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Toni (T), John (J), Ajeng (A)

T: My name is Toni and I’m from Universitas Multimedia Nusantara and currently I’m doing this thesis titled “Self-Disclosure and Relationship Development Stages of Intercultural Marriage”. These are the questions I proposed to you. And there are no wrong or right answers for this. And I need your willingness to answer these questions honestly and openly. And information shared in this interview will not be published commercially and will be entirely used for research purposes. So okay, first of all, where are you coming from sir?
J: Australia
T: Yes, Australia, from which city?
J: Melbourne, originally. But Perth, it’s a small town.
T: How long do you live there before you moved to Indonesia?
A: When you were child?
J: Victoria for 20, maybe 25 years. And then I go back to Perth for years, and move to Indonesia.
T: What about you miss?
A: I grow in Central Java, Solo.
T: Oh, Solo. And how do you guys met? Like when? Where do you guys met?
J: In Bandung, we worked fo the same company but different department
A: We have a, john is work in mineral department, and me, I worked in coal department. And the company is mining.
T: Oh, mining company. Oh Sir and Madam I’m sorry to, I forgot to ask this questions. What is your full name Sir?
J: John Couston, I’ll write it for you.
T: Okay.
J: Age of marriage… Number of years of marriage, yeah? 15? 17.
A: 17
T: and what about you mam? What is your full name?
A: Pudjiati Sri.
T: Oh okay, and how old are you?
A: *laugh* 53
T: I’m sorry
J: That’s the question, in my country; we never asked ‘how old are you’
A: Yeah, haha
T: I’m sorry
J: That’s okay, no problem.
T: So you’re from Central java?
A: Yeah
T: I’m sorry to ask this, but what is your religion, mam?
A: Catholic.
T: okay. And age of marriage is also 17. And you guys met about in one company
and in Bandung and when was it? Like how many years ago?
A: we met John long time but, uh, around two years finally we married.
T: so it was like 19-20 years ago. And madam, what is your first impression when
you first met your partner? Maybe about the appearance, or how Mr. John
talked?
A: I’m impressed because, hahaha, I just like it because we can have, I mean
when we talks he okay, because his kindness. And he’s helpful. And he’s cool
and he respects. That’s why I choose him.
T: Okay, and you Sir, what is your first impression when you first met madam?
J: Similar, a nice lady, a simple lady, not complicated. Good english and
responsible and care. Which is, and strong family ties, which is important, but
very much strong family ties.
T: yeah I see. When you first met, what did you talk about? Like um, maybe
subtle things, or other things? The first time you guys met.
A: The first I met because we have relations in the office, so we all just talk about
management, what’s about the business, special is about office, everything
exactly about office when we first met, we don’t talk about about private
things, no, because we never talk about private or something about, we just talk about office because we both just work hard.

J: But different departments, uh, she’s with more financial side, I’m on more technical side which is important kind in business.

T: and you guys still work there currently, or?

J: no

A: after marry still we work, after we have children have two, we still work.

T: and you guys still work there right now?

A: no. I have retired, but John still work.

T: I see. Um, and did you guys have dates after, before your marriage, like casual dates, like we would say it ‘pacaran’?

A: yes, we having sort of ‘pacaran’. Normally after work, because we often go home late, so we didn’t have time together. At least only for dinner, normally after from office, not everyday, but when we only have time. We always give time together, or during the weekend sometimes. If john go somewhere, normally not only stay in Bandung, he going to every city in Indonesia, something to Bengkulu, Padang, and everywhere. If we can meet in Bandung, so we I think we do after work.

T: And how long was the date? Maybe like one year or two years?

J: A couple of years, before we got married

A: Yeah before married we have three years? No

J: Dua tahun?

A: I mean we dated like, having lunch

J: no, when we first met, how long it was before we got married, two years?

A: teah, two years.

T: okay. And what’s the conversation between you and your partner got wider and deeper than it was before? Like you said that when you’re not dating, you only talk about office things, and after a, while the date, do you talk about more things, or a got wider or somewhat?

J: got wider mean try to understand each other better, talking about family, family in Solo, just differences in what happens in Australia and what happen in Indonesia, the differences, yeah.
A: just priority because we don’t know, we have to learn things before we married, about his culture, and he need to know about my culture. Because John is very interested about in Indonesia culture. There is a lot.

