## The Contextual Effect of School on Smoking Behavior among Male High School Students

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#### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Indonesia was a country with high cigarette production and consumption. The smoking prevalence in adolescents aged 13-15 years in several countries included Argentina (3.7%), Egypt (3.7%), America (3.4%) and Indonesia (2.8%). The impact of cigarette exposure both as active and passive smokers such as the occurrence of various diseases included impotence, various types of cancer, respiratory diseases, coronary heart disease and others. This study aimed to analyze the contextual effect of school on smoking behavior among students.

**Subjects and method:** This was a cross sectional study conducted in Bantul, Yogyakarta, from April to May 2019. A sample of 200 male adolescents was selected by stratified random sampling. The dependent variable was smoking behavior. The independent variables were knowledge, family role, peer role, cigarette price, pocket money, and attitude. The data were collected by questionnaire. The data were analyzed by a multilevel multiple logistic regression run on Stata 13.

**Results**: Smoking behavior was negatively associated with poor knowledge (b= -3.30; 95% CI= -0.35 to -0.09; p= 0.001), strong family role (b= -3.11; 95% CI= -1.15 to -0.26; p= 0.002), strong peer role (b= -3.92; 95% CI= -1.10 to -0.36; p< 0.001), cigarette price <Rp 10,000 (b= -2.81; 95% CI= -1.10 to -0.19; p= 0.005), money pocket >Rp 300,000 (b= -3.79; 95% CI= -5.75 to -0.01; p<0.001), and negative attitude (b= -3.37; 95% CI= -0.15 to -0.05; p = 0.001). School had contextual effect on smoking behavior with ICC= 14.00%.

**Conclusion:** Smoking behavior is negatively associated with poor knowledge, strong family role, strong peer role, low cigarette price, high money pocket, and negative attitude. School has contextual effect on smoking behavior.

Keywords: smoking behavior, adolescents, peers, multilevel analysis

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#### BACKGROUND

Indonesia is a country with high production and consumption of cigarettes. WHO data showed that Indonesia ranked number 3 after China and India as the countries which are most fond of smoking. At present, deaths from smoking have reached 50% in developing countries. In 2030, it is estimated that the death rate from smoking in developing countries will reach 10 million, of which 70% are in developing countries (Ministry of Health, 2018). Global Youth Tobacco Survey data in 2014 stated that Indonesia is the country with the highest number of teenage smokers in the world. 36.2% of adolescent boys and 4.3% of adolescents smoked. Nearly 80% of smokers started smoking when they had not reached 19 years. The age at first smoking was 12-15 years (42.3%) (World Health Organization, 2015).

The number of smokers at the age of 10 years according to data taken from several provinces in Indonesia showed that Riau Islands ranks first with a prevalence value of 27.2% and Papua ranks as low as 16.2% while DI Yogyakarta had a prevalence of 21.2% (Ministry of Health, 2018).

Data from the DIY Provincial Health Office in 2017 displayed that the percentage of population who smoked were those older that five years. Tobacco and smoking habits were recorded at 16.94% every day and non-smoking every day was 2.46%, while smoking behavior in urban districts in the Special Province of Yogyakarta was mostly in Gunung Kidul Regency, reaching 19.21%, then in Kulon Progo Regency 17.78%, Bantul Regency 16.52%, Sleman Regency 16.32% and in Yogyakarta City, 14.95%. The health profile of Bantul Regency in 2018 reported that infectious diseases that are always included in the top ten diseases in public health center during the last few years were ARI and Hypertension. One of the causes of ARI was caused by the smoking behavior of people in the house.

Data from the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia stated that the number of smokers in one family in Indonesia was quite high. Reported that in one family, there were 1-2 people who smoked with the number of cigarettes smoked 1-2 packs / day. The results of the 2010 Riskesdas showed that 66.1% of smokers smoked at home with the percentage in Bantul of 80.5%.

The high number of smokers in Indonesia really needs a strengthening as an effort to control the consumption of cigarettes. Efforts to control cigarette consumption were also conveyed by the Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia, Nila Farid Moeloek, at the 12th Asia Pacific Conference on Tobacco (APACT 12) on Health in Nusa Dua Bali, that all countries in the Asia Pacific were working together to control the impact of consumption disasters cigarettes. This problem became very important when various cases of non-communicable diseases caused by the chemical content of cigarettes were a big burden on the National Health Insurance (Ministry of Health, 2018).

BPJS Health data in 2016 also stated that the financing of health care for heart disease reaches 7.4 trillion rupiah, more than 10% compared to the total BPJS contribution in 2016 of 67.4 trillion rupiah. Cardiovascular disease, such as heart disease and stroke, attacked 17.7 million people in the world, while the number of stroke in Indonesia reached 21.1%, heart disease 12.9% and became the number one killer and one of the number two causes of all deaths in Indonesia (Ministry of Health, 2018).

