

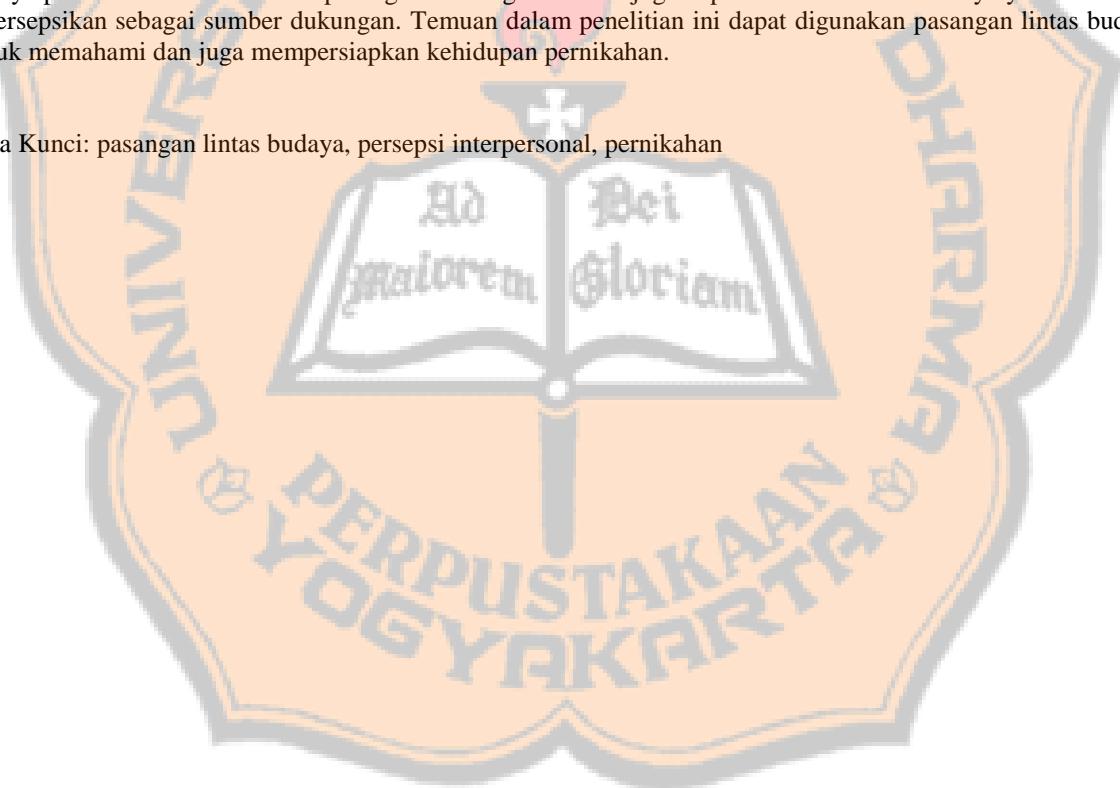
GAMBARAN PERSEPSI INTERPERSONAL YANG DIMILIKI PASANGAN LINTAS BUDAYA DALAM HUBUNGAN PERNIKAHAN

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Jumlah pernikahan pada pasangan lintas budaya terus meningkat sejak beberapa dekade terakhir. Di balik pertumbuhan tersebut, penelitian empiris pada topik ini dinilai masih sangat sedikit. Sebagian besar penelitian terdahulu juga lebih berfokus pada ketidakstabilan maupun kekuatan dari pernikahan pasangan lintas budaya. Padahal, persepsi interpersonal yang mendasari berbagai fenomena, khususnya pernikahan pasangan lintas budaya, masih perlu untuk diteliti. Oleh karena itu, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk memberikan gambaran persepsi interpersonal yang dimiliki pasangan lintas budaya dalam hubungan pernikahan. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif dengan desain fenomenologi. Partisipan yang dilibatkan dalam penelitian ini yaitu dua pasangan, terdiri dari orang Indonesia dan Amerika Serikat, yang telah menjalani pernikahan pertama mereka selama lebih dari sepuluh tahun. Data dikumpulkan dengan wawancara semi-terstruktur dan dianalisis menggunakan metode *Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis* (IPA). Penelitian ini menghasilkan tiga temuan utama. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa partisipan mengasosiasikan kelompok di luar budaya mereka dengan sifat yang bermakna positif. Temuan lainnya yakni partisipan mempersepsikan adanya timbal balik ketertarikan dan kepercayaan antara diri dan pasangan. Partisipan juga menilai adanya kesamaan dengan pasangan dari segi nilai, kepribadian, keyakinan akan Tuhan, tujuan dan komitmen, serta pola pengasuhan anak. Di sisi lain, partisipan mempersepsikan adanya perbedaan antara diri dan pasangan dari segi nilai dan juga kepribadian. Temuan lainnya yakni keluarga dipersepsikan sebagai sumber dukungan. Temuan dalam penelitian ini dapat digunakan pasangan lintas budaya untuk memahami dan juga mempersiapkan kehidupan pernikahan.

Kata Kunci: pasangan lintas budaya, persepsi interpersonal, pernikahan



THE DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERPERSONAL PERCEPTIONS OF INTERCULTURAL COUPLES IN MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS

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The number of intercultural couples in marital relationships has increased over the past few decades. Despite this growth, empirical research data on the topic are considered very few. Previous studies that have been conducted focused mainly on the relationships instability as well as strength of these intercultural unions. Meanwhile, interpersonal perception which underlies various phenomena, specifically intercultural marital relationship, still needs to be addressed. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to describe the interpersonal perceptions of intercultural couples in marital relationships. This study used a qualitative method with a phenomenology design. The participants involved in this study were two couples consisting of Indonesians and Americans who have been in their first marital relationships for more than ten years. Data were collected by semi-structured interviews and analyzed by using Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) method. There are several findings from this study. The result found that participants associated their out-group with positive traits. In addition, participants perceived their spouses to be similar in values and personality, as well as to have reciprocal attraction and trust to each other. Participants were also found to have a belief in God, common goals and commitment, as well as similar parenting style with their spouses. On the other hand, participants perceived their spouses to have certain differences in value as well as personality with them. Another finding that emerged from this study was families from both sides were perceived as support systems. These findings can be implemented by intercultural couples to understand and prepare them for marital relationship.

Keywords: intercultural couples, interpersonal perceptions, marital relationship