J: still she needs to explain

T: okay. And did you guys use nonverbal or body language it was before like, maybe when you first met, you only talked to the point, and did it become more intimate and you using body language when dating, maybe like more smiles, more, um yeah something like that, body language, more smiles, et cetera?

J: to certain degree, yes, but within the limitations of the culture differences, it still work, it’s still accepted, something is more accepted more in Jakarta, because traditional Javanese culture, it’s different, so yeah. We used to talk more frequent, using more eye contact, more smiles, getting closer, and using more gestures.

T: in some degrees, in certain race. And did you and your partner gave gifts each other when you are dating? Like exchange gifts, or when it was Christmas, or anniversary

A: yeah we do it like that

T: and you guys one-by-one for this, and from you Sir, first. What did you do how your partner feels about you on the dating stage? Did you ask her directly, or brought the topic to the conversation or asked from another person about how madam feels about you?

J: I guess it just built up, just by the conversation, getting to know her more, the family, the culture, whatever, getting better understanding of her and where she’s coming from.

T: oh so you’re just figure it out by yourself by seeing how the conversation is going.

J: yeah because to me, it’s a bit odd to ask anyone else that I wouldn’t do. Maybe because it’s a different country or whatever but certainly not here because it’s different in other country. It’s possibly accepted that sort of things in Australia or America, you could ask your friend about what they think or his girlfriend or whatever but to me here, no you don’t give this question.
T: and what about you mam, how do you know about how Sir John thinks about you, how he felt about you?
A: how he think about me?
T: how do you know that about how he felt about you
A: I think if I look to his body language and his look like because we in the office, the meet is so always say good morning, always when we going home, always remind me, oh have lunch, like small things, in small words, but it’s important for me, ‘what’s going on this mister?’ always giving attention. So this is a like, or something, but you know woman is always get the attention every time, so why do you think? So I think ‘Oh, he have been feeling right? Having falling in love?’ Something like that, but I know by what he was doing so, it’s different when he face the thing he like, he love, or he just interesting on, he just playing. It was really different, always giving attention.
T: so you figure it out by yourself how he act towards you
A: yeah
T: that’s interesting. Also on the dating stage, was the communication between you and your partner became more spontaneous and honest?
A: yeah
J: yeah I think it was um, initiated, it was honest. She is very very honest, and I’m very honest and I’m not into giving false impression or false sign, as you see 100% correct. So you see.
T: and did you gave any critics to your partner openly, like ‘maybe you should be more open’ or something, did you gave more critics to your partner?
A: critical one is me. Because I have to teach John, right, because he lives in Indonesia, so I have to teach him so hard to interacting to people in Indonesia. In example like, if we meet somebody from special Indonesian people, you have to do this, is somebody seating because I’m from Java, so you have to be polite, you have to work something like this, if you see one, always keeping nice to people in Indonesia because you is from Western, so you should polite to everyone because this is not your country.
J: it’s culture differences
A: yeah I have to remind, always remind
J: And it’s completely different how you treat people in here and how you treat people in western. I mean in western countries, you could stand up in a bunch of people and win an argument. And that’s so okay, but here no, you can’t do that because it’s extremely offensive to the person you’re having the argument with. That’s the subtle differences.

T: yeah I feel that too. And you use any particular terms or calling when communicating with partner? Like panggilan? Like honey? Do you use that?

J: Yeah we still do

T: And how Sir do you call Madam Ajeng?

A: We use ‘Love’

T: Like, ‘Hey, love’

J: yeah

T: And how about you mam?

A: Same. I use ‘love’

T: that is so sweet.

J: but it’s with feeling, not just a casual, not just a name. it’s form of love. It’s different, it means different.

A: after long we call, sometimes when we call ‘love’ but he don’t listen, I just calling all the name ‘Hey, John Couston’

T: So to get the attention

J: yeah.

T: And I’m gonna ask this one by one. About, you first Sir. What makes you sure to have a romantic relationship and get married to your partner who originated from different culture?

J: so it’s the charm of living in different country, straight out the country, apart from Australia. I guess people here are so friendly even though you have the religious divide or whatever but if we wanted to treated equally, when everyone respects you, you know because of the custom, we’re not going to joking with you, if we disagree talking we’re going to ignore you, but it’s more acceptance of here. And that’s great. if you have an broad range of friend, so in western society you can live next to someone, you never see them, you’re not really a friend. Here, if you fell down on the street or whatever, you have all
the neighbors coming to help you. In Australia, you have to looking from the window and close the door. It’s not that feeling, not that too appealing, yeah. And it’s a nice thing for the boys to grow up here as well, to grow up with all appreciation.

