Public Policy on Countering Online Gambling in Indonesia

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Abstract. Public policy to combat online gambling in Indonesia involves various efforts from various sectors, including the government, police, and legal institutions. Here are some important points of the policy: Cooperation with the Police. The government works with the police to eradicate online gambling applications in the community. This policy involves actions such as blocking content and applications that have gambling elements, as well as legal action against online gambling perpetrators. Laws and Legal Policies: The Government has made laws that regulate online gambling, such as Law Number 19 of 2016 concerning Amendments to Law Number 11 of 2008 concerning Information and Electronic Transactions. This policy includes legal action against online gamblers, including serious threats to perpetrators who deliberately distribute electronic information that has gambling content[2][4]. Handling Negative Content: Policies in the downstream sector involve handling negative content by blocking content and applications with gambling elements. The goal is to reduce the development of online gambling in society. Penal and Non-Penal Handling. Online gambling countermeasures are carried out penal and non-penal. Penal countermeasures involve legal actions such as imprisonment and fines, while non-penal countermeasures involve prevention and community empowerment efforts[3]. Future Policy: to anticipate gambling crimes in the future, the government can use penal means. Some of the alternative formulation policies that will be revamped include the addition of additional criminal penalties, such as the revocation of the right to practice the profession for makers who commit gambling crimes in carrying out their profession. The government seeks to prevent and follow up on online gambling crimes with these various policies.

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INTRODUCTION

Gambling is a very difficult problem to eradicate in Indonesia. Gambling is still very rampant around us, even gambling is growing rapidly in society with various types. Although the rapid development of information and communication technology has brought many good things, cyberspace has instead become a nest for the development of online gambling practices due to the development of the internet and the times. Gambling has been a problem for thousands of years of human civilization. Gambling has also
always been a problem in Indonesia. Starting from dark toto (lottery) to now online gambling is rampant. Gambling is a bad human habit that has existed since time immemorial. For some people, gambling is a way to earn wealth instantly. They tried to pit their fate there. Gambling also develops along with the development of human habits. Now there are many online gambling that offer easy access and dreams to get money quickly if you win. Psychologically, it can be said that online gambling addiction has many negative consequences in addition to psychological, physical as well as social. People who experience online gambling addiction can experience several things such as depression, hopelessness, helplessness and even being able to harm themselves and others. This online gambling addiction has a negative impact on a person's mental health, gambling disorder. (psikologi.uma.ac.id) (Kusumaningsih and Suhardi, 2023).

With various types and forms of gambling that have been so widespread in everyday society, both overtly and covertly, some people have tended to be indifferent and seem to view gambling as a natural thing, so there is no need to be a problem anymore. Social and cultural changes due to gambling that lead to negative consequences have occurred in society. So it takes efforts from the government and the community to overcome this. It is ironic that even though the law explicitly affirms that all forms of "gambling" have been strictly prohibited in the law, all forms of gambling practices become allowed if there is "permission" from the government. Basically, permits are issued by the government that has the authority to allow something that is prohibited by norms and laws. (Yusrizal, 2012)

For now, all forms of gambling are prohibited by the government through article 303 of the Criminal Code. The Criminal Code prohibits all aspects of gambling from users to bookmakers. So that there is no longer a gap for the community to carry out these activities. The punishment given by the government is also quite strict with fines, as well as termination of employment in certain agencies. Based on the many gambling problems, it is important for the government to understand the pattern of community movements in adverse activities to eradicate online gambling in the community (Sutisno, 2022) Gambling is a very difficult problem to eradicate in Indonesia. Gambling is still very rampant around us, even gambling is growing rapidly in society with various types. Although the rapid development of information and communication technology has brought many good things, cyberspace has instead become a nest for the development of online gambling practices due to the development of the internet and the times. In the
Community, there are often arrests for perpetrators and bookies to be sanctioned as severely as possible, but they have not been able to fully make people aware not to gamble. Therefore, it is very important for the government to strive to eradicate online gambling in the community.

Gambling crimes have now entered the Internet world which is now known as online gambling. In reducing the crime rate of online gambling, it is necessary to know the factors that cause online gambling crimes and efforts to overcome them (Hutasoit & Swardhana, 2019).

**METHOD**

The method used in this study is the literature review. The literature review process involves reviewing, collecting, and synthesizing various sources of literature that are relevant to a particular topic. In this article, we will discuss the definition, methods, and how to create a review literature.

