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The Role of Homeschooling in the Modern Era

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Abstract

This study aims to determine the education of Homeschooling and how the role of Homeschooling in today's digital era. This is a literature study. Parents today are increasingly aware that they are able to develop models of adjusted to the child's character, and the child's psychological state. Homeschooling as a substitute for formal education. Homeschooling is the hope of parents to provide education that is able to develop religious and moral values in children and provide a comfortable learning atmosphere for children.

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1. Introduction

Every parent wants quality education, education that can improve ability, inculcate moral values and education that has a fun learning atmosphere for children. However this is often not found in the implementation of Education in formal institutions. Often formal schools are oriented towards the end result of lessons instead of promoting life skills and social skills. The child will strive to get good grades in various ways even if they have to cheat. Plus many cases of *bullying* in children by friends who are superior in various things that cause children to become depressed and lost spirit to go to school.

Parents today are increasingly aware that they need learning alternatives that are able to develop learning models adjusted to the child's character, and the child's psychological state. This condition is more complete when the government does not give serious attention to solve the problems of education, especially to provide a meaningful subsidy for education. In fact, education has a very big role in determining the progress of a nation. It is natural that every parent wants his children to have quality education, embedded faith and moral values good, and fun learning atmosphere. Often these things are not found in public schools. Given the formal school as an institution is not perfect, then alternative education is needed that pays attention to children's rights to education. Complaint about school conditions are far from expectations parents bring up issues that are relatively new to alternative formal education as we know, is the home school (*Homeschooling*). The idea came from parents to "educate" their

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children at home in a school institution called *Homeschooling* or also known as the term independent school, or *home education* or *home based learning* (Susilo, 2009).

Homeschooling (home school) is getting more and more interesting more and more parents are practicing this model education. They feel, school model education is actually a lot of failing than success. Their children are not growing rapidly in line with expectations. Only a handful of schools can be said to successfully educate children in intellectual, emotional, vocational and spiritual matters. The school approach is legal-formal, structural. And impressed to force, make the students feel depressed, so they can not serve a learning program with fun, passion and full of love.

2. Literature Review

Education is a conscious and planned effort to create an atmosphere of learning and learning process so that learners actively develop their potential to have spiritual power of religion, self-control, personality, intelligence, noble character, and skill which is needed by him, society, nation and state (article 1, paragraph 1 of the Law on National Education System number 20 of 2003). The definition of education as stated in the above Sisdiknas Law reflects that the educational process should prioritize the active role of learners which means that the educational process should make learners as the subject of the curriculum, not just the curriculum object. Every child should be given the right and opportunity to determine what is best for him. This implies that education should pay attention to the interests and needs of students in choosing and determining the curriculum that will be lived as a provision of life necessary to carve the future of himself, his community, his nation and his country.

Etymologically, *homeschooling* is English which consists of the word *home* and *school*. In the English dictionary, *homeschooling* is a verb form, *homeschooling is to instruct (an pupil, for example) in an educational program outside of established schools, especially in the home. Homeschooling* means guiding (eg: a disciple) in educational programs outside of public schools, in particular held at home. Although it is called *homeschooling* does not mean the child is learning in the home continuously. But children can learn anywhere and anytime from the situation and conditions as comfortable and fun as being at home.

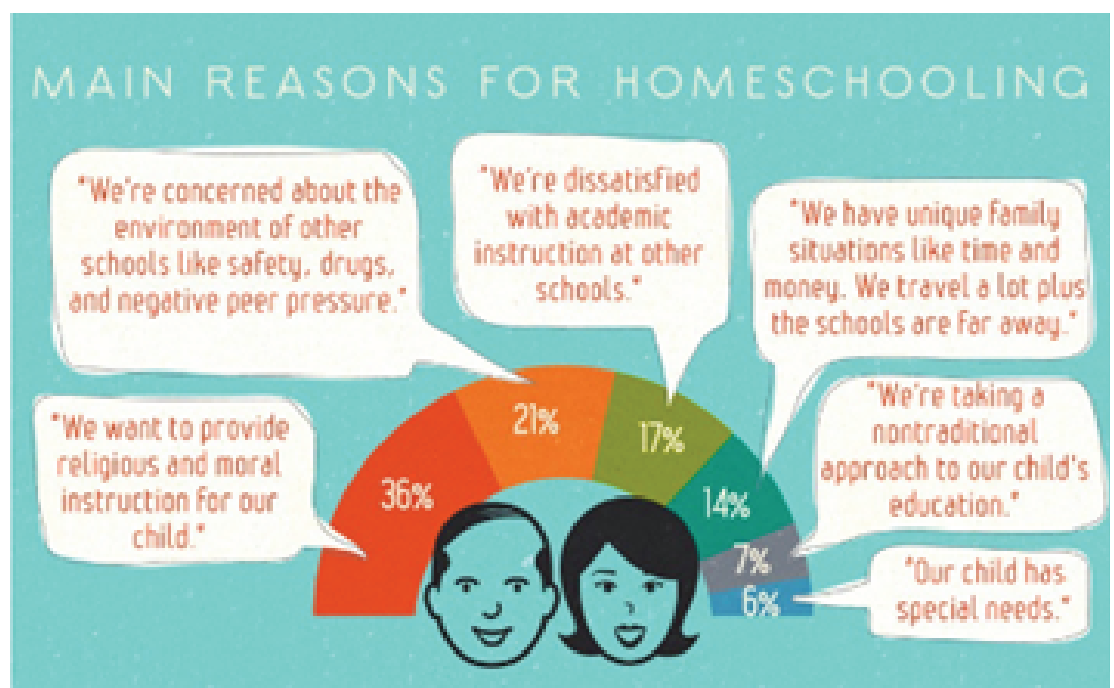
Many terms are used to refer to *homeschooling*. The terms of *homeschooling* include *home education* and *home-based learning* (*home-based learning*) / *home-based education* (*home-based education*). According to Alberta Education Organization (2010: 3), *home education is when parent has decided to retain responsibility for*

