

Individual Pathology of Social Networking of Islamic Seminarian Users

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Abstract

Islamic seminarian students are regarded as a reference group, and therefore expected to be more careful about their talk, behavior, and deeds in social networks. They are obligated to show, in practice, behavioral standards to the users so as to be their role models of virtual life in media action. Furthermore, incidence of immoralities on the part of Islamic seminarian users leads not only to the degradation of their character and class status, but also, at times, to damaging religious beliefs of individuals and negative attitudes towards all religious people. This research conducts a pathological examination from the individual aspect of the action of Islamic seminarian users of social networks. The research method is qualitative and the problem has been analyzed by using in-depth, purposive interviews with 16 experts on media and lifestyle, themselves Islamic seminarian users. Neglect of religious mission and making lay remarks were among the downsides of the Islamic seminarian users' action that were pointed out in the interviews. Providing examples of and 'proofreading' media action are among the innovations of the present study.

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