

**NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF ONLINE GAMBLING REVIEWED FROM THE SOCIAL
ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
UNDERGOING NO. 1 OF 2024 ON SECOND AMENDMENT TO UNDERGOING
NUMBER 11 OF 2008 ON INFORMATION AND TRANSACTIONS**

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ABSTRACT

This study presents an in-depth review of the negative impacts of online gambling practices, particularly in the social, economic, and psychological contexts, in accordance with the latest regulations set out in Law No. 1 of 2024. This study uses a qualitative approach with a literature review method to analyze the negative impact of online gambling from a socio-economic and psychological perspective, as well as evaluating its compatibility with Law No. 1 of 2024 on the Second Amendment to Law No. 11 of 2008 on Electronic Information and Transactions. This article presents a new understanding of the impact of online gambling by comprehensively considering social, economic, and psychological aspects, as well as highlighting relevant recent regulatory changes. The results show that the practice of online gambling has a significant negative impact on various aspects of people's lives, including financial problems, social conflicts, and mental health issues. In the context of Law No. 1 Year 2024, this study confirms the need for more decisive action in addressing the negative impacts of online gambling, both through stricter regulations and more effective rehabilitation programs.

Keywords: social, economic, online gambling, psychological impacts

INTRODUCTION

The practice of online gambling has become an increasingly dominating phenomenon

in the current digital era. Along with the advancement of information technology and the internet, access to online gambling platforms has become easier, inviting participation from various levels of society. However, behind its popularity, the practice of online gambling also brings serious negative impacts, especially in the social, economic and psychological contexts. In 2024, the government issued Law No. 1 on the second amendment to Law No. 11/2008 on Information and Transactions. The objective of this legislation is to reinforce the regulatory framework governing online gambling, with the intention of safeguarding the public from the adverse consequences associated with this activity. Nevertheless, despite the implementation of regulatory measures, the practice of online gambling continues to give rise to a number of issues that necessitate a comprehensive understanding and the development of suitable solutions.

To overcome the problem of online gambling, the Indonesian government has taken firm steps by issuing Law No. 1 of 2024 concerning the Second Amendment to Law Number 11 of 2008 concerning Information and Electronic Transactions. This law regulates more strictly the prohibitions and sanctions against online gambling activities, with the aim of protecting the public from the negative impacts it causes.

This study aims to analyze the negative impact of online gambling from a socio-economic and psychological perspective, as well as examine its suitability with Law No. 1 of 2024 concerning the Second Amendment to Law No. 11 of 2008 concerning Electronic Information and Transactions. The benefits of this study are to provide a deeper understanding of the risks and consequences that can be caused by online gambling, as well as a consideration for the government and other stakeholders in an effort to minimize the negative impact of online gambling in Indonesia.

The theoretical study in this study will cover several important aspects, including:

1. An overview of the phenomenon of online gambling and its development in Indonesia.
2. Analysis of the socio-economic impacts of online gambling, such as financial problems, family conflicts, and criminal behavior.
3. A review of the psychological impact of online gambling, including addiction, depression, and other mental health issues.

4. A study of regulations and policies related to online gambling in Indonesia, especially Law No. 1 of 2024 on the Second Amendment to Law No. 11 of 2008 on Electronic Information and Transactions.
5. Literature review of previous studies relevant to this topic.

This study is expected to produce an in-depth analysis of the negative impacts of online gambling from a socio-economic and psychological perspective, and provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of Law No. 1 of 2024 in addressing this issue. The findings of this study can serve as input for the government and other stakeholders in developing more comprehensive policies and strategies to address the problem of online gambling in Indonesia

RESEARCH METHOD

This study uses a qualitative approach with a literature review method to analyze the negative impact of online gambling from a socio-economic and psychological perspective, as well as evaluating its suitability with Law No. 1 of 2024 concerning the Second Amendment to Law No. 11 of 2008 concerning Electronic Information and Transactions. Literature study is a research method conducted by collecting and reviewing various written sources, such as books, scientific journals, research reports, articles, and other documents relevant to the research topic (Zed, 2014). This approach was chosen because this study is comprehensive and requires secondary data from various sources to answer the problem formulation in depth.

In the data collection process, researchers will conduct a systematic literature search through online databases such as Google Scholar, ScienceDirect, ResearchGate, and others. The keywords that will be used in the literature search include “online gambling”, “socioeconomic impact of online gambling”, “psychological impact of online gambling”, “regulation of online gambling in Indonesia”, and so on. In addition, researchers will also use books, journals, and research reports that specifically discuss related topics.