T: okay, and what about you, mam? What make you sure to have a romantic relationship and get married to your partner who originated from different culture?

A: it is the same what John says. It’s the similar.

J: I think one of the thing is that you learn, you hear I guess in Indonesia you come from a different culture, but it’s different. Lots of things that you don’t like, because it’s different with what you hold up with, but you accept them. And you know you cannot change things, so you better off with just accept it and get on with life. And I know a lot of people are obviously never lived in a situation where you have different cultures, different color people. And really at the end of the day, their blood is the same color as yours, so what’s different, I think.

T: I understand it. When you are married, do you think you understand more about how your partner thinks and be able to predict it? Like, did you understand how your partner, your husband or your wife, how she thinks, how he thinks and be able to predict what he’s gonna do next?

A: in the future, do you mean?

T: yes

J: I think you have a broad understanding, but when you committed and get married, you need to understand, what the likes, what the dislikes, what she appreciated, and that’s part of the marriage life, it’s getting to know your partner lot better. And also the realization once you get married, is the commitment. You can’t change it tomorrow, you’re married for better or worse, you got to believe it before you could be.

T: and do you and your partner create some agreements and rules in the household?

J: we have some, we have some rules. I smoke, but i smoke at the outside, not in the house.
T: pardon?
A: no smoke in the house
J: but I smoke outside. I don’t smoke inside because it’s not good for children’s health, and..
A: because I’m not smoking
J: she complains, because she’s non-smoker but also make some smells. Okay. Other things, I don’t know. It’s the relationship, you work for each other, you know, it’s not my job to make coffee for Sri every morning she gets up. She’ll do it sometimes, she makes me coffee.
A: we don’t have to be look like the relationship where woman have to be making something special, making, in the morning have to making coffee to the husband. We marry, in mixed marry, a lot people like that. But mainly in western people, they will independent with themselves, not had to be the wife making.
J: no we don’t have that.
A: so when something is different, something like that, we all like this look like we eating, eating like that, we have to be ‘okay I’ll call your bapak, or get foods on the papa first’ something like that right? Always eating together
J: we eat as a family
T: okay, I see. And are things that you and your partner talk about when you are married? Maybe give me some examples
A: from me, I mean when we make decision, want to marry, something like that, right? Because I feel like this okay. I’m catholic, I have to make sure, I need to pray, Is this correct? Is this my partner for the future? Something like that. A lot of time I pray. And I believe ‘God if this one is real, my partner of my future, please give me the best. That’s why I choose, to make decision after meet, not meet me long time after office but the meet have been real for the relation. I mean it last more than two years. That’s why we make decision we want to marry because we already know, I’m already know about John, John already know about me, so they try coming to me and okay I want to meet your parent, something like that. So before John going together to Solo, and he asked to my mom that he wants to marry me, after it they talk about like that,
my mom is already said ‘If you think that he’s your future, that’s okay because it’s me who make decision’

J: I think another difference too is we share everything. Which is different, I mean we don’t have a separation income, one income. She looks after the money because I trust her to do that. I don’t have a problem, which is different from lot of others who, uh, the wife gets so much to look after a house or whatever, the husband cope with the risks. But it’s different live with trust. In marriage you can make a new committed trusting.

T: and I wonder how do you introduce your madam Ajeng to your family Sir?
J: my wife?
T: yeah, how do you introduce your wife to your family?
J: we went to Australia, we met, uh after we’re married we met my mother, she met my mother.

A: no, the question is before you marry me, when you asked to marry me
J: oh yeah, I told them we would. And um I asked my brother and his wife if them would to come to my wedding in Solo and they did. Which is nice, but I met my sister we just talk by telephone, no more communication. And no one met my brother until we went to Australia on holiday. And then we saw my mother and my sister.