Based on the description above, the authors were interested in conducting a study on "the contextual influence of schools on smoking behavior in students".

## SUBJECTS AND METHOD

### 1. Study Design

A cross-sectional study was conducted at 25 senior high schools in Bantul, Yogyakarta, from April to May 2019.

### 2. Population and samples

The study population was male adolescents in senior high schools in Bantul, Yogyakarta. A sample of 200 male students was selected by probability sampling.

### 3. Study Variables

The dependent variable was smoking behavior. The independent variables were knowledge, family role, peer role, cigarette prices, money pocket, attitude in level 1 and school in level 2.

**4. Operational Definition of Variables Knowledge.** Knowledge was the result of learning from the subjects about the dangers of smoking. The measurement scale used in this study was a dichotomy. Journal of Health Promotion and Behavior (2019), 4(1): 76-84 https://doi.org/10.26911/thejhpb.2019.04.01.08

**Family role.** Family behavior was the attitude of adolescents to the behavior of parents who smoke. The measurement scale was dichotomous.

**Peer role.** Peers were those who had the same age and maturity at school. The measurement scale was dichotomous.

**Price of cigarette.** The price of cigarettes was a monetary unit or other measure (including goods or services) that was exchanged in order to obtain ownership rights or use of an item or service. The measurement scale was dichotomous.

**Pocket Money.** Pocket money was money given by parents to teenagers in the School. The measurement scale was dichotomous.

**Attitude.** Attitude was the perception of adolescents about smoking. The measurement scale was dichotomous.

**Smoking behavior.** Smoking behavior was the activity of smoking students. The measurement scale was dichotomous.

#### 5. Data Analysis

Table 1. Univariate Analysis

Bivariate analysis was performed using chisquare test and calculation of odds ratio (OR) with a confidence level of 95% CI to study the relationship between smoking behavior and independent variables. Multivariate analysis was performed using multilevel logistic regression.

#### 6. Research Ethics

The research ethics included informed consent, anonymity, confidentiality, and research ethics. Research ethics was obtained from Dr. Moewardi Hospital, Surakarta, Central Java, with number: 501/IV/HERC/ 2019.

#### RESULTS

## 1. Sample Characteristics

The subjects in this study were 200 male adolescents. Characteristic frequency distribution and univariate analysis of smoking behavior in this study included knowledge, family influence, peers, cigarette price, pocket money, and attitude.

Independent Variable	Ν	%
Smoking behavior		
Not smoking	140	70.0
Smoking	60	30.0
Knowledge		
Good	136	68.0
Lacking	64	32.0
Family Influence		
No	141	70.5
Yes	59	29.5
Peer's Influence		
No	136	68.0
Yes	64	32.0
Cigarette Price		
Expensive ≥Rp 10,000	148	74.0
Cheap > Rp 10,000	52	26.0
Pocket Money		
≤Rp 300,000	149	74.5
>Rp 300,000	51	25.5
Attitude	-	
Positive	141	70.5
Negative	59	29.5

#### 2. Univariate Analysis

Table 1 showed that adolescents who smoked amounted to 30 subjects (30%), lacking knowledge of 64 (32%), family role amounting to 59 subjects (29.5%), peer influence amounting to 64 subjects (32%), cheap cigarette prices (26%), pocket money >Rp 300,000 amounting to 51 subjects (25.5%), and negative attitude was 59 subjects (29.5%).

#### 3. Bivariate Analysis

Bivariate analysis was analyzed to examine the relationships of knowledge, family role, peer role, cigarette price, money pocket, attitude, and smoking behavior.

Table 2 showed that poor knowledge (OR= 4.79; 95% CI= 2.50 to 9.19, p<0.001), family role (OR= 6.01; 95% CI= 3.08 to 11.74, p<0.001), peer role (OR= 10.96; 95% CI= 5.42 to 22.19; p<0.001), cigarette price <Rp 10,000 (OR= 6.05; 95% CI= 3.04 to 12.03; p<0.001), money pocket >Rp 300,000 (OR= 6.41; 95% CI= 3.20 to 12.82; p<0.001), and attitude (OR= 12.73; 95% CI= 6.18 to 26.23; p<0.001) increased smoking behavior.

