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Life of a *Fujoshi* : How to Deal with Mental Issues while Receiving Hate Comments on Social Media



A fujoshi who are having a conversation with each other via text message (Photo/Google)

The story this time came from fujoshi. Starting from 2000, fujoshi fan has become a powerful wave that embraces Asia. The discussions about the right and wrong of being a fujoshi have been widely discussed, especially through social media platforms, including Quora.

Based on the research results, through the question "Is it wrong to become a fujoshi?" On the Quora Website, there are many pros and cons among the public.

“Yes, I’m not kidding. It is completely wrong. You claim to be allies so much but when gay men say that they are uncomfortable with you fetishizing them, you don’t listen” said Tori Para, one of the Quora.com respondent (04/02/21).

Along with the times, many young people began to dare to show their 'side' as fujoshi. This can be seen from a lot of content about fujoshi on various social media, especially Tiktok. Now, it’s easy to find a content creator who shows a side of himself as a fujoshi. After a lot of content and discussion about fujoshi, unfortunately until now being a fujoshi is still very taboo among Indonesian people.

As a fujoshi, different from most people who dare to show themselves as fujoshi, Tara on the other side, took the opposite step. Through the interviews, she conveyed that she wanted to keep it by herself and did not tell other people that she was fujoshi.

“I supposed to like it (post on social media), but I can't. Because I know that my environment does not really support that kinda stuff. So I will keep it to myself until now” said Tara, Friday (08/05/2021).

Just like Tara, Dewi Astiti also shared her experience when listening to a song sung by a gay man. She told that her friends thought that being obsessed with gay guys and even going as far to harass real life people is weird and wrong. And from that day, Dewi chose to stop expressing herself as a Fujoshi in public.

“The only one thing that makes me rarely to post it on my social media, because when i listened to the song and the singer is gay, my friend are like ‘what is this?’ and they don't want to hear the song. From that time, I really feel like I can't express my hobby” said Dewi.

Dewi also tells about how she became a fujoshi, which is from the Naruto film “It's interesting to see two boys who usually fight and now they are getting along” said Dewi.

One thing that becomes the main point is that the public should have started to understand that there are many kinds of People having different tastes, fujoshi is one of them too.



Boys love content on Youtube (Photo/Shila Ezerli)

Tara also experienced the same thing as Dewi, according to her, she gets bored when watching anime with a normal storyline, Tara tries to find a different show except boys love content.

“I was thinking that I’m bored seeing this kind of stuff. So, i was like ok why don’t i try something new and then suddenly on Google there’s two boys kissing” said Tara.

Tara continues her story if at first she was confused about it [boys love content], but because of her curiosity she tried watching it and she started to like it. He emphasized that watching boys love content is only a hobby and does not interfere with sexuality.

Public perceptions about the hobbies of someone who likes the “Boys Love” genre is certainly different.

Positive and negative perceptions can arise from ourselves to something we see through, feel, and experience. Everyone has the right to have perceptions and opinions, and everyone is free to express their own opinions wherever they want, but few people can distinguish opinions and hate speech.

Tara also conveyed her opinion on the public's view of her as a fujoshi "Well because, you know, some people that we meet in real life and on the internet didn't accept that kind of thing (boys love content). I have to be careful" said Tara.

There are still very many social media users carelessly commenting negatively including hate speech and not a few who do bullying. More than just cyber bullying, acts of hate speech can trigger many people to hate a group, race, and religion.

This also often happens to fujoshi who upload Boys Love content to social media such as Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter. Not a few malicious and cynical comments directed at them.

"Get Well Soon to all the LGBT, pls be normal tq" said the owner of the TikTok account @Ak, Saturday (04/06/2021).

There are many impacts that can happen to someone if they receive blasphemy too often even through social media. Not getting support and feeling isolated can have an effect on a person's mental health.

Angela Indah, a psychologist who is taking cyber bullying said "Everybody in this life definitely needs support and recognition of their identity. If a person continues to be blasphemed, they will feel rejected from society and unworthy of coexistence with society. They will start to get rid of society and feel depressed. People should beware that the worst impact of depression is committed suicide"

Self-Concept will be affected by the effects of the blasphemy and self concept can change a person's behavior. The core of a person's personality plays a very important role in determining and directing the development of a person's personality and behavior in his environment. For example, he uploads photos to social media and does whatever he is initially confident. This guy was very confident at first but since he received constant blasphemy, then he finally doesn't feel confident. So he has a low self concept and the effects can be very large and can be frustrating.

In this digital era, there will be good and bad comments due to the absence of a filter from oneself who subconsciously thinks about the impact of a comment. Whether good or bad, it

will certainly have an impact on the recipient of the comment. So, you should think about it before commenting. The Fujoshi phenomenon is one of the many phenomena that occur on the Internet.

In addition to the goddess, there are also many people who hide their identity to fujoshian due to an unsupportive environment and even bullying as a result of their hobby.

The impact of bad comments on social media will also affect a person's mental state. With that, learn from the case of the goddess who can't express her liking for something. It is the result of people not supporting what he likes.