T: and from what I have learned in my campus, there are some anxiety when you are in an intimate relationship like marriage. And there are three anxiety reasons, and which one is, I’m gonna tell you about some anxiety which is often happen in marriage or in an intimate relationship. And you’re gonna tell me which one of these anxiety is ever affect your life? And have you ever getting anxious if your partner ever leave you behind, or if, do you ever getting anxious if you don’t get the love you expected, or do you ever getting anxious if you ever get bored with your partner? Which one do you ever experienced?
J: not a one really. What’s the first one?
T: getting anxious if your partner ever leaves you behind
J: no, only if you arranged to do it at certain time, to the certain place and she’s worried a little bit, but she’s okay. But, no.
T: and what about you mam? Mungkin kalo bingung aku coba itu ya; dari ketiga kecemasan berikut, mana saja yang pernah Anda alami; cemas bila ditinggalkan pasangan, cemas bila tidak mendapatkan kasih sayang yang diharapkan, atau cemas bila nanti merasa bosan dengan pasangan?

A: itu untuk apa pertanyaannya?

T: eh, pernah merasakan kecemasan yang seperti apa?

A: after marry?

T: after marriage?

A: pertama apa tadi?

T: cemas ditinggalkan pasangan, atau tidak mendapat kasih sayang yang diharapkan, atau cemas bila nanti merasa bosan dengan pasangan.

A: semuanya itu engga, haha, I think I just feeling, I don’t feel about like that, I never think about like that. Because we marry because he said, the commitment. So, about like that ‘I’m worried maybe later if he going out he go to the bar, he get somebody else, with another woman. I never think about that. Because I believe, because we marry in the church, and the first we commitment. So that mean, I believe him. He not do, doing something negative, so I don’t think about that.

J: you know marriage is filled with trust and commitment.

T: ok. Also I wondered, what’s sacrifices do you make for this relationship to happen? Like, what do you have to sacrifice when you getting into this marriage?

J: There isn’t a thing. Sacrifice…

A: Apa ininya?

T: Apa pengorbanan yang harus Anda lakukan dalam hubungan ini?

J: there isn’t a thing

A: no, we don’t have for sacrifice anything

J: not really, I mean sacrifices in a way, um, giving up something? For example, you maybe every Sunday you have a commitment to go play football, go to the pub after work and get home late night. I’m more like a family guy, you know, it’s a question whether you’re willing to sacrifice Sunday with your friends and
drinking and whatever, I supposed to the family, and we never had that situation. It’s always family first.

A: It’s similar with me. Before we, you know, we still single, we can going anywhere, but after that when we married, we have to be understand ‘okay now we’re having family. Before, we always around with my friend somewhere but bla bla bla, now we have to think our husband, we have to be stay with him’, something like that.

J: but you still have your social life, but your social life changes to pick the one with similar values. They still watch you as a American, and their parent. They’re more of your friends, like you have in school, a lot of the parents, the children. The children are friends, so the friendship that built and I guess, the school gathering or with all the mothers, for a lunch, that’s fine you know.

T: okay, I’m sorry if I have to ask this, but this is based on the book I have read before, have you ever feel dissatisfied or uncomfortable in this relationship? And what are the examples if you ever, if it ever happens to you?

A: it is true. Sometimes if we getting, as always ya, you know, marriage is not always pure, smooth, is good, sometimes we have little with problems.

J: a little bit arguments

A: yeah of course something annoying, like arguments, yeah, the mean is argument something uh, he little bit something egoist, I’m egoist too. Something we must not lie or think about understand, so the mean is we will take a break. So we have to try if he egoist then I’m egoist but we have to think. Maybe it’s something with John or something with me, okay so I’ll just quiet, then we just talk.

J: that means we have to reach for a situation we thought made a mistake in marriage. No. that has no reason at all. These small things at a time. You don’t let them grow to something big, sort of that. But yeah, nothing as I concerned that feel that I made a wrong decision.

T: okay, did you speak about these problems to your partner, and discuss it argue about it, and find a solution about it?

A: yeah, we always talk about after we, before we talks only ‘hmm, hmm’ *nodding head* something like that, but finally we have to talking. ‘Look at
this, I don’t like it you do it this’. So, please you don’t say like this or you don’t be like this. Because if we not talk, I wish we will be, yeah

J: again, it comes down to culture. Maybe in a way classic cultures. But I still have something in mind, which I might think if I’m right, she has something that she think it’s right, but at the end of the day, all of this is gonna be compromised.

A: so maybe we say sorry if I make mistake, I say sorry, and if he make mistake we will be sorry

T: is there any differences after you express this dissatisfaction? Like your relationship getting stronger or you trust each other more? Did that happen to you?

A: yeah, it’s strong

J: it’s part of learning, getting to know your partner because you’re never stop learning.

