PESANTREN AS AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION: CASE STUDY ON MOTIVES
OF STUDENTS' GUARDIANS IN THE ISLAMIC BOARDING SCHOOL
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Abstract

Pesantren, as an authentic educational institution initiated by Indonesian Muslims, provides parents an
effective alternative to educate their children. For years, pesantren has proven trusted in educating youth
and establishing a standard in both general and religious educations. In this study, the researchers will
discuss factors that motivate parents to entrust pesantren as the institution to educate their children. This
study uses a qualitative descriptive approach. Data collection methods include observation, interviews, and
the results of relevant studies. After analyzing the data, the results indicate that there are two types of
motives among parents. First is general motivation in placing children in pesantren, namely intrinsic
motivation which covers parents' ideals having a generation with the quality of faith and good moral
conduct, forming morals, and building strong physical and mental. The other factor is extrinsic motivation,
including intense, integrated, and comprehensive Islamic teaching, positive activities carried out
continuously for 24 hours, and proper coaching methods. The two factors indicate that parents' motivation
to entrust pesantren as an educational institution is relevant to current conditions in which the younger
generation is prone to moral depravity.

Keywords: Parents' motivation, Pesantren, The young generation, a moral crisis.

1. Introduction

As a creature of God who is perfect with the thinking capability, education is very important
in human life. Education is a human endeavor in developing his potential through the learning
process. In this case, the family is first and foremost education for a child, that's where the significant role
of parents in shaping the character, moral of a child is living and facing life afterward. Families,
especially parents, are natural educational

institutions, where parents as educators and his son
as educated have blood ties (Mamlukah, 2013).
Therefore, if parents will entrust an educational
institution as a place for their children's learning
process, then it must be selective for the
development of the quality of children's knowledge
and morality.

Today, along with the rise of criminal cases
that are spread in Indonesia, such as drugs, theft,
brawl, etc., which are not a few culprits are