

ABSTRACT

Reproductive health is a healthy state combining physical, sexual, and psychosocial health. Sexual behavior is driven by sexual impulse when a teenager feels a strong passion towards the opposite sex. Nowadays, most teenagers have experienced dating with their boyfriend or girlfriend. Unfortunately, they feel shame no more when they hug and kiss each other in public areas while they have a date. Based on demography institution, in 2006, there were 4.7% male and 3.2% female teenagers who experienced free sex or pre-marriage sex. On the other side, in 2009, P₃A revealed the data that sexual violence in Sidoarjo reached 41.6% and 24.8% of the doers were teenagers. The objective of this study aimed to examine the influence of teenagers' reproductive health knowledge towards dating behavior.

The study used analytical method using cross sectional design. The populations of the study were 480 students aged 16-18 years old of MAN Sidoarjo taken in January 2010. The samples taken were 144 respondents using a technique called stratified random sampling. The independent variable was teenagers' reproductive health knowledge and the dependent variable was teenagers' dating behavior. The instruments used for collecting the data were questionnaires distributed in MAN Sidoarjo. Then, the data were analyzed using Chi-Square test with significance level $\alpha=0.05$.

The result showed the correlation value between teenager's reproductive health knowledge and teenagers' dating behavior variables. From $X^2=33.81$ and $df=1$, the value of X^2 table was 3.84. It meant that X^2 was higher than X^2 table. It indicated that there was a correlation between the teenager's reproductive health knowledge and dating behavior.

Based on the finding above, it could be concluded that there is a correlation between the teenager's knowledge level of reproductive health and dating behavior. It is probably because the teenagers who have a good knowledge of reproductive health tend to have healthy dating behavior. On the other hand, the teenagers who possess lack of knowledge tend to have unhealthy dating behavior. Therefore, it is suggested for further researches to examine other factors affecting teenagers' dating behavior.

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