

ABSTRACT

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Long distance marriages are based on the increasing economic need from year to year. Individuals start looking for work outside the city of origin, forcing individuals to leave their spouses and families. Problems faced by individuals while undergoing *long distance marriage* is communication, conflict, lack of time together with spouse. Problems that occur can be overcome with various strategies to maintain marriage. This study aims to determine the *relationship maintenance* strategy of couples undergoing *long distance marriage*. The research method used is qualitative method with sample selection technique that is *criterion sampling*. Subjects in this study were married early adults aged 20-40 years, one of the spouses lived in Jakarta, establishing a long-distance marriage of 6 months to 15 years. Data collection was conducted in April 2018 until June 2018. The results showed that the four subjects did *relationship maintenance* strategy. The four subjects underwent assurance strategies (guarantee of loyalty) and social networks (relationships with extended family and friends). The cause of these four subjects making a long-distance marriage is a work factor. The impact of long distance marriage that occurred is lack of meeting time because of long distance and the four subjects felt not enough time to be back home for 3 months.

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