

ABSTRACT

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Influence of optimistic bias to adolescence smoking risk taking behavior, (Dr. Monty P. Satiadarma, MS/AT, MCP/MFCC, Psi. and Sandi Kartasasmita, M.Psi); Psychology Program of Study S-1, Tarumanagara University. (113 pages, R1 – R4)

Smoking is addictive but many still want to smoke. Smoking can threat our healthy and others. Smoking can cause many diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and respiratory disease. Adolescence know the risk of smoking but they still want to smoke. This research is hold to find out the influence of optimistic bias to adolescence smoking risk taking behavior. This research uses the methods of interview. There are seven respondents in this research that smoke everyday. This interview was held for about at the end of Mei 2007. This research find that there is influence of optimistic bias to smoking. Adolescence understand and acknowledged the potential suffered from diseases but they ignored them. They don't care about that, the most important for them is just only smoking. They belief that they will fine although they smoke cigarettes. They view that the effect of smoking is just for older people not them as young people. They view that they are less likely than others to suffer harm. This research find too another effect of this optimistic bias lead adolescence to take more risky behavior. They take alcohol, drugs, and having sexual intercourse. They like don't afraid of dangerous they faced.

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