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FACTORS INCREASING DIVORCE RATES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN LAMPUNG PROVINCE

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Abstract

The increasing number of divorce rates that occur is of particular concern, especially the government and during this COVID-19 pandemic, the divorce rate in Lampung Province has increased very significantly. In the course of marriage, there will definitely be problems faced by husband and wife where problems that cannot be resolved will inevitably lead to a divorce. Divorce is usually marked by several factors. The factors causing the increase in divorce rates during the COVID-19 pandemic in Lampung Province were disputes and also quarrels caused by several things, namely Financial Problems, Child Absence, Infidelity, Communication and Differences. It is hoped that husband or wife will understand each other better and understand the conditions that occur, especially if it is associated with the ongoing covid-19 pandemic.

Keywords: Increase, Divorce, Covid-19 Pandemic

I. INTRODUCTION

Currently, the whole world, especially Indonesia, is facing a coronavirus pandemic situation or better known as Covid-19. There are so many impacts caused by this pandemic situation, one of which is that divorces occur a lot, one of which is in Lampung Province. The increasing number of divorce rates that occur is a major concern for every community, especially the government. *Corona virus* is a large family of viruses that cause disease in humans and animals. Usually in humans it can cause respiratory tract infections, ranging from the common cold to serious diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Coronavirus found in humans since an extraordinary event appeared in Wuhan, China, in December 2019, was later named Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-COV2), and caused Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19)³

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COVID-19 is a new type of disease that has never been previously identified in humans. Corona this name is taken from the Latin which means crown, because the shape of this virus has spikes that protrude like a crown and the sun's corona. The corona virus has triggered an outbreak in the city of Wuhan, China, in December 2019, and after that it spread to various countries around the world. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020⁴

Marriage is a recommendation from every religion in Indonesia. In Indonesia itself, marriage is contained in the 1945 Constitution Article 28B paragraph (1) "Everyone has the right to form a family and continue offspring through legal marriage" in conjunction with Law Number 1 of 1974 (hereinafter abbreviated as the Marriage Law). Article 1 "Marriage is an inner and outer bond between a man and a woman as husband and wife with the aim of forming a happy and eternal family (household) based on the One Godhead".

Marriage is an event that is very important for the journey of human life. In addition to uniting two different individuals, marriage will also automatically change the status of both.⁵ Every couple who has carried out a marriage, definitely wants and craves a happy and eternal marriage, however, in a marriage there must be a problem that will be faced by a husband and wife whose unresolved problems will inevitably lead to a divorce. This divorce is usually marked by several factors, such as disputes, quarrels, disharmony, economic factors, polygamy, and so on.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the number or number of separations/divorces in Indonesia has increased significantly. Based on one of the Indonesian online news, *Republika.co.id*, it was stated that during the adjustment period, the new habits experienced a spike to 57,000 divorces from June to July 2020.⁶ Especially in the Lampung area, based on online news, *peel it off completely, co.* said that the divorce rate in the Lampung region, also experienced an increase with a total of 4,143 divorce cases.⁷ These figures are extremely high numbers and require special attention from the government. Based on the description above, the writer is interested in analyzing the Factors of Increasing Divorce Rates during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Lampung Province. The method that the author uses is the normative approach method, namely the literature study.

⁴Aris Tristanto. 2020. *Perceraian Selama Pandemi Covid-19 Dalam Perspektif Ilmu Sosial, Jurnal Sosio Informa*, Vol 6 No. 3, p. 294

⁵*Ibid.* p. 293

⁶ <http://www.ayopurwakarta.com/read/2020/08/28/5820/pandemi-covid-19-angka-percepatan-di-indonesia-meningkat> diakses pada Kamis, 12 Agustus 2021 pukul 10.00 WIB terkait pandemi COVID-19, angka perceraian di Indonesia semakin meningkat

⁷ <https://kupastuntas.co/2020/07/21/percepatan-tahun-2020-di-bandar-lampung-reach-5325-case> diakses pada hari Kamis, 12 Agustus 2021 pukul 10.30 WIB perihal perceraian di Bandar Lampung yang mencapai 5325 kasus pada tahun 2020

II. DISCUSSION

Factors Increasing Divorce Rates During the Covid-19 Pandemic In Lampung Province