T: when you are in a problem, do you take time to yourself thinking about it? And how to fix a problem before you talk to your partner? Like do you sit quietly and think about a problem before you talk and go find a solution with your partner?

A: yeah, we do like that. Like I said before, if we having something, a argument, we must, we still quiet and think we the argument will make us talk. All this argument, but we, maybe John talk or maybe I talk. After that we sit together and talk ‘like this. Why we arguing, or because you say like this, or maybe just because you do like this.

J: a cooling off period. But genuinely problems not in arguments but problems with we tend to talk together about an issue, not individually solve them, it’s a joint problem. We both have to work it out and come to a solution. Not just my solution, not just Sri’s solution, it’s our solution.

A: we having something like that because why? Because sometimes we have this misunderstanding. What he think or what I think, that what make argument something like that.

J: but part of the issue is language
A: yes, you know sometime he’s use, you know something, *talk to John* what
the Australian said not, uhh, *remembering things* if married talking, if they
married and they talk with, ‘slang’.
J: which is a it means the same, but
A: *cutting* for him something is okay, for me something is not good. We
different culture. For him maybe talk like this okay, but for me in Indonesia
that’s not good.
J: going back to what we talk. Culture, you have to be careful about what you
said. I think the main issue that we have is the misunderstanding of language,
because my Indonesian is pretty poor, and Sri’s english is very good
A: no *chuckles*
J: but also we have problems, I’m missing what she said, that’s the way it sounds,
yeah
T: okay. Do you and your partner need any help or advice from other parties like
family or counselling to fix a problem?
A: No *laugh*, we can do it by ourselves
J: No. recently we haven’t reached that sort of situation at all. No. I think I you
getting into that kind of situation you got a major problem where you have to
seek counselling. Really a major problem that you have and that’s not easy to
fix. If you have to go to counselling, you got a major problem, but it could the
end of marriage, that’s where it’s going.
A: until now we’re having seventeen years, we lucky because God blessed me
from problem, I mean something is terrible problem. We are, yeah, thank Lord
because He always keeping me happy.
T: and what motivates you to fix this problem in family?
J: I think a lot of this is the love for each other, but also children. They have to
demonstrate, they live in a caring and loving environment. And that in loving
environment we, mommy and daddy always argue. You know, We false to love
the twin themselves, we want them to understand that and likewise fall the love
between the brothers, like best friends. But that’s important for them to grow
up in that atmosphere. You know it’s so often you feel it in some children that
come from disturbed parents who always arguing or whatever. That’s not a life
of a child. A child has to be grown up in a caring environment where’s love is
the part of a family. And that’s what we try overtime. We angry
A: *cut* we angry for remind them.
J: yeah
T: and the next question is kinda, I don’t know, I’m just gonna ask it. Have you
and your wife have ever live separately and not communicating frequently?
A: no we never
J: no, well we live separated when I have to go to Balikpapan.
A: oh that’s because of the job.
J: but we always telephone at least once a day
A: this is not a phase, this is because the job, he always going around
T: how open are you to your partner? To your wife or your husband?
A: I open everything *laugh*
T: so you guys open about everything?
A: everything, about my family, his family, no secrets
J: there are no secret.
A: not only about family. About friends, about friends we talk
J: yeah we should be talk about everything
A: so John knows about my activity, I know what his activity outside. After work,
you have friend bla bla bla. He knows my friend too because we always
communicate. Okay. I go with this one, I go somewhere, with this one, we
always talk. If he’s going somewhere, he talk to me. Oh I go with my friend
this one, so we know.
T: and what motivates you you to disclose yourself to your partner? For being
honest and open about everything you do to your partner? What motivates you
to do that?
J: it’s about respect and love to your partner. It’s a big part of your life. And that’s
why we being honest.
T: and after you open yourself to your partner, disclose information to your
partner, did you feel closer to your wife or your husband?
J: yeah, um, I don’t think that situation is probably a reason because we never had
a situation where we don’t open up and discuss something that the partner
didn’t know anyway. Everything is open, we talk about everything, there’s no secret.

T: and what is marriage means to you, Sir? I’m gonna ask this to Mr. John first, then you mam. What is marriage means to you?

J: I guess it’s a bonding partnership, a commitment to someone you love and take care. And basically to be honest with your partner. *think* yeah

T: and what about you mam? What is marriage means to you?

A: marriage for me is a commitment and marriage is for my future. Because we not only marry for something, I mean we want to having a children for the next generation. So why we marry for me is because it’s important for the next generation.