Table 2. Bivariate analysis carried out was between smoking behavior with knowledge, family influence, peer influence, cigarette prices, pocket money, and attitude

Independent Variable	Smoking behavior					95% CI		
	Yes		No		OR	Lower	Upper	р
	n	%	n	%		Limit	Limit	
Knowledge					4.79	2.50	9.19	< 0.001
Lacking	34	60	30	21.4				
Good	26	40	110	78.6				
Family Influence					6.01	3.08	11.74	< 0.001
Yes	34	60	25	17.8				
No	26	40	115	82.2				
Peer's Influence					10.97	5.42	22.19	< 0.001
Yes	41	64	23	16.4				
No	23	36	117	83.6				
Cigarrete Price					6.05	3.04	12.03	< 0.001
Cheap ≥Rp 10,000	31	51.6	21	15.0				
Expensive < Rp 10,000	29	48.4	119	85.0				
Pocket Money					6.41	3.20	12.82	< 0.001
>Rp 300,000	31	51.6	20	14.2				
≤Rp 300,000	29	48.4	120	85.8				
Attitude	2			-	12.73	6.18	26.23	< 0.001
Negative	40	66.6	19	13.5			-	
Positive	20	33.4	121	86.5				

#### 4. Multilevel Analysis

Table 3 showed the results of multivariate analysis. Table 3 showed that poor knowledge (b= 3.10; 95% CI= 0.83 to 3.68; p= 0.002), strong family role (b= 3.20; 95% CI= 0.75 to 3.13; p= 0.001), strong peer role (b= 4.05; 95% CI= 1.32 to 3.82; p= 0.001), cigarette price <Rp 10,000 (b= 2.84; 95% CI= 0.57 to 3.14; p= 0.005), money pocket >Rp 300,000 (b= 2.89; 95% CI= 0.65 to 3.43; p= 0.004), negative attitude (b = 3.29, 95% CI = 0.92 to 3.59, p <0.001) increased smoking behavior among male adolescents.

School had contextual effect on smoking behavior with ICC= 14.00%.

Independent Variable	b -	CI 9		
		Lower Limit	Upper Limit	р
Fixed Effect				
Knowledge (lacking)	3.10	0.83	3.68	0.002
Family role (strong)	3.20	0.75	3.13	0.001
Peer role (strong)	4.05	1.32	3.82	0.001
Cigarette price < Rp 10.000	2.84	0.57	3.14	0.005
Money pocket >Rp 300.000/month	2.89	0.65	3.43	0.004
Negative attitude	3.29	0.92	3.59	0.001
Random Effect				
N observation = 200				
N group= 25				
Average of group= 8, min=8, max=8				
Log likelihood= -51.70 p<0.001				
ICC= 14.00%				

#### Table 3. Multiple logistic regression multilevel analysis results

#### DISCUSSION

## 1. The effect of knowledge on smoking behavior

The results of this study showed that knowledge was positively associated with smoking behavior among male adolescents (b= 3.10; 95% CI= 0.83 to 3.68; p= 0.002). Adolescents with a lack of knowledge increased smoking behavior by 3.10 units compared to adolescents with good knowledge.

Soesyasmoro et al. (2017) stated that knowledge about smoking was associated with smoking behavior and was statistically significant (OR= 0.35; 95% CI= 0.13 to 0.95; p= 0.039). Someone with a good level of knowledge about smoking behavior including the content of the effects of smoking will prefer to stop smoking. This shows that appropriate knowledge for adolescents can encourage positive attitudes and promote healthy behavior (Park et al., 2018).

Lack of knowledge of teenagers about the content of smoking, the long-term effects of smoking can cause adolescents to take action to smoke (Kusma et al., 2010). To prevent smoking habits, it is important to introduce the dangers of smoking, cigarette content, dependence and ways to stop smoking in school (AlQahtani et al., 2017).

## 2. The effect of family role on smoking behavior

The results of this study indicated that parental role was associated with smoking behavior among male adolescents (b= 3.20; 95% CI= 0.75 to 3.13; p<0.001). Adolescents who had high family support for smoking behavior increase smoking behavior by 3.20 units compared to adolescents with low family support for smoking behavior.

The results of this study were in line with the study of Pandayu et al. (2017) that families can influence smoking behavior. Families with parents who smoke influenced it because they are role models for their children. This influence can be caused where family support is the reason for teenagers who smoke (Panduwinata et al., 2019).

The family environment plays an important role in preventing or promoting smoking. Parents have a very important role in the process of developing children's behavior. Children will imitate good behavior from their parents (Alves et al., 2015). But if parents have bad behavior or habits such as father or mother smoking, the child will imitate the smoking habits of their parents (Roupa et al., 2016).

# 3. The effect of peer role on smoking behavior

The results of this study showed that peers had a significant influence on smoking behavior in adolescent boys (b= 4.05; 95% CI= 1.32 to 3.82; p<0.001). Teenagers who had high peer support for smoking behavior increase smoking behavior by as much as 4.05 units compared with adolescents with low peer support for smoking behavior.

