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# The Influence Of Father's Role In Perception Of Choosing A Life Partner Early Adult Women In Yogyakarta

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## **Abstract**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this initiation is to find out the factors of influence of the father's role in choosing a life partner in early adult women.

**Method:** This study uses a quantitative survey method in which data collection is filled in by early adult women.

**Results:** The results in the hypothesis test show the significance value between the father's role on choosing a life partner with the coefficient value R2: 0.108, and in the t test with a significant value smaller than 0.05. or 3.677 greater than 1.658, so there is an influence of the father's role on choosing a life partner.

Keywords: father's role, choosing a life partner

## Introduction

In the education of children, parents play an important role in the growth and development of their children, but in reality the role of the mother is more dominant in childcare than a father who is less involved in the child's education process. The lack of a father's care has a very negative impact on children, especially girls, because the absence of a father is the absence of a father's involvement in the role of the child physically and psychologically. Therefore, the lack of relationship between fathers and daughters may make daughters feel incomplete as individuals and can have difficulty interacting socially which negatively impacts on girls' relationships with the opposite sex. [1]

Based on research according to McLanahan, et al. (2013), said the absence or absence of fathers will have a much greater negative impact on children, especially experienced by children from an early age. Because the role of the father is needed since the child in early childhood it can help the child's transition to adolescence to adulthood. In some experts' opinions and research related to fathering studies in childcare, the main cause of the destruction of a generation is because of the father. Fathers are the first men girls meet, so a father becomes the benchmark in assessing the good and bad behavior of men, when the father figure disappears gender roles are disrupted and the togetherness of fathers and children will affect the psychological well-being of girls until adulthood. Therefore, I am interested in conducting this research because I know the importance of the influence of the father's role in choosing a life partner for early adult women.[2]

This study aims to see how influential the father's role is on choosing a life partner in early adult women, whether if the father's role is missing or less involved in girls can result in a low ability of early adult women to determine a life partner, for that I developed an effective handling strategy, namely by making this thesis can be known to the public and provide knowledge that the father's role is very important in parenting, especially girls because it will have an impact on him until the child matures and chooses a life partner. [3]

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The picture of father's involvement in childcare can be seen through some of the following research results. Maisyaroh's research (2016), that there is a lack of involvement or participation from a father to a daughter in choosing a life partner, because many women, especially early adults, make a father a figure and benchmark in determining their life partner for the future. Lamb explained that the presence of a father in a child's life will facilitate the stabilization of relationships with others, behavioral adjustment, and success in establishing relationships with the opposite sex. Based on Databoks data in 2017-2021, 53% of divorce cases occurred and 7.04% of children only lived with their mothers. This data shows that many children live without the role of fathers or what is called fatherless Tewar (Ridho, 2022). In line with research according to Mustafa (2023), that early adult women who experience fatherlessness in their lives from childhood affect their views on commitment or relationships with the opposite sex. There is also research that suggests the influence of the father's role on girls in the future is when girls have social relationships with the opposite sex (Dagun, 2002). Poor development due to the loss of the father's role in the child will affect the child's life in adulthood. [4]

Based on what has been described previously, the hypothesis of this study is the influence of the father's role in choosing a life partner in early adult women. Where the higher the role of the missing father, the lower the ability to choose a life partner in early adult women.[5]

## Methods

The research method is quantitative is a survey method used to obtain data from a certain natural place which is used by researchers in data collection, namely circulating questionnaires, and interviews, the scope used by early adult women in Yogyakarta, and the analysis technique is validity and reliability tests.

Definitions of research: Choosing a life partner is something that is done for the first time before entering into marriage. The selection of a partner is a process where several people are selected to enter the desired criteria. After entering certain criteria, the next step between two people starts with a casual introduction, then moves on to a more serious relationship. As for this study, the level of father's role is measured based on a scale put forward by Shakeford, in Aulia (2019) which is made based on aspects, namely Love vs status resources, Reliable / stable vs good looks / health, Education / intelligence vs desire to have a home / children, Friendliness vs similar religion. The role of a father is a role played by a father which is directly related to the duties and obligations that a father must fulfill. In the household, the father and mother choose their respective roles in home affairs or caring for children.

