

## ABSTRACT

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**The Description of *Loneliness* and *Coping Loneliness* of Orphan Teenagers who Lived in Orphanage. (Henny E. Wirawan, M. Hum., Psi), Undergraduate Program in Psychology, Tarumanagara University (78 pages+ R1-R3).**

The focus of this study is to understand the description of loneliness and coping loneliness in orphan teenagers who lived in orphanage. Loneliness is a subjective experience: we cannot measure it by simply observing whether someone is alone or with other people. Loneliness generally result from perceived deficiencies in a person's social relationships. Loneliness is unpleasant. Coping is the process by which people try to manage the perceive discrepancy between the demands and resources they appraise in the stressful situation. This research is based on the theory of loneliness and coping loneliness from Peplau dan Perlman (1982), Deaux et al. (1993), Rice (1996), Rubenstein dan Shaver (1982), and also Rokach dan Brook (1998). The subject of this study was four orphan teenagers who lived in orphanage since they were 6-8 years old. Data was obtained by in-depth interview with four subject for 6 months, since November 2006 until May 2007. Generally, the result indicates that the description of loneliness is the affective manifestation and coping loneliness that the orphan teenagers use is sad passivity.

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