This is in line with the study of Joung et al. (2016) which shows that there is a positive peer influence on smoking behavior among adolescents. Teenagers who have smoker friends will be influenced by smoking behavior than teens who have peers who do not smoke. In adolescence individuals will spend more time with their peers (Soesyasmoro et al., 2017).

Peer groups have an important role in one's personal development in social life, besides that it allows adolescents to develop their identity. Peer groups are the second environment after the family. The perspective of a teenager about smoking behavior is strongly influenced by peers, because the perspective determines the decisions taken in the end whether a teenager will smoke or not. Most teens smoke when outside school. It is because smoking is not permitted in the school environment (Purnaningrum et al., 2017).

## 4. The effect of cigarette price on smoking behavior

The results of this study indicated the price of cigarettes had a significant influence on smoking behavior in adolescent boys (b= 2.84; 95% CI= 0.57 to 3.14; p= 0.005). Adolescents with perceptions of low cigarette prices increased smoking behavior by 2.84 units compared to adolescents with the perception of expensive cigarette prices. The results of this study are in line with the study of Yeh et al. (2017) which states that the price of cigarettes can affect smoking behavior. The increase in cigarette prices will reduce cigarette consumption. The increase in cigarette prices will make someone think again to buy cigarettes (Bader et al., 2011).

Some of the factors associated with smoking cessation behavior are the prices of cigarettes. Someone who thinks the price of expensive cigarettes will choose not to smoke compared to someone who thinks that the price of cigarettes is cheap. Higher cigarette prices seem to be associated with a greater advantage to stop smoking (Ross et al., 2011).

# 5. The effect of pocket money on smoking behavior

The results of this study indicated pocket money had a significant influence on smoking behavior in adolescent boys (b= 2.89; 95% CI 0.65 to 3.43; p= 0.004). Teenagers with pocket money >Rp 300,000 increased smoking behavior by 2.89 units compared to teenagers with pocket money p Rp. 300,000.

The results of this study are in line with the study of Purnaningrum et al. (2017) which showed that there was a significant relationship between the availability of pocket money and smoking behavior. The high availability of pocket money would affect the increase in smoking behavior among adolescents compared to adolescents with sufficient pocket money.

There was a connection between smoking and pocket money. Pocket money was used by teenagers to buy something they want, including the desire of teenagers to buy or not a cigarette (Das et al., 2011).

## 6. The effect of attitude on smoking behavior

The results of this study indicated that attitude had a significant influence on

smoking behavior (b= 3.29; 95% CI= 0.92 to 3.59; p<0.001). Teenagers who had a negative attitude increase smoking behavior by 3.29 units compared to teenagers who had a positive attitude.

This is in line with the study of Delpia et al. (2017) which states that attitudes have a positive influence through intention towards smoking behavior. Attitude leads to responses in the form of approval or support or not on an object, especially in this study, namely smoking prevention behavior. A positive or negative attitude can determine a person's behavior through his intentions, where the more positive a person's attitude is, the intention to do a behavior will be higher. High intention influences the person to conduct behavior, namely the behavior of preventing alcohol and smoking consumption (Panduwinata et al., 2019)

Atmojo et al. (201 7) states that there are several factors that relate to stopping smoking behavior, one of which is one's attitude towards smoking. Someone who has a negative attitude that supports smoking behavior supports teenagers to have the intention to keep smoking. Attitude is the strongest predictors of intention for smoking behavior in adolescents (Pandayu et al., 2017).

## 7. The effect of school level on smoking behavior

The results showed that there was a contextual influence at the school level on the variation of smoking behavior in adolescent boys (ICC = 14.00%). Variations in smoking behavior in adolescent boys as much as 14.00% were influenced by schools. The ICC value in this study was greater than the benchmark 8-10% rule of thumb, so the contextual influences that in this study were schools were very important to note.

The results of the study by Heo et al. (2014) stated that there is an influence

between schools and smoking behavior in adolescents. Schools that have no education about smoking tend to be more likely for teens who smoke money because of the lack of knowledge they have. Schools determine young people to have more opportunities to interact with people of the opposite gender, teenagers in this school can use cigarettes to project images of maturity. Teenagers tend to think that cigarettes are a symbol of maturity or attraction.

Based on the results of the study it can be concluded that there is a significant influence between knowledge, family influence, peers, cigarette prices, pocket money, and attitudes toward smoking behavior in adolescent boys. Variations at the school level indicate that there is a contextual influence on smoking behavior among male adolescent.

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Tria Arifianti collected and processed the data. RB. Soemanto reviewed the manuscript. Hanung Prasetya examined the conceptual framework and research methodology.

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#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest in this study.

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