A literature review is a research process that involves a critical review and evaluation of existing literature sources. The main purpose of the literature review is to understand and describe the current state of research in the field related to online gambling.

**DISCUSSION**

**Challenges in the Implementation of Public Policy**

Challenges in the implementation of online gambling control policies in Indonesia include several important aspects, involving various sectors and elements of society. Some of the challenges faced are cooperation and collaboration; eradicating online gambling requires intense cooperation from various parties, including law enforcement officials, the government, and the community. This collaboration is very important to continuously face increasingly sophisticated online gambling practices and try to disguise the circulation of money. Modus operandi perpetrators, Online gambling perpetrators often work collectively and use various modus operandi to disguise financial transactions. They use payment instruments sent through expeditions abroad, as well as cryptocurrencies and money changers. Technological advancements, technological advances and information make online gambling easier and more agile to do. Online gambling sites or applications continue to pop up with different names, even though access has been cut off. This makes it difficult to eradicate due to the ability of such sites to operate outside the jurisdiction of a country. Addiction and Psychology, online gambling is often considered a social disease.
that is difficult to eradicate. Perpetrators are often addicted and need more than just legal action. This requires the active role of educators, religious leaders, parents, and the community to provide religious education and understanding and psychological assistance through psychotherapy and counseling. Cross-border legal constraints and differences in legal provisions related to gambling between countries are a challenge in cross-border law enforcement. This makes it difficult to take action against online gambling perpetrators who operate outside Indonesian jurisdiction. Economic and social factors also play an important role in encouraging people to gamble online. High unemployment, population density, social pressures, and many needs can encourage people to do various things, including online gambling, to meet their needs [Hutasonit and SWardhana, 2019]. Facilities and infrastructure factors are also a challenge. Online gambling can be done anywhere and anytime using only a mobile phone or laptop, which makes it easier for perpetrators to gamble secretly. State Losses: Online gambling can be detrimental to the state in terms of tax revenues and gambling supervision. Online gambling sites often operate outside of a country's jurisdiction, making it difficult to be supervised and pay the taxes they are supposed to pay [Rumbay et al., 2023]. By facing these various challenges, the government and various sectors of society must continue to make efforts to prevent and follow up on online gambling crimes in Indonesia.

The Role of Education and Religion in Countering Online Gambling

Religious education and understanding are important in tackling online gambling in Indonesia. Here are some important aspects of this role: Comprehensive religious education and comprehensive religious education are necessary to provide an in-depth understanding of the dangers of online gambling. This is important to prevent the public from the temptation of online gambling which is increasingly prevalent in the digital era [Murhaban, 2023]. Counseling and guidance: The Head of the Sub-Directorate of Spiritual Development of the Ministry of Religion, Anwar Saadi, emphasized the need to insert online gambling prevention materials into religious guidance and counseling for the community. This material must be part of marriage guidance and guidance for congregations fostered by Islamic Religious Extension Workers throughout Indonesia [Anwar Saadi, 2024]. Aqidah and Tashawwuf Education, Islamic religious education can prevent covert gambling through aqidah and tashawwur education for students. This is done through a practicum lecture on observing covert gambling practices and
understanding the concept of muamalah [3]. Preventing gambling behavior among Muslim youth, religious education can prevent gambling behavior among Muslim youth. In Islam, gambling is prohibited because it contains an element of uncertainty, can cause hostility, cause addiction, and neglect social and family responsibilities. Religious education helps in building morals and religious values that are contrary to gambling behavior. Collaboration with the Community: Collaboration between law enforcement officials, the government, and the community is important in eradicating online gambling. Religious education can help people understand the dangers of online gambling and participate in eradication efforts [Wahyu Widada, 20245]. With comprehensive education and religious understanding, the government and society can work together to prevent and follow up on online gambling crimes in Indonesia.