educating the child. Understanding *home education* also comes from *Education and Community Services, ACT: 2001* which explains that *home education is defined here as the education provided or directed by parents who use their home as a base to organize their children's learning, or attendance at specialist classes run by various professionals and includes the use of community resources*. *Home education* is education for children held at home, unlike public schools either public / private, this type of education is usually implemented with emphasis on the role of parents or mentors. While the definition of *home-based education* can be described by a). a commitment for parents to educate their own children, b). family-based education and usually parents as leaders (but sometimes students as well as leaders), c). an atmosphere conducive to achieving independence, d). generally are not in a conventional classroom setting and not in an institution. The various terms used to denote the meaning of homeschooling is not a matter for debate, because all that matters is the essence of the same meaning .

Today the world has entered the modern era where all the things that humans do is facilitated by the technology. In the digital age, human life in color with various to hopefully. Things look difficult maybe even impossible on do in the past lum it is now real. The conveniences that exist thanks to this digital technology has influenced human behavior . Parents' closeness to children will decrease, so children will feel no longer need the attention of parents. It is reasonable to say that being a parent today is not easy, because society has undergone a change, a change that brings new values that are sometimes very different from the values taught by parents in the past. This is where the role of the family in helping the child's development towards the positive.

See it now *homeschooling* has become one form of phenomenal alternative education with an emphasis to accommodate the potential of intelligence possessed by children maximally that can not be separated from the role of the family and lead the child's behavior toward the positive yag amid technological and social progress in this modern era. The emergence of *homeschooling* as an alternative education becomes the answer to public unrest towards child education today as in formal education. There are many limitations in providing individualized guidance and study services to children as learners. In addition, classical learning often causes learners to have learning barriers that are lack of intensive attention from educators. The enactment of a set of rules that are very binding for students, the application of discipline is too rigid, and the atmosphere of learning is too formal without unwittingly often burdening and memasung creativity of learners. In addition, the existence of competition among learners also causes some learners to feel depressed so that the child is more viewed as a learning obligation and burden not as a necessity.

Selection of homeschooling Education is based on the number of parents who are dissatisfied with the system and outcomes in formal education encourages parents to educate children at home, as is the case in the study of Syafina Hanum (2013: 4) there are several reasons why many parents in Indonesia especially in Jakarta choose schools home, not a few parents who feel disappointed with today's education system. from the frequent turn of the curriculum, violence in schools, students are required to do homework that is not small, school hours are long. Like the story in San Francisco, an estimated 40 percent of middle school-age girls are of Pakistani and other Muslim countries, schools on homeschooling basis. Many Muslim parents refuse to comment when asked why they choose homeschooling for their children. Most of them say, Muslim children who choose homeschooling are often accused of being religiously extreme-minded children. "There is a tendency that those who are homeschooled are anti-social fanatics who don't want their children to be in the system," said Nabila Hanson. In fact, nowadays, parents in America regardless of their religious or cultural background, tend to choose homeschooling for their sons and daughters, because they want to avoid social diseases such as drug addiction, which are considered to be transmitted from relationships in public schools. Herald Tribune site, Wednesday edition (26/3) states, the number of American children who study on the basis of homeschooling continues to increase. At present the number reaches one to two million children. (www.erasmuslim.com, 2008). Therefore there are two reasons parents in America choose homeschooling for their children. That is the reason for the system at school and religious reasons. Some of these reasons can be seen in the following figure:



So it can be concluded that parents choose *Homeschooling* because of the many cases of violence in schools, the development of technology that can affect child behavior, and distrust of parents to the school curriculum.

3. Results and Discussion

Homeschooling in the modern era can be used as a parental consideration in choosing education for children. According to Ari Tri Winarno (2016: 48) The advantages of homeschooling compared with Formal Education are: (a) Learning can be tailored to the needs of children and family conditions. (b) Learning activities can be more focused. (c) Promote self-learning patterns. (d) Maximizing the potential of the child and following the time standards set by home schooling, (e) The conformity of the growth in the value of the child with the family is relatively protected from exposure to deviant values and association, (f) The cost of education is adjusted to the situation of the parents. (g) Moral Learning can be taught directly by parents. (h) Prevent bullying in formal schools. While the shortcomings of Homeschooling are: (a) Need a commitment from parents to teach things to children. (b) The socialization of children to peers is relatively low. (c) Children do not get heterogeneous associations. (d) Dependence on parents. (e) The development of the child's personality will automatically be delayed.

