

A comparative study on attitude of youth towards drinking alcohol a case study in Vientiane (Laos) and Surakarta (Indonesia)

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ABSTRACT

Drinking alcohol is not good for everyone, especially the youth. Youth in Vientiane (Laos) could say like addicted to drinking alcohol, but youth in Surakarta (Indonesia) seldom drinking alcohol. Vientiane' majority religion is Buddhist, but Surakarta is Islam. So it's totally different on the regulation of drinking alcohol, that's why I want to investigate how the attitude of youth towards drinking alcohol between Vientiane (Laos) and Surakarta (Indonesia).

Aim to know about the youth attitude towards drinking alcohol between Vientiane (Laos) and Surakarta (Indonesia).

A questionnaire was prepared by docs.google.com in a set of 41 questions and was separated to 3 main parts as such: general information, youth's attitude towards drinking alcohol, and experience of drinking alcohol.

The result of this case study is about the different youth's attitude between youth which lives in Vientiane and Surakarta. There are 111 of respondents from Vientiane and 106 from Surakarta. There is 95.5% of youth in Vientiane ever drink alcohol is higher than youth in Surakarta just only 64.2%. And There are 64.2% of youth in Surakarta never drink alcohol is higher than youth in Vientiane 4.5%. Youth in Vientiane 72.3% want to try to drink alcohol, but youth in Surakarta 65.9% don't want to try to drink alcohol. These are the reason why youth in Laos want to drink alcohol: Curiosity, Just want to try/know, Cause social, and See adult drinks...and youth in Surakarta want to drink alcohol because of Curiosity, Just want to try/know...These are the reason why youth in Laos don't want to drink alcohol: Not delicious, Afraid to get drunk, Alcohol is a disadvantage, Don't like, Not good for health, and Allergy...These are the reason why youth in Surakarta don't want to drink alcohol: Prohibited by Islam, Not enough money to buy, not delicious, Cause sin, Drink for what?, and Not important...

Youth in Vientiane always drink alcohol as habits or routine (Social manner), but there are also some of them don't want to. Youth in Surakarta do not drink alcohol because of regulation of religion, but there are a lot of youth in Surakarta want to drink (they just afraid of sin and always said "Haram")

Key Words: Youth, Attitude, Alcohol, and Comparative.

INTRODUCTION

Culture and society in Laos and Indonesia are different, especially Vientiane capital city and Surakarta city. Vientiane is a capital city of Laos, its population around 760,000 people (estimate in 2015). They're from different parts of Laos, it means there are several of religions, but most of them are Buddhists. Surakarta is a small city in Central Jawa, its population around 503,421 people (estimate in 2010), most of them are Muslim. Drinking alcohol is already become normal in Laos, especially in Vientiane. It's kind of

giving respect to others people when you are invited to go to the ceremony, wedding party, birthday party and etc. You must drink even a little bit; that is called the manner to entering the social in Laos. The assessment of Life Skill Curriculum found that 90% of students from grade 11 reported having consumed alcohol at some point, with 53% of males and 16% of females reporting having been drunk at least once in the past six months. The average age at which young people started drinking was a little over 13 years, with no significant difference between girls and boys. The reporting of multiple risk behaviors (e.g. alcohol use, smoking, and unsafe sex) appeared to be more common in boys than girls interviewed. But on the other hand in Surakarta is totally different from Vientiane city, because their society is stricter on drinking alcohol based on religion. Drinking alcohol is not good for everyone, especially the youth. Youth could be gotten impacts by consumption alcohol very easily such as violence, hooliganism, crime, family problems, social exclusion, problems at the workplace and drink driving. Based on WHO's survey about Top 10 of ASEAN countries for alcohol beverage/beer consumption Laos is the number 1 with an average of 7 liters consumed per person per year, but Indonesia is the number 9 with an average 0,6 liters consumed per person per year. The point is Lao PDR is the highest fatality toll for drink driving related accidents (50 percent) in the ASEAN region, but the fatality toll for drink driving of Republic of Indonesia is unknown. That's why I need to do the research about **"A comparative study on the attitude of youth towards drinking alcohol a case study in Vientiane city (Laos) and Surakarta city (Indonesia)"**.

RESEARCH METHOD

Statement of the problem

A comparative study on youth's attitude towards drinking alcohol

Objective

To know about the youth's attitude towards drinking alcohol

Specific of objective

- To investigate the youth attitude towards drinking alcohol between ages 15-24 years old between Vientiane city (Laos) and Surakarta city (Indonesia);
- To examine the youth's attitude towards drinking alcohol between Vientiane city (Laos) and Surakarta city (Indonesia);
- To compare the majority of religion towards drinking alcohol between Vientiane city (Laos) and Surakarta city (Indonesia).

RESEARCH INSTRUMENT

The tool used to conduct the present study was the "Youth attitude towards drinking alcohol" by questionnaires with 41 questions are made by docs.google.com. The questionnaire was separated to 3 sections like general information and attitude towards drinking alcohol, and the experience of drinking alcohol.

