, early adulthood is in the age range of 19 to 40 years or 20 to 40 years. Suppose it is related to the age of couples divorcing at the Tanjung Karang Religious Court and the most active social media described above. In that case, the age range of couples who divorce at the Tanjung Karang Religious Court is dominated by the age of active social media users.

The factors that cause divorce at the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, according to the junior clerk of the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, Fatma, SH, MH, are most often caused by economic problems on average 50%, social media consisting of *opposite-sex* chats 20%, the influence of online gambling 10%, online shopping 10% and domestic violence 10%. In 2023, 2,191 cases were entered by the court, 2,123 cases were decided, and in 2024 until August, 1,507 cases were decided, 1,505 of which were settled. The absence of harmony between husband and wife causes 50% of cases. Disharmony, jealousy, and third-party interference in the household can start from infidelity on social media, resulting in quarrels between husband and wife that lead to divorce.¹⁹

¹⁸ Kumedi Ja'Far, et al., 2023. *Dampak Pandemi Coronavirus Disease Nineteen Terhadap Keharmonisan Keluarga di Provinsi Lampung*. Community Development Journal: Jurnal Pengabdian Masyarakat 4, No. 6, p. 13594-604.

¹⁹ Wawancara dengan Ibu Fatma, Panitra Muda Pengadilan Agama Tanjung Karang tanggal 17 September 2024

Based on the description of the above cases, there are indications of a negative impact of social media use in household life. The above cases show that the husband or wife misuses social media, which triggers quarrels and disputes and results in divorce. Furthermore, the increasing number of divorce cases and the rampant use of social media are related.

The data above shows how the influence of social media dominates the cause of divorce. Around 40% of the occurrence of divorce cases consist of *opposite-sex chatting*, *online* gambling, and *online* shopping. The reason that is often used in filing a lawsuit is the result of frequent quarrels, and there is no compatibility between the Plaintiff and the Defendant, so the Plaintiff concludes that the domestic life of the Plaintiff and the Defendant cannot be reunited or can no longer be maintained because of the reasons mentioned above with the plaintiff's lawsuit has fulfilled the Marriage Law Number 01 of 1974 Article 38 paragraph (1) jo PP No.9 of 1975 Article 19 letter f.²⁰

Here are some examples of divorce cases caused by the use of social media at the Tanjung Karang Religious Court Case Number 762 /Pdt.G/2023/PA. Tnk. In this case, the quarrel between husband and wife was caused by Defendant's infidelity, known to Plaintiff from *WhatsApp*, which was sent and received on Defendant's *Handphone*.

Case Number 1123/Pdt.G/2024/PA. Tnk. At the time of mediation, the Defendant in the case described that the divorce was triggered by a social media that read: "The Plaintiff began to change and behave, the Plaintiff was busy with his world such as busy *chatting* via *cellphone* or *WhatsApp* so that attention for her husband and children was less."²¹

a. Social Media as a Means of Communication

Van Dijk in Nasrullah stated that social media is a media platform that focuses on the existence of users who facilitate them in their activities and collaboration. Therefore, social media can be seen as an online medium (facilitator) that strengthens the relationship between users and a social bond.²²

²⁰ Interview with Yovie Azbandi Aziz , Chairman of the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, 17 September 2024

²¹ Interview with Ibu Mawar Sejati, Mediator of Tanjung Karang Religious Court, 10 September 2024

²² Rulli Nasrullah, 2014. *Teori dan Riset Media Siber (Cybermedia)*. Jakarta: Prenadamedia Group.

Social media offers a more individual, personal, and two-way form of communication.²³ Social media is a media designed to make it easier for its users to interact socially that is interactive with internet technology to others. Social media allows consumers to share text, image, audio, and video information with companies and vice versa.

In short, media is defined as a means of communication. While social is a theoretical approach regarding social media theories and other media on the internet is needed before concluding what social media means. Communication requires three things: objects, organs, and mediums. Television is an object, and the eye is an organ when watching television broadcasts. The intermediary between television and the eye is the image or visual.²⁴

Social media is a website-based feature that can form a network and allow people to interact in a community. We can carry out various forms of exchange, collaboration, and acquaintance on social media through visual and audiovisual writing. Examples include *Twitter, Facebook, blogs, foursquare*, and others.²⁵

According to Idi Subandy and Yosol Iriantara in the *Encyclopedia of Communication Technology*, social media is one of the applications that support human needs in the form of written communication (text), voice communication, and audio-visual communication. Social media is one of the backbones of cutting-edge human communication activities. Social media meets and changes human needs in communicating.²⁶

Social media can be interpreted as a group of internet-based applications built based on ideology and Web 2.0 communication that allows users to create and exchange information.²⁷ Another piece of literature states that social media is a form of information and communication technology development that has become a phenomenon in recent years.