KUHPdt regulates divorce where this is the abolition of marriage by a judge's decision, on the demands of one of the parties in the marriage based on the reasons stated in the Law, Article 207 of the Criminal Code. According to the KBBI, divorce means separation, breaking up of a relationship as husband and wife. Besides that, Divorce can be interpreted according to the Indonesian language to mean "separate" from the basic word "divorce". According to the term (syara') divorce is a term to release the ties of marriage. In terms of Fiqh, divorce is known as "Talak" or "Furqah". Divorce means breaking the bond or canceling the agreement. While Furqah means divorce which is the opposite of gathering.⁸The words divorce and furqah have general and specific meanings. In a general sense, it means all kinds of divorces imposed by the husband, which are determined by the judge. Whereas in a special sense is a divorce that is imposed by the husband.

According to Al-Hadith, Thalaq is makruh. Based on the Hadith of the Prophet SAW, the most hated lawful act by Allah is thalaq (HR. Abu Daud and Al-Hakim). Furthermore, in another hadith Rasulullah SAW said that any woman who asks her husband for a divorce without any reason, then it is forbidden for her to smell of heaven (HR. Turmudzi and Ibn Ma'jah).

Based on the information above, it can be concluded that divorce is the breakup of a marital relationship and the separation between husband and wife so that it will create a new status, namely widows and widowers, divorce is one of the things that is hated by Allah SWT, because divorce can have a negative impact. especially from their children and descendants.

Marriage carried out by husband and wife is to form a harmonious and happy household in accordance with the provisions of the law and also the provisions of religion. However, in the household there will be problems that do not allow the way to reconcile again, so both of them choose the path of divorce. Prior to the birth of the Marriage Law, marriage was regulated in Book I of the Civil Code (KUHPdt), including provisions regarding the cause of divorce. With the enactment of Law Number 1 of 1974, the rules that apply in the Criminal Code are no longer valid or set aside.

In achieving a happy family, efforts are made according to the ability of each family. However, there are also many families who fail to seek harmony, nightmares will occur, namely the emergence of a "divorce" clash that they never expected. The impact of divorce causes various problems, including the breakup of the family from

⁸Zahry Hamid. 1976. *Dasar-dasar Hukum Perkawinan Islam dan Hukum Perkawinan di Indonesia*, Bina Cipta. Yogyakarta, p.73

the ties of marriage, family relations become tenuous and the most severe impact that will be experienced by children who are the fruit of the marriage itself.⁹

The termination or end of marriage is described in the Marriage Law Article 39 paragraph 2 in conjunction with the Compilation of Islamic Law (KHI) article 113 concerning death, divorce, and court decisions. Meanwhile, in article 9 of Government Regulation Number 9 of 1975 concerning the Implementation of Law Number 1 of 1974 in conjunction with the Compilation of Islamic Law (KHI) article 116, the reasons for the dissolution of marriages are as follows:

1. One of the parties commits adultery or becomes a drunkard, compactor, gambler, and so on which is difficult to cure
2. One of the parties leaves the other party for 2 consecutive years without the permission of the other party and without a valid reason or for other reasons beyond his control.
3. One of the parties gets a prison sentence of 5 (five) years or a heavier sentence after the marriage takes place
4. One party commits atrocities or severe abuse that endangers the other party
5. One of the parties gets a disability or disease with the result of not being able to carry out obligations
6. One of the parties continues to have disputes and quarrels and there is no hope of living in harmony again in the household.

Elements of the increasing divorce rate during this pandemic are found in point 6, namely often disputes and quarrels with various reasons where each party is no longer able to maintain the integrity of the household, it can be imagined if the days passed are filled with colors that can make the atmosphere uncomfortable. This also not only affects married couples but also has the greatest impact on children.

Every behavior, example and lesson from parents will be recorded clearly in the hearts and minds of children. The worst thing is that it will be an example applied in the life of his household that will be built in his day. There is nothing to blame about the impact of the COVID-19 disaster, because this is not only a national disaster but also a world disaster.

Divorce cases that occurred at this time became news both in electronic media and social media. Due to such difficult conditions due to the impact of covid-19, they chose to separate. Especially in the province of Lampung itself, recorded at the Religious Courts, divorce cases reached 6,305 cases from January to June 2020.

