

ABSTRACT

Currently, the stigma regarding single mothers or widows is still very taboo in Indonesia. This stigma can also affect the mentality and self-concept of single mothers and their children. In this context, it is important to know how single mothers can communicate with their children so that the negative stigma can be broken. The analysis of this research focuses on how mother and child communicate so that it can be seen that the two of them have good communication to form self-concept. In this context, researchers use the Symbolic Interaction theory proposed by Mead. The research focused on Mead's three concepts of symbolic interaction, namely mind, self, and society. The subjects in this research were low-income single mothers and their children who had high self-confidence as evidenced by their achievements. This research uses a qualitative fenomenology method with the object of communication and symbolic interactions that occur in the daily lives of low-income single mother families in Sragen Regency. The research results revealed that the communication and symbolic interaction between mother and child ran smoothly so that they had a good self-concept in accordance with symbolic interaction theory. This research also applies Mead's symbolic interaction theory to analyze symbols of mother and child behavior such as the way the mother speaks in building the child's self-concept.

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