The data obtained from these various sources will be critically analyzed using the content analysis method (Krippendorff, 2018). Content analysis is a research method used to draw replicable and valid conclusions from text or other data in the context of their use (Krippendorff, 2018). In this study, content analysis will be conducted to identify, categorize, and interpret important information related to the negative impact of online gambling from a

socio-economic and psychological perspective, as well as its compliance with Law No. 1 of 2024.

Following the completion of a content analysis, the researcher will synthesize the findings obtained in order to address the problem formulation and research objectives. This synthesis process will entail the combination and integration of information from a range of relevant literature sources, with the aim of producing a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the research topic.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Socio-economic Impact of Online Gambling

Financial problems are one of the most obvious negative impacts of online gambling addiction. Individuals who become entangled in online gambling often experience significant financial losses due to constantly risking their money in the hope of making huge profits. However, in reality, the chances of winning in online gambling are very small, and it is not uncommon for gamblers to experience huge losses of thousands or even millions of rupiah (Ariyanto, 2020). This can lead to worsening financial conditions, mounting debts, and the risk of bankruptcy.

Research conducted by Sulistiyo (2021) shows that most online gamblers in Indonesia experience serious financial problems, such as difficulty paying monthly bills, threatened job loss, and conflicts with spouses or other family members regarding financial management. Furthermore, the study also revealed that some online gamblers engage in criminal acts such as theft, fraud, or embezzlement to finance their addiction. This, of course, carries serious legal consequences and can significantly damage their lives.

Similar findings were also made by Widiastuti and Krisnamurti (2019) in their research on the socioeconomic impact of online gambling in Indonesia. They found that most of the respondents interviewed experienced financial difficulties due to online gambling addiction, including losing their jobs, being forced to borrow money at high interest rates, and losing valuable assets such as houses or vehicles. This adversely affects the economic well-being of individuals and their families, and can trigger other social problems such as divorce, domestic violence and neglect of family responsibilities.

Online gambling addiction has a significant impact on an individual's financial and

social well-being, as well as on their mental health. A study conducted by Mulyadi and Sugiarto (2021) indicated that individuals engaged in online gambling are at an elevated risk of developing mental health issues, including depression, anxiety, and stress. The study involved surveying more than 500 respondents involved in online gambling activities in Indonesia, and the results showed that around 40% of the respondents experienced symptoms of depression and 35% experienced symptoms of anxiety. These conditions can be caused by various factors, such as financial pressure, feelings of guilt, or disappointment due to repeated gambling losses. Moreover, mental health issues encountered by those who engage in online gambling can potentially result in suicidal behaviors. A study conducted by Widyastuti and Prabowo (2020) demonstrated a statistically significant positive correlation between online gambling addiction and suicidal thoughts and behaviors. The psychological and financial pressures faced by those who engage in online gambling are often the primary precipitating factors in suicidal ideation and behavior. The present study revealed that 15% of the respondents had attempted suicide as a consequence of their online gambling addiction.

In addition, online gambling addiction can also trigger personality disorders and impulsive behavior. Research conducted by Suryanto and Kusuma (2019) found that individuals who are addicted to online gambling tend to have low self-control and have difficulty controlling the urge or desire to gamble. This can cause them to behave impulsively and take risks that are not well thought out, both in terms of their finances and social life. Personality disorders like this can negatively impact interpersonal relationships, work and other social functions.

The following is a paragraph-long description of the decline in quality of life due to online gambling, which includes decreased productivity and performance at work, impaired social relationships, and physical health problems due to an unhealthy lifestyle, along with references from Indonesian journals:

Online gambling addiction has been demonstrated to affect not only an individual's financial status and mental well-being, but also their overall quality of life. One significant consequence is a decline in productivity and performance at work. A study conducted by Wibowo and Suryani (2022) on employees in Jakarta revealed a negative correlation between online gambling addiction and job performance. Individuals who are addicted to online gambling tend to lack focus, frequently miss work, and experience a significant drop in

productivity. This can impact their career and potentially even lead to job loss.

In addition, online gambling addiction can also interfere with a person's social relationships. According to research conducted by Pratiwi and Rahmawati (2021), most respondents who are addicted to online gambling experience conflicts and disputes with partners, family, or friends due to their addiction. They tend to neglect social and family responsibilities, and spend excessive time gambling online. This can cause social relationships to become strained and even lead to divorce or the breakup of friendships.