T: and I also wonder, what tradition do you use when you guys are married, the wedding ceremony?

A: because I’m the last child in my family, I have ten, six brothers and four sisters and I’m the last. So we normally tradition in Java, in Solo usually use tradition on the last. This is the one my parent wants, so we use traditional Javanese. So around, from all the culture, we used it, from Siraman, for example like that until we married in church, to government civil and then we having party, something like that. So we just did a complete traditional Javanese.

J: which is as far I know, from my brother, because he never experienced something like that, and having to get dressed up in Javanese. And just have to participating in that ceremony is just so different

A: because the family, they use kebaya, something like that. The man, his brother have to use the traditional too

T: and I’m gonna ask the next question one by one, first from you Sir. Have you ever had any stereotypes or prejudice about your partner’s culture? If it’s yes, what is that?

J: not prejudice, there’s no... um, I guess I have live in a different country, different cultures, I get better understanding. You don’t, I know you questions something about they do, or whatever, but that’s part of the culture. It’s something that you have to learn to accept. Because you know you can’t change someone’s culture, so you have to accept that. But in many ways, you
can see I guess all the people can be sure critical of their partner. That’s basically because of lack of understanding and perhaps lack of commitment unfortunately. Because one of the word is for better or worse. It’s not the same about color, so you know, you have to accept your contract. If you in the decision where you want a tradition on it perhaps you’re gonna ask a question yourself, ‘Did you make a right decision?’ you know, ‘Why did you interested in this if you’re gonna question?’. So you need to sort out the answer beforehand, before you commit and because you commit 100%, you cannot commit under 100%, that’s it

A: what was the question? Apa pertanyaannya?
T: apakah Anda pernah memiliki stereotip atau prasangka terhadap pasangan Anda? Jika iya, apakah itu?
A: *laugh* I never think about like that. I just think, of course because their culture something is you know normally, sorry, they already, from they’re young they already smoke, and drink alcohol and something like that. And I just thinking ‘So how about like that later on?’ I’m just scary, if they’re drunk bla bla bla, like that. I just think, just a little think about that. That doesn’t make a point. Because the culture is like that right? We in Indonesia, that’s illegal. Have, but not most.

J: I think that’s the every parents concern, you know, alcohol in moderation is accepted in culture, normally here, smoking is an addiction in the country where you hope that you, children is still off way that you can educate them, that’s not the right thing, but the biggest concern is narkoba. And the concern, you know, again that’s comes back again to the house, to the environment, and health, and how openly you talk to your children about things. You know, they have the same in school, about willingness these problems, yeah.

T: and what kind of culture differences do you and your partner experienced? Like, do you guys have different values, beliefs, or how to communicate, or lifestyle? What kind of differences that happen in your marriage? Maybe the first is like, the tradition, you said before, your family doesn’t used to Javanese tradition, so there are kind of experiencing culture shock, and beside that, is there any cultural differences did you guys felt in building a family?
J: I guess in a hidden way, the question of ‘Why do you marry bule?’ because it’s not the norm. Indonesia is Indonesia. Some ways it’s not the stigma, but it does feel a little bit different. You know that you’re married to an Indonesian, I mean, I get asked about my wife and I said my wife is Indonesian, from Solo. In automatically, they think my wife’s a bule, but she’s not, she’s from Indonesia. I still get that, don’t worry

A: that means something is correct, because the language too.

T: is there any beliefs or values that are different and from what I have read before, Asia’s culture is identified as collectivist, family-oriented culture

J: *nod*

T: well, western culture is identified as more individualist. Did you feel that kind of values, and that kind of differences, when you getting know of each other?

J: I think so, when you, you know when you’re marrying to the family, as a westerner, when you’re getting married, you’re more part of the family. Because family’s first. In Australia, you get married, see you later, you don’t even see anyone for twelve months to years. It could be five years before I saw my brother.

A: look, like I said, we have to mix marry that’s what I want, I teach my, I already said to John I will teach our children with Asian’s culture. Because of what? I’m looking at us. Something that we have in Asia like looking after the parents, majority of Asian are more look after their parent. Even not just the parent, but give the family more attention. In Asia, between the brother and sister, they will be different like, the relation is really different. This is, they having a distance, not more closer like the Asian. Asian are having something like the relation between sister or brother and it’s closer. In example, they have problem, for some like that, they look after for each other, they carrying, they’re helpful, something like that.

