

ABSTRACT

Former street children whose life nowadays have self-concept or idea of themselves from what they have been through in their past incidents or experience. Through the concept of himself, former street children displays symbols that have them give the meaning and they have exchanged up to their show in his actions at this time. The purpose of this research is to find out the self-concept of former street children and how symbolic means are exchanged by them. The theory underlying this research is symbolic interaction theory according to Blumer and Mead as well as the theory of the looking glass self according to Cooley. This research use qualitative approach with phenomenology as a method. From all the research process, the result indicates, from 4 group of the meaning of self concept which is economic role, moral, pride and self actualization, they exchanged their symbolic means and then they show it through their action and behavior.

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