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Watu Jagoan Surabaya

Abstract

Jagoan or "watu" is a character or label given by society because somebody has ability or strong point in a certain field. This research explores the functions and role of "watu" in the Rungkut area, Surabayan society. This research uses a qualitative approach that will produce data as expression or note and society behavior investigated. The method used in this research is ethnography method to describe a culture. Watu is a group of strong persons or jagoan in Surabaya. Researcher finds phenomenon that represents watu in Rungkut where the researcher lives and the researcher knows jagoan called watu existing and living in society. Watu is a group of strong persons or jagoan in Surabaya. The term has been given by Surabaya society for them since long time ago. Watu term is given by Surabaya society character because figure of watu shows strong and hard like a stone. It is like Surabaya society character that has strong willing, like to be free from social and another obligation, tend to react hard if depressed, and fast defend themselves. The existence and reality of jagoan in Surabaya society has a meaning and function to get conclusions: (1) jagoan group in Surabaya are at many areas and have various forms like criminal, bodyguard, debt collector (debt creditor), hit man (hired murderer); (2) watu with network they have, they move to security business; (3) the meaning of watu for society is as a respected figure, where the interaction with watu makes society feel safe in running daily life activity. (4) watu at society is as informal security has a negative and positive function. The negative function of watu is crime practice namely asking security money. The positive function of watu that is the respected figure makes watu as social control and decrease the conflict that evokes integration between groups and finally makes safe situation and condition in society.

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