J: it comes back to the family once again. But it’s the family that counts in Asian culture, where is in Western culture, it’s not. Because people get married and make their way from home. Genuinely it’s not close to the parents once a year. You know it is once a year or whatever, where’s here it’s important to see a family. You have to go on your way to sure you research, not ‘God we’re
gonna go and see them, let’s go next month or whatever’, no. you have a different priority and I think this is what I agree with. The boys, growing up in that culture and think that family is important because it’s so easy for them to step outside and figure about the family.

T: which culture is more dominant in building a family?
A: Asian

T: and did this culture differences affect how you see the world? Does it changing the way you think, does it change the value that you ever believed in before?
A: what’s the words?

Like this Sir. Maybe you, before you met Madam Ajeng, you think Asians are like A, B, or C, but after you see this culture differences, you suit, does it change you perception about Indonesian people like ‘they’re not like that, they’re not that bad’

J: I think it does. Because generally in a Western culture, you don’t really understand culture, it look like a completely different, don’t understand, but it’s built in family and family tradition, I mean the traditions in Asia, I’ve heard a lot about them. Australia have like 200 years of traditions and that’s stuck back to the country. Where is here you got ancestors from 2000 years ago of culture which is evolve for a long period of time, and if you take your time to understand it, that’s very very rich and the western culture is a little bit shallow.
And again, that impacts the family values, the family, yeah, always.

T: and what about you mam?
A: for me, I mean, what I feel is like this. I want to show, maybe not just me, maybe some people do like that, but for me why I marry, I want to show to the western too, I mean for special for Australian, not the whole thing, I mean the family that’s, maybe in the Australia they think ‘Why are you marrying an Asian, people from Indonesia?’ Because we want to marry to ‘bule’ because you have a lot money, you have that, so you marry him. I want to show that
‘Look at that, we married because we’re not think about the value, something like that, because we really know him, like him, not just to think like that. because a lot of majority think ‘Everyone marry the ‘bule’ because of money.’ I want to show, maybe some people do it in Indonesia, but from different background. They married because they want to take the money, but we married because we love each other. We have relations with our heart. But some people, I another woman in Indonesia, married not because of love, they marry because of the money.

J: unfortunately, that’s quite true. Again, this is why some marriage end up in a maze. It’s money. They literally married for the money. Because of the ‘bule’. I’m sorry if that’s what you married for, you shouldn’t get married. Because that’s not why you get married. It’s for better or worse. If you have millions dollar in the bank, right, but if you don’t have a thousand dollar in the bank, it’s not as good, but you learn to cure.

A: like we said, the decision why we’re married is the commitment. You have to love each other because you have heart.

J: and you see that, it is often for people to choose marriage for the money. It’s easy to get divorced. C’mon, where’s your commitment? Someone you know, Sri, five times? Five times divorced.

A: just because the money

J: yeah money

T: that’s insane. Do you have any difficulties to adapt with your partner’s culture?

A: at first I felt hard to adapt

J: I think it was harder for you, when we went to Australia. Because I lived here for 2 years before we married, so we have adapted to the culture. When we went to Australia, it’s Sri’s first time to get out from the country. So it was a little bit rough. It was so different, we went in winter.

A: even the people are different. Just different. It’s hard to adapt because the always use slang language so, you know I just know English a little, I mean I don’t really understand. They talk with the friends, so I just quiet. But it’s not very good to be quiet.
J: but also at that time, when we went there you still had a little bit of prejudice, racial prejudice. Not in my family, but certainly there’s a generalization in the population. So it’s a little bit difficult to stepping out to the Western culture, which is, a little bit hostile, or whatever. Not hostile, but you don’t feel 100% comfortable.

A: like John try to adapt in my culture, my culture is a little bit slow to make them understand, so, not us trying to tell them to understand, but confused with a lot of things I have to do. It’s not easy to adapt, to learn things step by step.

J: it’s also depends on what type of the people are, I mean we were lucky my family accept Sri, without any question asked, which is good, where you could see perhaps other families saying ‘Why are you marrying an Asian woman? What’s wrong with you?’ glad that you have the perception which less racial, but back then it was different. Yeah. But certainly, Going for beer to the Australian culture is a little bit of a short. Food, everything, different.

T: and what did you do to adapt with your partner’s culture? Like, how do you get used to the different culture?

