

ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze Interpersonal Communication between fathers and sons in Telkom University environment by using interpersonal communication theory from Joseph A. De Vito. This research used a qualitative approach with a case study method, which focused on five students as the main unit of analysis. The informants were selected based on their experiences and variations in their communication backgrounds with their fathers. Through in-depth interviews, it was found that the five main aspects according to De Vito namely openness, empathy, support, positive attitude, and equality have an important role in shaping communication effectiveness in father-child relationships. The results showed that open and supportive Interpersonal Communication is able to build emotional closeness and improve the quality of family relationships. In contrast, communication that is minimal, one-way, or unresponsive tends to create emotional distance between fathers and sons. The findings provide practical and theoretical contributions to the understanding of family communication dynamics, especially in the context of students in a college environment.

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