Based on one of Lampung's online news, namely Lambos.co., based on the results of interviews conducted together with one of the staff at the Lampung High Court, it was found that not only divorce cases were handled by the Court, but there were also several other things, but still related to divorce or other civil cases. The

⁹ Armansyah Matondang. 2014. *Faktor-Faktor Yang Menyebabkan Perceraian Dalam Perkawinan*, *Jurnal Ilmu Pemerintahan dan Sosial Politik UMA*, 2 (2), p. 142

following is an excerpt from his interview "In general, religious courts do not only deal with divorce cases that are tried, but there are 33 authorities that are handled including issues of marriage dispensation, joint property, polygamy permits, adoption of children or regarding divorce itself, both Divorce, whether divorced or divorcing, is indeed the most divorce case." said Ridwansyah.

In terms of divorce, said Ridwansyah, there are two things, namely 80% of divorces are filed by women and 20% of divorces are filed by men. This shows that civil cases regarding divorce are still the highest cases handled by the Religious Courts and High Courts. The High Court concluded that they did not know in detail what factors were the cause of a married couple choosing to divorce. However, based on the grouping of the reasons they file a lawsuit to the Court, the most dominant factor is the continuous dispute and quarrel.

Looking at the presentation above, women or wives dominate in filing for divorce and it can be concluded that the factor causing the increase in the divorce rate during the COVID-19 pandemic is the factor of disputes and quarrels that occur continuously. The occurrence of disputes and also quarrels can be caused by several things, namely:

1. Financial Problem

Finance is one of the causes of complicated problems that exist when two people are bound in a marriage bond. Usually, this financial problem is caused by the husband who has little income and is not able to meet all the needs of household life, causing the wife to become irritable and emotional. It is undeniable that the Covid-19 disaster has had many impacts on various conditions, one of which is economic and financial.

Not a few people are directly affected by the policies taken by the company where they work, the company's income which has increased on average is now not as usual, so the company is forced to reduce its income or even reduce the number of employees, in order to keep the company running. This policy is felt by the family, especially the wives as financial managers in the household or family. The reduced cost for daily needs makes the wives confused and unable to share according to their respective needs, while we know that the necessities of life are not decreasing but increasing, this is one of the triggers for disputes and quarrels in the household.

2. Child Absence

The presence of a child is the dream of every married couple. However, this will trigger quarrels and even disputes if the couple has been married for years, but has not been blessed with a child. Usually, both husband and wife will blame each other and will feel the most right. Both of them sometimes do not introspect themselves or find out where the lack of both physically and spiritually lies. They think that only by giving birth will they have children, in fact adopting children

can be used as a solution to provide opportunities for both of them in terms of raising children, this is usually used by some people to lure to have biological children or so that the wife can become pregnant (inducement).

3. **Affair**

Infidelity is one of the most common reasons for married couples to end their marital relationship through the courts. Infidelity can be triggered by unsatisfied relationship problems, finances, or the presence of a third person in a marital relationship. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the opportunity for infidelity is very large, when one of the husbands or wives has been laid off from their office, or their income has been reduced by the company due to several factors, one of which is the declining purchasing power in the market.

4. **Communication**

The busyness of each party often causes communication between husband and wife to be hampered and different activities result in husband or wife lack of time to talk, tell stories or just share feelings. As a result, one of them is misunderstanding and can trigger a fight. Communication is the key to a relationship, usually if communication is well established then any relationship will be good, but if our communication is not good then any relationship we live in will not be good which will lead to disputes and fights.

5. **Difference**

One of the purposes of marriage is to unite two different hearts, perfecting and covering each other's shortcomings. The differences include many things such as background, nature, character, habits and personality. This difference is what causes a household to be more colorful. However, it is not uncommon for these differences to lead to compatibility between these two human beings which eventually causes problems in the household.

III. CONCLUSION

The factor causing the increase in the divorce rate during the COVID-19 pandemic is the factor of disputes and quarrels that occur continuously. The occurrence of disputes and quarrels caused by several things, namely Financial Problems, Absence of Children, Infidelity, Communication and Difference. It is hoped that husbands or wives can better understand each other and understand the conditions that occur, especially if it is associated with the ongoing covid-19 pandemic, the maturity of each party is one of the best solutions for household integrity.

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