The role of the father himself has an important task, one of which is economic and as a family protector, even though the father's role does a lot of work outside so that it limits time with the family but the father is quite directly involved in guiding the child in order to instill moral values and be more responsible for becoming a respectable and respected child. As for this study, the level of father's role is measured based on Hawkins' scale, in Amandha (2016) which is made based on aspects, namely Providing needs, Explaining to children about maternal support, Teaching discipline and responsibility, Encouraging success / achievement at school, Providing prayer and affection, Enjoying time together and sharing, Paying attention to children's daily lives, Reading to children, Supporting children to develop their talents and potential.

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## **Results**

The focus of this study is to test the hypothesis, which examines whether there is an influence of the father's role in the perception of choosing a life partner in early adult women.

Based on table 1 shows that there is a significant influence between the father's role in choosing a life partner for early adult women seen in the sig value. 0.000 less than 0.05 or 3,677 > 1,658 concluded that the father's role influences choosing a life partner.

# Presentation of t test (partial)

## Coefficients<sup>a</sup>

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Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardi zed Coefficien ts	Т	Sig.
	В	Std. Error	Beta		
(Constant)	38.568	7.203	-	5.354	.000
X	.384	.104	.328	3.677	.000

Furthermore, table 2 shows how much the influence value between the father's role variable and the variable of choosing a life partner, seen in the R Square value of 0.108, which means that the father's role has an influence of 10.9% on choosing a life partner. For 89.1% influenced by other variables that are outside of this study.

Table 4.9

Presentation of the R2 test

Mode	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Sdt. Error of the estimate
1	.328	.108	.100	4.88556

## Discussion

Based on the research that has been done, namely in the hypothesis test where there is a significant influence between the role of the father and choosing a life partner.

As obtained in the hypothesis test where the father's role significantly affects the care and life of children in growth and development. where the results of the t test calculation on the father's role variable show a value smaller than 0.05. Or 3.677 which is greater than 1.658, so that the father's role variable has an influence on choosing a life partner, the conclusion that girls make fathers a role model in their relationship with the opposite sex, if girls get a father's role, it can be ensured that children are more assertive in dealing with the opposite sex and want to choose a partner like the father.

This is also in line with Maisyaroh's research (2016), that there is a lack of involvement or participation from a father to a daughter in choosing a life partner, because many women, especially early adults, make a father a figure and benchmark in determining their life partner for the future. Lamb explained that the presence of a father in a child's

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According to research also from Muslihatun (2022), that as many as 78.57% of fathers stated that the task of caring for children is a joint task of the father and mother. However, 82.14% of fathers said they had several shortcomings / obstacles in caring for children, including lack of patience, irritability, not adept at meeting children's needs, not knowing what to do when children are fussy. This is the same as what the researcher did that a father is still lacking in parenting because he focuses on the family economy so that many children, especially girls, lack the role of a father.

The researcher feels that this research is far from perfect and has many shortcomings and limitations, which researchers have not found previous research on measuring instruments to measure daughters' perceptions of their fathers that are more in-depth, so the researcher suggests that further research discuss this matter more optimally with more satisfactory results discussing the role of fathers towards daughters.

## Conclusion

Based on this research on the influence of the father's role in the perception of choosing a life partner in early adult women in Yogyakarta, which has been described previously, the following conclusions can be drawn:

The role and function of the father in choosing a life partner in adult women is fairly moderate seen in the presentation of the father's role, which is 70.4%, which means that there are other factors that make the father's role in choosing a life partner not yet seen optimally, namely because the factor of the father is still lacking in knowledge or not knowing the real duties of a father in the head of the family who is not only a breadwinner but also related to childcare.

The results show that there is a significant negative relationship between the two variables between the father's role in choosing a life partner for early adult women. This means that the higher the role of the missing father, the lower the ability to choose a life partner in early adult women, in the hypothesis the significant effect is seen from the t test which gets a value of less than <0.05, which means that there is an influence on variable X father's role on variable Y choosing a life partner.

As for what can also be concluded, it can be concluded overall that the father is a figure who will later become a benchmark partner for daughters, with the role that fathers give to daughters such as attention, affection, relating to children's emotional, social, then it can be ensured that a daughter can cross all things in the world because from the father, girls know the meaning of discipline, develop independence, and develop children's self-control.

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