Furthermore, online gambling addiction can also trigger physical health problems due to an unhealthy lifestyle. Research conducted by Susanto and Rizky (2020) shows that individuals who are addicted to online gambling tend to ignore healthy eating and sleeping patterns. They often consume unhealthy fast food and lack rest because they are too engrossed in playing online gambling. This can lead to health problems such as obesity, digestive disorders, or sleep disorders in the long run.

Evaluation of Law No. 1 Year 2024

Law No. 1 of 2024 concerning the Second Amendment to Law No. 11 of 2008 concerning Electronic Information and Transactions is the government's effort to overcome the problem of online gambling which is increasingly troubling the community. One important aspect of this law is the strengthening of regulations and sanctions against online gambling activities.

First, this law regulates stricter prohibitions and heavier sanctions for parties involved in online gambling activities. Previously, regulations related to online gambling were still considered inadequate and had legal loopholes that could be utilized by certain parties. With this law, the prohibitions and sanctions become clearer and more binding, so it is hoped that it can provide a deterrent effect for online gambling perpetrators.

The research conducted by Susanti and Widodo (2023) demonstrated that following the enactment of Law No. 1 of 2024, there was a notable decline in the number of illicit online gambling platforms operating in Indonesia. This demonstrates that the reinforcement of regulations and the prospect of more stringent penalties have a beneficial effect on the suppression of illicit online gambling activities.

In addition, the law also strengthens law enforcement and blocking efforts against illegal online gambling sites. Cooperation between the government, internet service providers,

and cybersecurity authorities is enhanced to identify and block online gambling sites operating illegally in Indonesia.

According to a report from the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (2024), since the enactment of this law, more than 1,000 illegal online gambling sites have been successfully blocked and closely monitored. This effort is expected to make it harder for people to access illegal online gambling sites and minimize the negative impacts.

Nevertheless, the implementation of this legislation continues to present a number of challenges. As evidenced by research conducted by Pratama and Nugroho (2024), there remain legal loopholes and a paucity of resources allocated to law enforcement in the context of online gambling. Furthermore, additional measures are required to enhance public awareness of the potential risks and adverse consequences associated with online gambling.

Overall, Law No. 1 Year 2024 is a positive step in the effort to eradicate online gambling in Indonesia. However, effective and sustainable implementation still requires commitment and cooperation from various parties, including the government, law enforcement, and the community.

In addition to strengthening regulations and law enforcement, Law No. 1 Year 2024 also emphasizes the importance of prevention and rehabilitation efforts in overcoming the problem of online gambling. One important aspect is educational campaigns and increasing public awareness about the dangers of online gambling.

As evidenced by the findings of Widyastuti and Kusuma (2023), a significant proportion of the Indonesian population remains inadequately informed about the adverse consequences of online gambling, particularly in the social, economic, and mental health domains. Consequently, the legislation requires the government and relevant institutions to implement comprehensive educational initiatives through diverse media, encompassing both online and offline platforms.

One of the programs that has been carried out is the launch of an official website and social media accounts that provide complete information about the dangers of online gambling. In addition, cooperation with educational institutions and community organizations is also carried out to disseminate this information through seminars, training, and other activities.

The results of research conducted by Susilo and Mulyono (2024) show that massive and continuous educational campaigns have had a positive impact on increasing public

awareness about the dangers of online gambling. However, further efforts are still needed to ensure that the information can reach all levels of society, especially vulnerable groups such as teenagers and people with less adequate economic backgrounds.

In addition to educational campaigns, Law No. 1 of 2024 also provides for the provision of counseling and rehabilitation services for individuals with online gambling addiction. This is an important step in helping addicted gamblers break free from their dependency and recover mentally and financially.

The government has collaborated with professional institutions and non-profit organizations to establish counselling and rehabilitation centres in various parts of Indonesia. These services include not only behavioral therapy and counseling, but also financial recovery programs and support for social reintegration for recovering gamblers.

Research conducted by Prayitno and Wulandari (2024) highlighted the success of this rehabilitation program in helping a number of online gamblers to escape their addiction and recover their living conditions. However, there are still challenges in reaching gamblers who are reluctant to seek help or do not have access to these services.

