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| **Media pornography and peers are dominant factors of premarital sex behavior among high school adolescents in Bekasi, Indonesia** |
| **Background/Objectives**Adolescence have experienced a dynamic development in their lives, experiencing the transition from children to adulthood, it is characterized by the acceleration of physical, mental, emotional, and social development. They are still looking for identity, tend to follow the trend, still unstable, and very easily influenced by peers, including pre-marital sexual risk behavior. The purpose of this study was to determine the dominant factor of pre-marital sexual behavior in high school adolescents.**Methods**This cross-sectional study interviewed 180 students from 6 (six) high schools in Kecamatan Jatiasih Kota Bekasi Indonesia that was selected by cluster random sampling. Measurement of premarital sex behavior using questionnaires with structured interviews. Determinant variables studied were age, gender, knowledge, attitude, exposure of porn media, peer role, and parenting pattern.**Results**The results showed 34.4% of adolescents had high-risk pre-marital sexual behavior (33.9% had kissed lips, 16.1% kissed neck to chest, 13.3% sensitive area sensing, 7.2% glued to genitals, and 5.6% had sexual intercourse). Of the seven variables suspected to be associated, the variables of exposure to pornographic media and the role of peers are the dominant factors associated with pre-marital sexual behavior in high school adolescents. After being controlled by confounding variables, those adolescents exposed to pornographic media at risk 2.7 times greater for pre-marital sexual behavior compared with adolescents who are not exposed to pornographic media (p-value < 0,001), and adolescents exposed to negative things from peers are 4.6 times more likely to perform behaviors pre-marital sex compared to adolescents who are not exposed to negative things from peers (p-value < 0,001).**Discussion**It is recommended that parents, schools, and government continue to increase more vigorous protection efforts for teenagers to avoid the threat of pornographic media. Teens to be smarter in choosing peers so as not to plunge into pre-marital sex behavior.**Keywords**Pre-marital sex, adolescence, pornography media, peers |