ABSTRAK

Not having children results in a sense of role failure with social and emotional consequences. In socio-cultural setting, infertility even has a gender bias. Infertile women tend to be blame. Very little has been explored regarding experience infertility particularly for man. This study explores two main issues, what the social and psychological stress look like and how the way of infertile man adaptation to societies.

This qualitative study is conducted at Madura island which predominantly muslim population and patriarchal value. Subject research are infertile men. In-depth interviews were conducted with 10 infertile men about the main issues and with 11 informan, to give the more understanding of issues and socio-cultural aspect.

As result, related with social and psychological stress, at public area where full of religious value, solidarity from community and strong consanquinity tying, make the infertility is not considered to be a problem. At individual area, infertility is considered as self abnormalities. Desire to play the role as individual who have social identity virtual, making infertile men fell not confident and lose face. Beyond countryside community, make them didn’t have the reference who able to give reinforcement when the infertile men experiencing the social and psychological pressure.

Concerning adaptation to social and psychological pressure, there are 3 pattern of adaptation: doing something which have coercion aspect, sublimation aspect and reinforcement aspect.

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