Overall, the prevention and rehabilitation program stipulated in Law No. 1 Year 2024 is an important step in the effort to overcome the negative impact of online gambling as a whole. However, the success of this program is highly dependent on the continued commitment and support from the government, relevant institutions, as well as active participation from the community.

The following is an evaluation of the collaboration and partnership aspects regulated in Law No. 1 of 2024 in an effort to deal with the problem of online gambling in Indonesia:

In recognition of the limitations of government action in addressing the problem of online gambling, Law No. 1 of Year 2024 calls for extensive collaboration and partnership with various parties. Accordingly, this legislation encourages collaboration with the private sector, non-profit organizations, and international institutions in addressing various aspects of online gambling-related issues.

One form of cooperation is with internet service providers and digital platforms. According to research conducted by Priyanto and Kurniawan (2024), partnerships with internet service providers have helped block and cut off access to illegal online gambling sites more effectively. This is done through information exchange and regular content filtering.

In addition, the law also encourages cooperation with non-profit organizations engaged in mental health and addiction rehabilitation. According to a report from the Ministry of Social Affairs (2024), more than 20 non-profit organizations have partnered with the government in providing counseling and rehabilitation services for addicted gamblers. These partnerships not only help in terms of providing human resources and facilities, but also the exchange of knowledge and best practices in dealing with gambling addiction issues.

At the international level, Law No. 1 of 2024 also provides an opportunity to collaborate with international institutions that possess expertise and experience in addressing online gambling issues. As revealed by research conducted by Sutrisno and Wibowo (2024), Indonesia has established partnerships with several international organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), with the objective of facilitating information exchange, training, and the development of effective strategies to address the problem of online gambling.

Through these collaborations and partnerships, Indonesia can learn from best practices that have been implemented in other countries and utilize the resources and expertise of these partners. However, the challenge that remains is the need for better coordination and policy alignment between the government and these partners so that efforts to tackle the problem of online gambling can run effectively and sustainably.

Overall, the collaboration and partnership aspects stipulated in Law No. 1 Year 2024 are strategic steps in an effort to comprehensively address the problem of online gambling. By combining resources, expertise, and experience from various parties, Indonesia is expected to increase the effectiveness of prevention, law enforcement, and rehabilitation efforts related to online gambling problems.

CONCLUSION

The following is the conclusion of the research on “The Negative Impact of Online Gambling Viewed from a Socio-Economic and Psychological Perspective in accordance with Law No. 1 of 2024 concerning the Second Amendment to Law Number 11 of 2008 concerning Information and Transactions” in paragraph form:

This study provides an in-depth analysis of the negative impacts caused by online gambling practices from socio-economic and psychological perspectives, and examines its

compatibility with Law No. 1 of 2024 on the Second Amendment to Law No. 11 of 2008 on Electronic Information and Transactions. The results show that online gambling has significant negative impacts on various aspects of people's lives, including financial problems, social conflicts, and serious mental health disorders.

Socio-economically, online gambling addiction can lead to huge financial losses, the risk of bankruptcy, mounting debts, and criminal acts such as theft to finance the addiction. In addition, from a sociological perspective, online gambling also has the potential to trigger family conflicts, divorce, and neglect of family responsibilities. On the psychological side, online gambling addiction can lead to depression, anxiety, stress, and an increased risk of suicide due to the psychological and financial pressures experienced. In addition, online gambling can also lead to personality disorders, impulsive behavior, and a decrease in overall quality of life.

Law No. 1 Year 2024 is the government's effort to address the problem of online gambling by strengthening regulations, sanctions, and law enforcement against illegal online gambling activities. In addition, the law also regulates prevention programs through education campaigns and public awareness, as well as the provision of counseling and rehabilitation services for addicted gamblers. Collaboration and partnership with the private sector, non-profit organizations, and international institutions are also important aspects in the effort to comprehensively address the problem of online gambling.

However, there are still challenges in implementing this law, such as legal loopholes, limited resources, and the need for better coordination and policy alignment between the government and the partners involved. In addition, prevention and rehabilitation efforts also require support and active participation from the community to run effectively and sustainably.

The findings of this study underscore the necessity for a comprehensive and sustainable approach to addressing the issue of online gambling. This entails the involvement of diverse stakeholders and the utilization of a range of available resources. It is only through coordinated efforts, supported by robust regulations and heightened public awareness, that the adverse effects of online gambling can be mitigated and the public safeguarded from the perils it presents.

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