²³ The results of respondents' answers through a *google form* survey, by the author, September 2024 period.

²⁴ Rulli Nasrullah, 2022. *Teori dan Riset Media Siber (Cybermedia)*. Jakarta: Prenadamedia Group.

²⁵ Ainu Zuhriyah and Abdul Basith, 2023. *Pengaruh Media Sosial Terhadap Pergeseran Bahasa Indonesia pada Mahasiswa Farmasi Universitas Nahdlatul Ulama Sunan Giri*. *Journal on Education* 05, no. 04, p. 10844–10850.

²⁶ Idi Subandy Ibrahim and Yosol Iriantara, 2017. *Komunikasi yang Mengubah Dunia: Ensiklopedia Teknologi Komunikasi*.

²⁷ Anang Sugeng Cahyono, 2016. *Pengaruh Media Sosial Terhadap Perubahan Sosial Masyarakat di Indonesia*. *Publiciana* 9, no.1, p. 140-157.

Referring to some of the definitions of social media above, social media is a means of communication due to the development of technology and information. In addition, this series of activities must be based on the Internet as a differentiator from other communication media. With this social media, people can exchange, share, and seek information, knowledge, entertainment, and information. This means that these activities contain interaction, unlike traditional media (one-way communication).

1) Negative impact²⁸

- a) For teenagers. There are no spelling and grammar rules on social networks. This makes it even more difficult for them to distinguish between communicating on social networks and the real world.
- b) For students, it makes them lazy to communicate in the real world.
- c) This makes people more selfish and uncaring about the surrounding environment because they spend more time using social media.
- d) Social media is becoming a fertile ground for specific individuals who want to commit crimes.
- e) Pornography. The ability to provide information owned by the internet has made pornography widespread.
- f) Deceit. Social media gives a space for a person to deceive others because the identity used in social media can be used that does not match the user's real identity.
- g) Gambling. With the network available, gamblers no longer have to go somewhere to gamble. He simply accesses media that provide gambling sites.

2) Positive Impact ²⁹

- a) It is a means for a person to be motivated to learn and develop through friends found online.
- b) Make it easier for someone to be more empathetic and caring, for example, giving birthday greetings even though they don't meet in person.
- c) Facilities for Children and Adolescents. It can be used as a learning recommendation to develop technical and social skills urgently needed in today's digital age. They will learn how to adapt and socialize with the public by managing a network of friends.
- d) Expand your network of friends.

²⁸ Indriati Amarini, 2018. *Pencegahan Dampak Negatif Perkembangan Teknologi Informasi Terhadap Pengguna Internet*. Jurnal Kosmik Hukum 18, no. 1, p. 65-81.

²⁹ Dety Amelia Karlina, dkk., 2020. *Mengenal Dampak Positif dan Negatif Internet untuk Anak pada Orang Tua*. Jurnal Pasca Dharma Pengabdian Masyarakat 1, no. 2, p. 53-56.

- e) Facilitate communication, data exchange, and information search.
- f) Providing convenience in the field of trade in terms of transactions and doing business.³⁰

Social media can have a positive or negative impact depending on how users use it. For this reason, self-control is needed to access social media. If used properly, social media can positively impact people and vice versa.

b. Consequences of Using Social Media on Divorce Cases

For social media users, whether they realize it or not, social media can have an influence that can cause disputes and quarrels between the parties, if it is not used for its purpose, for example it is used to communicate as a means of marriage. The ongoing disputes and quarrels caused one of the parties to take the initiative to file for divorce.³¹ The most widely used social media, in this case, is social media, which belongs to the type of social network media that is more popularly called *social networks*.³²

This abuse is in the form of infidelity, which is then found out by the respective spouses, causing disputes and quarrels. This type of social media, as the characteristics of social media in general, allows it to contact anyone without time or region restrictions. As described above, this type of media characteristic is abused by the parties mentioned in the judges' decisions.

The use of social media ranks second by 40% to social media, both due to infidelity and online gambling, and online shopping in the form of *WhatsApp*, *Facebook*, *Facebook Messenger*, and communication through *other* mobile phones. According to data at the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, in 2023, 2,191 cases were decided by the court; from 2024 until August, 1,507 cases were entered, and 1,505 cases were decided. 50% of cases are caused by the absence of harmony between husband and wife. Cases dominated by economic issues 50%, social media consisting of *chatting* with the opposite sex 20%, online gambling influence 10%, online shopping 10% and domestic violence 10%. Disharmony, jealousy, and third-party interference in the household can start from infidelity on social media, resulting in quarrels between husband and wife, which lead to divorce, especially *mobile phones*, and *Facebook* such as confessions from several parties to the lawsuit;

³⁰ Hanni Sofia, Budhi Prianto and Dwi A. Santoso, 2010. *Panduan Mahir Akses Internet*, Jakarta: Kriya Pustaka, p. 170.