**Increasing the Role of Religion in Preventing Online Gambling**

To improve religious education in preventing online gambling, here are some steps that can be taken: Counseling and Guidance, Religious education must be inserted in religious guidance and counseling to the community. Online gambling prevention materials must be part of marriage guidance and guidance for congregations fostered by Islamic Religious Extension Workers throughout Indonesia. It is crucial to provide an in-depth understanding of the dangers of online gambling and the prohibition of gambling in Islam. Collaboration with educational institutions, mosques, Islamic boarding schools, and Islamic educational institutions must actively disseminate information and educate the public about the prohibition and adverse effects of gambling in Islam. Comprehensive religious education must be improved to provide an in-depth understanding of the dangers of gambling [Murhaban, 2023]. The government must strengthen law enforcement against online gambling sites, in accordance with sharia principles. Cooperation with internet service providers to block access to gambling sites should be improved. This step is important to protect the public from the temptation of online gambling [Murhaban, 2023]. Aqidah and Tashawwur Education, Islamic religious education can prevent covert gambling through aqidah and tashawwur education for students. This is done through a practicum lecture on observing covert gambling practices and understanding the concept of muamalah [Murhaban, 2023]. Awareness and Understanding, Education and awareness are important first steps to increase the awareness of the people about the dangers and laws of online gambling. Strong religious education can help people stay away from all forms of
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**Effective Ways to Convey the Dangers of Online Gambling in Mosques and Islamic Boarding Schools**

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The Role of Missionaries in Online Gambling Prevention

Missionaries and religious extension workers have an important role in preventing online gambling in Indonesia. Here are some aspects of their role: Counseling and Guidance, Religious leaders and extension workers must insert online gambling prevention materials in religious guidance and counseling to the community. This material must be part of marriage guidance and guidance for congregations assisted by Islamic Religious Extension Workers throughout Indonesia. This is important to provide an in-depth understanding of the dangers of online gambling and the prohibition of gambling in Islam [Saaadi, 2024]. Cooperation with the Government, Religious Heads and Extension Workers must cooperate with the government in efforts to eradicate online gambling. This cooperation involves strict and Sharia-based law enforcement and the improvement of comprehensive religious education to provide an in-depth understanding of the dangers of gambling [Murhaban, 2023]. Awareness and Understanding, missionaries must make the public aware of the dangers and laws of online gambling. Strong religious education can help people stay away from all forms of gambling because of the negative impact it has [Murhaban, 2023]. Support from family and the surrounding environment is also very important to help victims of online gambling recover from addiction. Religious leaders and extension workers can help the community understand the dangers of online gambling and participate in eradication efforts. By taking these steps, religious leaders and extension workers can be an effective means of preventing and following up on online gambling crimes in Indonesia.

How Missionaries Identify People Caught Up in Online Judo

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**How Missionaries Support Families Affected by Online Gambling**

Religious missionaries and extension workers can support families affected by online gambling through several steps, which involve comprehensive education, guidance, and counseling. Here are some ways that can be done: Counseling and Guidance, Religious leaders and extension workers must insert online gambling prevention materials in religious guidance and counseling to the community. This material must be part of marriage guidance and guidance for congregations assisted by Islamic Religious Extension Workers throughout Indonesia. It is important to provide an in-depth understanding of the dangers of online gambling and the prohibition of gambling in Islam. Missionaries and religious extension workers must cooperate with the government in efforts to eradicate online gambling. This cooperation involves strict and shariah-based law enforcement, as
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**Online Gambling Education Materials for Brides-to-be**

Missionaries and religious extension workers ensure that brides-to-be accept educational materials about online gambling through several steps carried out in religious guidance and counseling. Here are some ways that can be done:

1. **Counseling and Guidance**

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2. **Cooperation with the Government**

Missionaries and religious extension workers must cooperate with the government in efforts to eradicate online gambling. This cooperation involves strict and shariah law enforcement and the promotion of comprehensive religious education to provide an in-depth understanding of the dangers of gambling.

3. **Awareness and Understanding.**
Missionaries and religious extension workers must make the public aware of the dangers and laws of online gambling. Strong religious education can help people stay away from all forms of gambling because of the negative impact it causes.

4. Family and Environmental Support

Support from family and the surrounding environment is also very important to help victims of online gambling recover from addiction. Religious leaders and extension workers can help the community understand the dangers of online gambling and participate in eradication efforts.

5. Cooperation between sectors.

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By taking these steps, religious leaders and extension workers can be an effective means of preventing and following up on online gambling crimes in Indonesia, as well as ensuring that brides-to-be accept educational materials about online gambling.

CONCLUSION

Public policy in efforts to prevent and eradicate online gambling must involve all components of the nation's children simultaneously, which includes government apparatus together with the people, religious leaders, strengthening families, and the environment. The method of education is carried out in a wide range from the early childhood education level to students and missionaries or religious leaders moving together, even to the point of marriage advice is explained about the dangers of gambling for the continuity of human happiness.

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