ABSTRACT

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Divorce is considered as one of the solutions toward problem that happened in

marriage relationship and is legally accepted by law. Nevertheless, divorce often

causes negative effects to both sides who decide to separate and to male

adolescent as well female adolescent. This research aims to describe self-

esteem in adolescent female who experienced parental divorce. Self-esteem is

the things that individuals think and feel about themselves. Individuals with

positive/ high self-esteem can show optimism in overcome problems and not

easily despair (Branden, 1994). There are six dimension of self-esteem. The

dimensions are living consciously, self-acceptance, self-responsibility, self-

assertiveness, living purposefully, and personal integrity. This research uses

qualitative method with purposive sampling technique. In-depth interview was

conducted towards six female adolescents who aged from 14 to 17 years old that

experienced parental divorce. The results showed that there are three subjects

that fulfill all dimensions of self-esteem. Meanwhile, three other subjects fulfill five

of the six dimensions of self-esteem. Of the three subjects, two subjects have not

fulfilled the personal integrity and one subject has not fulfilled the self-

acceptance.

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