Sample

For the purpose of the study, a simple random sample of 100 was taken from Vientiane city (Laos) 100 people and Surakarta city (Indonesia) 100 People like Junior/Senior high school, College/University, youth in working mode. And in order to facilitate the analysis and to observe the limited time, energy and funds available, the samples determined were 200 persons selected by "incidental sampling", which provided a sample in Vientiane city (Laos) and Surakarta city (Indonesia).

Research design

In this study researcher as selected descriptive type of research design.

Data collections

In order to obtain the data needed, the researcher approached the students who are in Surakarta and Vientiane from different communities in Vientiane and Surakarta randomly. By using google-form for making the questionnaires, and spread out or share the link via Facebook, WhatsApp, or others social media to respondents.

Methods and tools of data collections

There are two sources of data collection

1. Primary sources

The primary sources all the sources which can collect the data from the respondent through social media like Facebook or WhatsApp by sending the questionnaire.

2. Secondary sources

The secondary sources are the sources which can collected through books, journals, newspapers and internet, the researcher used this source from collecting information and for the preparation of synopsis. The researcher selected questionnaire method as a method of interview as tools for collecting data from the respondents.

Data analysis

Data analysis used in this research is descriptive method that is method which is used to get description (description) to variables that are researched and interpreted according to research purpose.

Age

Based on the World Youth Population defined by United Nation, for statistical purpose, defines those persons between the ages of 15-24 years old as youth without prejudice to other definitions by Member State. Researcher decided to examine the ages based on them.

This research could summary that there are 111 respondents from Vientiane and 106 respondents from Surakarta to answer the questionnaire with the same form. The questionnaire was made in English first and translated to Lao and Indonesian. After that the questionnaire was sent out to the youth in Vientiane and Surakarta by age between 15-24 years old based on the World Youth Population defined by United Nation. Researcher collected the questionnaire and was analyzed by google-form automatically. After that transferred the data and result to Microsoft Word and edited again by using Microsoft Power Point.

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

General information: The number of sex of respondents from Vientiane include man 50 people, around 44.1% and woman 61 people, around 55.9 % and from Surakarta include man 49 people, around 46.2% and woman 57, around 53.8%. The number and percentage of the age of the respondents from Vientiane are the age start from 16-24 years old. There is 3 respondents of 16 years old, there is 5 respondents of 17 years old, there is 4 respondents of 18 years old, there is 9 respondents of 19 years old, there is 15 respondents of 20 years old, there is 22 respondents of 21 years old, there is 21 respondents of 22 years old, there is 16 respondents of 23 years old, and there is 16 respondents of 24 years old. The respondents from Surakarta are the age from 17-24 years old. There is 4 people of 17 years old, there is 5 people of 18 years old, there are 12 people of 19 years old, there are 32 people of 20 years old, there are 21 people of 21 years old, there are 17 people of 22 years old, there are 4 people of 23 years old, and there are 11 people of 24 years old. The number and percentage of the religion, in Vientiane there are 104 of 111 people of Buddhist, if in percentage is 92.8% but in Surakarta, there are 82 of 106 people of Islam, if in percentage is 77.4%. The other religion are Christian, catholic, protestant, and other. The youth they are from the different of faculty namely youth in Vientiane there are 45 from major in **Finance, Accountant, Engineering, and Environmental...** Youth in Surakarta there are 92 people from different major in **Indonesian, Communication Science, Management, and English...** There are 51 of youth in Vientiane that is working on **Accountant, Finance, Soldier, Government official...** And there are 34 of youth in Surakarta that is working **Trader, Debt collector...**

Attitude toward alcohol: 95.5% of youth in Vientiane ever drink alcohol is higher than youth in Surakarta as percentage just only 35.8%. And There are 64.2% of youth in Surakarta never drink alcohol is higher than youth in Vientiane as percentage 4.5%. Youth in Vientiane start drinking when they were in the age between 17-18 years old in the highest percentage, but youth in Surakarta start drinking form the year 2000 in the highest percentage. Youth in Vientiane and Surakarta always drink with friend around 92.5% and 77.8%. Youth in Vientiane 37.7% usually have alcohol at least once week but not every day, but youth in Surakarta 43.2% usually have alcohol once a year or less. Youth in Vientiane 47.2% usually drink more than one six pack (6 or more cans or tavern glasses), but youth in Surakarta 48.6% usually drink 2 or 1 cans or tavern glasses. Youth in Vientiane 76% said that **Beer** is their favorite of alcohol, and youth in Surakarta 31.6% said that **Beer** is their favorite of alcohol too. The favorite brands of alcohol of youth in Vientiane are: **Beer Laos, Spy...** and the favorite brands of alcohol of youth are: **Diva Vodka, Bintang, Carlberg, and Smirnoff...** Youth in Vientiane 77.2% spend their money