³¹ Interview with M.Iqbal, Registrar of Tanjung Karang Religious Court, 2 September 2024

³² Fifit Fitriansyah, 2018. *Efek Komunikasi Massa pada Khalayak (Studi Deskriptif Pengguna Media Sosial dalam Membentuk Perilaku Remaja)*. Cakrawala-Jurnal Humaniora 18, no. 2, p. 171-178.

in this case, the plaintiff revealed in the trial and social media is what is used by the defendant when having an affair with another woman.³³

The high impact use of social media tharereemseemson the general public but also widely among celebrities through news the on tesionher news about the number of divorces because it begins with a *cellphone* tapping from one of the coupl. Hence, SEO it reveathe existereveal n affair so that a prolonged fight eventually leads to divorce. In line with this, Yovie Azbandi Aziz, Chairman of the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, said that several married couples divorced because of jealousy that initially started from social media. The phenomenon of divorce caused by social media certainly cannot be underestimated, but in fact, the media is more widely used for valuable things.³⁴

c. Problematic Households Due to Social Media

It is undeniable that the presence of social media as a means of communication has a positive side that is very important in this modern era to facilitate various interests and needs of human life, but on the other hand, there are also opposing sides that can affect the morale of its users. One of the recent impacts of the high number of divorce cases, as reported by the Tanjung Karang Religious Court office from 2023-2024, shows the high number of divorce cases. The emergence of smartphones today provides space to access social media more efficiently. The users seem to know the ages of both children and adults. For adults who have had a severe partner, sometimes because of addiction, it results in neglecting their life partner.³⁵ Sometimes, a husband or vice versa meets in one house, one room, face to face, but the couple does not care about each other because each is engrossed in *his gadgets*. One of these couples can be offended and feel unappreciated, and they think they are no longer loved.

This condition is hazardous because his heart is hurt even though he does not fight, and he feels that his love is eroded. Even though it does not lead to divorce, if it continues, this situation can strain the relationship between married couples and disrupt family harmony.³⁶ Although it is recognized that one of the characteristics of modern life is the increasing aggressiveness of human beings toward progress. The

³³ Interview with M.Iqbal, Registrar of the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, 2 September 2024

³⁴ Interview with Yovie Azbandi Aziz , Chairman of the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, 17 September 2024

³⁵ Indriati Amarini, 2018. *Pencegahan Dampak Negatif Perkembangan Teknologi Informasi Terhadap Pengguna Internet*. Jurnal Kosmik Hukum 18, no. 1, p. 65-81.

³⁶ Burhan Bungin, 2006. *Sosiologi Komunikasi Teori, Paradigma dan Diskursus Teknologi Komunikasi di Masyarakat*, Jakarta: Kencana Prenada Media Group, p. 363-364.

advancement of science and technology has made humans find various tools that humans can lighten easier, faster, and more accurately everything that is done. The influence of the globalization era on the family certainly has a positive and negative impact. The generation of the digital era, which is very close to technology and information, has produced many changes in human life; at the same time, technology was created to make it easier and improve the quality of life. On the other hand, if used not according to the designation, it can impact household problems and cause quarrels for married couples because they must be more vigilant in social media. Islamic teachings: A wife is obliged to ask for permission if another man, including the house of life in cyberspace, enters her house. If social media worsens the situation in the household, it is not justified because it will cause conflicts and misunderstandings.³⁷

d. Social Media Ethics in Marriage

Every time, technology develops more rapidly. The most commonly used technology is the internet. Internet technology can share information and communicate directly over long distances through social networks or social media this network media, has many benefit, one of which is that it can save time and money. We are given freedom and use it, but this freedom does not mean that we do not have ethics or restrictions on its use, what is allowed and what is not. It would be nice if we recognize the ethics that need to be considered in the use of social networks so that every social network user feels comfortable using it and avoids crime. Many social problems occur in the middle of our society due to a need for more ethical awareness in using social networks. Many users have been blinded by untrue news due to incitement circulating on Social Media Networks.³⁸

Social media is a medium that can lead to good and evil; in other words, social media is a testament to delivering humans to hell or heaven; it is like a double-edged sword. Therefore, social media users in Islamic teachings are at least necessary to understand ethics in social media:

- 1) Instilling in the mind that every post is accounted for both in this world and the hereafter. Allah has an angel who is assigned to always record every human deed, so it is necessary to control ourselves so that it is not too easy to post something that is not useful;

³⁷ Helmawati, 2014. *Pendidikan Keluarga "Teoritis dan Praktis"*, Bandung: PT. Remaja Rosdakarya.

