

ABSTRACT

Illegal racing is a form of racing using motorized vehicles that is held on the highway without obtaining permission from the authorities and is generally participated in by several groups that own vehicles, such as cars and motorcycles that have been modified. This wild race is carried out at certain times such as early morning or when the streets are quiet. Illegal racing has many negative sides for society such as causing uproar due to noise, congestion due to closed roads, and even accidents that can cause fatalities. Therefore, illegal racing is included in the activity with the crime category. This study examines public perceptions of illegal racing among adolescents, which can have a negative impact on society and youth. The purpose of this research is to understand how society perceives illegal racing and the factors that influence the behavior of adolescents who are involved in illegal racing. This research method is descriptive qualitative with data collection techniques through interviews with 15 respondents selected by purposive sampling. The results of the study show that the general public perceives illegal racing as a behavior that is harmful and dangerous for the perpetrators and other people. Factors that influence adolescent behavior in wild racing include the desire to seek self-identity, failure of social control, solicitation of friends, absence of official racing facilities, and lack of attention from parents. This study emphasizes the importance of the role of family, school, environment, and law enforcement in controlling adolescent behavior related to illegal racing.

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