less than 20\$ for drinking alcohol, but youth in Surakarta 62.9% spend their money around 20-40\$ for drinking alcohol. Youth in Vientiane 72.3% want to try to drink alcohol, but youth in Surakarta 65.9% don't want to try to drink alcohol. These are the reason why youth in Laos want to drink alcohol: **Curiosity, Just want to try/know, Cause social**, and **See adult drinks...**and youth in Surakarta want to drink alcohol because of **Curiosity, Just want to try/know...** These are the reason why youth in Laos don't want to drink alcohol: Not delicious, Afraid to get drunk, Alcohol is disadvantage, Don't like, Not good for health, and Allergy... These are the reason why youth in Surakarta don't want to drink alcohol: Prohibited by Islam, Not enough money to buy, not delicious, Cause sin, Drink for what?, and Not important...

Youth's experience on drinking: youth in Vientiane 70.8% have had a hangover, but youth in Surakarta 72.7% never have had a hangover. Youth in Vientiane 78.1% have gotten nauseated and vomit from drinking, but youth in Surakarta 81.8% have never gotten nauseated and vomit from drinking. Youth in Vientiane 79.4% driven a car or motorbike after several drinking, but youth in Surakarta 73.8% never had driven a car or motorbike after several drinking. Youth in Vientiane 11.3% ever gotten an accident because drinking alcohol, and youth in Surakarta 1.6% ever gotten an accident because drinking alcohol. Youth in Vientiane and Surakarta 100% never arrested for driving while intoxicated. Youth in Vientiane 7.5% have gotten fight after drinking. And youth in Surakarta 6.2% have gotten fight after drinking. Youth in Vientiane 3.7% have ever become violent aggravated while drinking alcohol. And youth in Surakarta 7.8% have ever become violent aggravated while drinking alcohol. Youth in Vientiane 13.1% have ever had unprotected sex under the influence of alcohol. And youth in Surakarta 4.7% they have ever had unprotected sex under the influence of alcohol. Youth in Vientiane 15.1% have ever sexually taken advantage of someone else while they were under the influence of alcohol. And youth in Surakarta 7.8% have ever sexually taken advantage of someone else while they were under the influence of alcohol. Youth in Vientiane 32.7% have ever missed a class because of a hangover. And youth in Surakarta 3.2% they have ever missed a class because of a hangover. Youth in Vientiane 48.6% come to class after having several drinks. And youth in Surakarta 19% come to class after having several drinks. Youth in Vientiane there are 31.8% "cut a class" after having several drinks. And youth in Surakarta 4.8% they "cut a class" after having several drinks. Youth in Vientiane there are 87.7% never got a lower grade because of drinking too much, just only 12.3% got a lower grade because of drinking too much. And youth in Surakarta there are 98.4% never got a lower grade because of drinking too much and just only 1.6% they got a lower grade because of drinking too much. Youth in Vientiane there are 93.3% have never gotten into trouble with the school administration because of behavior resulting from drinking too much, 3.7% they have ever gotten into trouble with the school administration because of behavior resulting from drinking too much. And youth in Surakarta there are 98.4% have never gotten into trouble with the school administration because of behavior resulting from drinking too much and 1.6% they have ever gotten into trouble with the school administration because of behavior resulting from drinking too much. Youth in Vientiane there are 98.1% have never gotten into trouble at work because drinking, 1.9% they have ever gotten into trouble at work because drinking. And youth in Surakarta there are 98.3% have never gotten into trouble at work because drinking and 1.7% they have ever gotten into trouble at work because drinking. Youth in Vientiane and Surakarta 100% have never lost a job because of drinking. Youth in Vientiane and Surakarta 72.9% is able to stop drinking when they want to and 27.1% is not able to stop drinking when they want to.

CONCLUSSION

In Laos and Surakarta, there are many people drink alcohol. According to the research, there are the many reasons why youth in Laos want to drink alcohol. There are curiosity, try to know, social community, and follow from the older people. Youth in Surakarta want to drink alcohol because also from curiosity and try to know.

There are also many reasons that yout in Laos and Surakarta do not want to drink alcohol. The the reason why youth in Laos don't want to drink alcohol, because alcohol is (1) not delicious, (2) they afraid to get drunk, (3) alcohol is a disadvantage, (4) no desire, (5) not good for health, and (6) allergy.

Surakarta is a city with dominated muslim community. These are the many reasons why youth in Surakarta don't want to drink alcohol. Some of the reasons are (1) prohibited by Islamic law, (2) not enough money to buy, (3) not delicious, (4) cause sin, (5) no objective to drink, (6) and drink is not an important thing.

Youth in Vientiane always drink alcohol because it is as habits or routine (social manner), but there are also some of them don't want to. Many activities have to drink alcohol. In the other hand, youth in Surakarta do not drink alcohol because of regulation of religion. Thereare many youth of Surakarta that want to drik, but they just afraid of sin and always said "Haram" according Islamic law.

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