From the description above it can be seen the advantages of homeschooling education include:

1. The process of teaching and learning will be able to create a more pleasant atmosphere and will create students more creative and independent, they are more free to express their works and make them not dependent on others, because basically learners have the tendency and basic needs to develop their potential as much as possible. A teacher or parent is only accompanying, guiding and facilitating the child to learn so that the learning process is fully tailored to the needs of the child (humanist education).
2. Children who get *homeschooling* education will be ready to plunge in the real world, because the learning process based on everyday activities that exist in the surrounding, protected from association deviate, meaning there is a conformity of the child's growth with family. Relatively protected from straying values and associations (brawl, drugs, consumerism, pornography, cheating and so on).
3. Economically, the cost of education can adjust to the family's financial condition.

4. Flexible means it can be implemented anywhere, the process of determining the curriculum yag can be selected by the parents as a teacher allows homeschoolers to adjust their *need and demand*.
5. Lesson subjects studied are more applicable in real life so as to provide a more qualified provision for the success of children in community life.
6. Make children independent. In homeschooling education, it is the child who determines what subjects will be studied. Thus, the child will be more responsible and independent. In this case, the teacher or tutor functions only as a companion when the child has difficulty. Teachers or tutors also position themselves not as teachers but as friends learn.
7. Helps children grow more, understand themselves and their role in the real world with freedom of expression, reject or agree on certain values without having to be afraid to get a reproach from friends or less value.
8. Can maximizes the potential of children early without having to follow the usual time standard set in public schools, for example for children who work as athletes or artist artists;

But behind the benefits and advantages, the application of homeschooling is certainly not separated from the various problems that accompany it, as well as formal school education that has problems and limitations, then so is the case with homeschooling education. Weaknesses in homeschooling Education are:

1. Limited knowledge of teachers / parents. Parent as teacher or tutor. In practice homeschooling plays an important role in the achievement of educational goals. The determination and preparation of the education system and curriculum is the responsibility of the parents. Indeed, there are no standard rules on the curriculum and education systems adopted in home schools, but the use of an established curriculum will also lead to difficulties in achieving desired educational targets.
2. Children who study in homeschooling are less likely to interact with peers from different social statuses that can provide a valuable experience for learning to live in society. Because in many situations homeschooling children rarely meet and gather with peers. . Though associating is an important requirement for school-age children .
3. Homeschooling can isolate learners from unpleasant realities in the future so they can affect individual development.

4. Does not train the spirit of competing. Yet every time humans must compete to be the best, in a manner that is polite and honorable. While School is a typical learning place that can train children to compete.
5. Intercourse is limited . Limitations get along primarily with peer-group. Limitations of association with various people who are socially heterogeneous, can make children "afraid" and giddy in the association in society in general
6. *Team-work* is weak Because accustomed to self-study, it is very possible to make children not used to work together , not quickly can work team-work. Unstructured homeschoolers interact as in formal schools and thus have relatively little team-work skills.
7. Has no leadership soul. Homeschoolers find it difficult to be leaders because they rarely have a chance to lead, especially to lead in groups of children of their age.
8. Less survive. The lack of interaction with peers from different economic and social strata makes homeschoolers lose the opportunity to gain valuable experience to adapt and survive in society.
9. The child has no independence and confidence. Because of the dominant interaction with parents, homeschooling children are accustomed to feeling complete parental protection. It brings the side effects that can reduce the independence of children.
10. I miss the good times of school . K ehilangan opportunity mingle and join a *peer-group* school team, for example, sports teams, student council team, PMR team, team Paskibraka, Cheerleader.Homeschoolers miss the beautiful school days
11. Expensive Cost. The inability of parents to master the subject matter, so it must bring a tutor. Or want to join the community homeschooling, which charges the community to participants. That means adding costs

Homeschooling is an alternative choice of education for parents in improving the quality of education, developing the value of faith (religion), and want a more enjoyable learning atmosphere. On the other hand , there is a public school that provides teaching materials and curriculum centrally and uniformly, in accordance with the expectations and needs of children. Both homeschooling and public schools (formal education) both have advantages and disadvantages in delivering students to achieve educational goals. About the choice of both, all submitted to parents and family according to family conditions. Because after all every parent knows which is best for the future life of the child.

4. Conclusion

Today The World has entered the modern era where all the things that humans do is facilitated by the technology. The conveniences that exist thanks to this digital technology has influenced human behavior. *Homeschooling* has become one form of phenomenal alternative education with an emphasis to accommodate the potential of intelligence possessed by children maximally that can not be separated from the role of the family and direct the child's behavior toward the positive yag amid technological and social progress in this modern era. homeschooling is an educational or learning system that is held in homes popularized as an alternative education that is based in a family atmosphere and puts children as subjects with *at home* approach . That means adding costs . Homeschooling is an alternative choice of education for parents in improving the quality of education, developing the value of faith (religion), and want a more enjoyable learning atmosphere.

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