³⁸ Interview with M.Iqbal, Registrar of the Tanjung Karang Religious Court, 2 September 2024

- 2) Required to use time proportionately, there is no prohibition on using social media, only you have to take care of yourself so that you do not fall into it because you neglect to use your time;
- 3) A person who will enter the world of social media should intend for Allah to establish a friendship or share something worthwhile in life.³⁹

The compilation of *bahtsul masail* says that communicating with a woman through social media in any form, for example, cellphones, the Internet, and the most prevalent today is Facebook, *WhatsApp*, and others; in principle, it is the same as communicating directly. If it causes orgasm or slander, then the law is haram because, therefore, it is not allowed.⁴⁰ Because this can be the reason for doing something that is prohibited in religion, such as *khalwat* or making out and things that are not wanted in the use of social media that leads to negative actions. The law on using social media, Facebook, and others like it depends on its use. If its use is for useless things, social media is also meaningless and a waste of time. Likewise, if social media is used for prohibited things, then the law becomes haram.⁴¹

The phenomenon of *Facebook* and the like causes many parties to feel that the existence of social media is problematic if it is misused; it will have a positive value if it is used for valuable things such as *da'wah* and an invitation to do good. Sometimes, people feel at home for hours in front of social media, but this is not the case when they are in front of knowledge assemblies. As explained in the Answer of Kafi, if time is only spent on things that make him negligent, to waste his desires and passions, to fantasize, and to be used in immorality, then death is more worthy of him.⁴² When a person is addicted to social media, sometimes they neglect communication with their partner, causing offense and feeling unappreciated. This is very dangerous and, if it continues, can disrupt relationships and family harmony.⁴³

³⁹ Abdurrahman, 2010. *Mandzumah Qawa'idh Fighiyyah*, Kebumen: Pustaka Sumayyat, p. 79.

⁴⁰ Hamidi and Ach. Shobri, 2022. *Online Zina in the Era of Electronic Transaction Information (ITE) Islamic Law Perspective*. AL-FIKRAH: Journal of Educational and Islamic Studies 5, no. 1, p. 21-35.

⁴¹ Ummu Ihsan and Abu Ihsan Al Atsari, 2013. *Aktualisasi Akhlak Muslim: 13 Cara Mencapai Akhlak Mulia*, Jakarta: Pustaka Imam Asy-Syafii, p. 154

⁴² Al-Jazaiya, Abno Qayyim, Al-Jawawal Kafi. Sukoharjo: Al-Qawan, T.T., p. 109

⁴³ Burhan Bungin, 2006. *Sosiologi Komunikasi Teori, Paradigma dan Diskursus Teknologi Komunikasi di Masyarakat*, Jakarta: Kencana Prenada Media Group, p. 363-364.

Based on the chronology of divorce cases triggered by social media as explained earlier, it can be concluded that several factors for divorce are triggered by the use of social media as follows:

1) Infidelity

One of the characteristics of social media that can make it easier for someone to communicate is abuse in domestic life by the parties involved in this case. Through social media, especially in the type of *social network*, a person can quickly establish friendships, both already known in the real world and newly known. This friendship with the opposite sex then gives rise to the seeds of infidelity that can continue into relationships in the real world. As a result, if one party finds evidence that their partner is having an affair on social media, disputes and quarrels occur. Disputes and quarrels occur not only once but continuously, eliminating harmony between husband and wife. This disharmony made one of the parties no longer able to continue the marital relationship, so he took the initiative to apply for divorce at the Religious Court.

Evidence of infidelity can be found by the wrong party in the inbox or messaging feature on social media such as *Facebook, WhatAand pp*. In addition, evidence that points to infidelity can also be seen by one of the couples through the upload of photos uploaded by one of the parties to his social media account, as contained in the description of the case above. Even vulgar images can be sent through social media accounts (for example, in case Number 1123/Pdt.G/2024/PA.Tnk and Number 1448/Pdt.G/2024/PA.Tnk. The boundary between the private and public realms no longer exists with the el media. Disputes and quarrels are not only caused by infidelity, which is identified by the existence of intimate messages on the media account of one of the partners. However, it can also be because of comments from friends connected to the husband or wife that cause jealousy.

2) One Party Neglects It's Obligations

The use of social media can cause the husband or wife to refrain from carrying out their duties as a husband or wife. This is because wives spend too much time using social media, so their husbands or wives and children should be addressed. For example, in case Number 822/Pdt.G/2023/PA.Tnk, it can be seen that the wife needs to prepare food for her husband because she is busy with social media.

Some of the examples above show no self-control when using social media. In this case, the parties, as in the example above, upload things without caring about their partner's feelings.

IV. CONCLUSION

The facilities offered by social media facilities provide space for users to communicate, share information, and build online communication that allows users to present themselves as well as interact, collaborate, and share various things with other users. The existence of social media in reality has had an impact on its users both positively and negatively. The positive side is that it makes it very easy to communicate about various interests and needs in human life. On the negative side, one of the times is the high number of divorce cases recently that occur in domestic life for married couples.

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