A: the first is about food. I made him try like, ‘Look at this, this is Indonesian food, like nasi goreng, mi goreng, rendang, of course he like it. At first we try at the food. Because John don’t really like eat nasi, too much carbohydrate.

J: it’s not a stable dine like it’s here. If you don’t have meal with nasi, something is wrong. In Australia, the culture is, you may eat rice once a month. Maybe twice a month with a different dish, it’s not a must-have for every meal. They’re more eat vegetables.

T: in Indonesia they said ‘If you don’t eat rice, you don’t eat nothing at all’ *laugh*

A: the first time we went to Australia, we don’t meet nasi for almost 2 weeks, I’m getting headache *laugh*

T: it’s devastating *laugh*. I think that’s all, Sir and mam. Thank you for the cooperation.

A: if you want to ask more and need something, just let us know, it’s okay. As long as you let us know.

T: if I may know, you have 2 children, what are their names?
A: Alfonsus…
J: I'll write.
T: thank you Sir.
Transkrip wawancara II
Nurul Medina
Istri dari Pasangan Pernikahan Jawa-Australia
Melalui E-mail, 30 Mei 2018

1. Dimana, kapan, dan bagaimana pertama kali Anda bertemu dengan pasangan Anda?

   Saya bertemu pasangan saya pertama kali bulan Desember 2015. Ketika itu saya sedang berkumpul bersama teman-teman dari college dan ada salah satu teman saya yang menjadi sahabat suami.

2. Apa kesan pertama (first impression) yang Anda pikirkan saat pertama bertemu pasangan Anda?

   Masih biasa saja waktu itu.

3. Hal apa yang dibicarakan pada saat pertama kali bertemu?

   Asal negara saya, tempat tinggal dan alasan pindah ke Australia.

4. Hal apa yang membuat Anda yakin untuk melanjutkan berkomunikasi dengan pasangan Anda?

   Karna dia orangnya sopan.

5. Apakah Anda dan pasangan melalui tahap kencan? Bagaimana prosesnya?

   Ya, selama dua tahun. Kita berpacaran secara normal saja, masih dalam batas wajar karna saya masih memegang nilai moral dari Indonesia.

6. Apakah topik pembicaraan Anda dengan pasangan lebih luas dan mendalam dibandingkan sebelumnya?

   Ya, tentu.

7. Hal apa yang Anda bicarakan dengan pasangan ketika kalian sudah semakin dekat?

   Rencana kedepannya hubungan, agama serta perbedaan budaya.

8. Apakah lebih banyak menggunakan bahasa tubuh dibanding sebelumnya?

   Ya. Kami lebih banyak menggunakan gerakan tubuh, lebih banyak tersenyum, dan lebih dekat.
9. Apakah Anda dan pasangan mulai saling memberikan barang/hadiah kepada satu sama lain?

   *Ya.*

10. Apa yang Anda lakukan untuk mengetahui perasaan pasangan Anda; bertanya langsung, memancing dengan menyinggung topik, bertanya pada orang lain?

   *Biasanya saya bertanya langsung.*

11. Apakah komunikasi Anda dan pasangan bersifat lebih spontan dan jujur?

   *Ya, cenderung spontan dan jujur.*

12. Apakah Anda pernah menyampaikan kritik kepada pasangan Anda secara terbuka?

   *Ya, pernah.*

13. Apakah sering menggunakan istilah/panggilan khusus dalam berkomunikasi dengan pasangan?

   *Tidak juga, lebih sering menyebut namanya.*

14. Apa yang membuat Anda yakin untuk menjalin hubungan romantis dan akhirnya menikah dengan pasangan Anda yang berbeda budaya?

   *Karena dia tipe lelaki yang pantang menyerah demi saya dan mau menyikapi perbedaan dengan bijaksana.*

15. Pada tahap pernikahan, apakah Anda merasa semakin memahami cara berpikir pasangan dan mampu memprediksinya?

   *Ya, semakin mengerti sifatnya.*

16. Apakah Anda dan pasangan menentukan kesepakatan dan aturan tertentu dalam rumah tangga Anda?

   *Ya.*

17. Apa saja hal yang Anda bicarakan dengan pasangan setelah menikah?

   *Perihal rencana liburan, uang dan tabungan masa depan untuk anak.*

18. Bagaimana cara Anda mengenalkan pasangan kepada keluarga dan teman-teman Anda?

   *Mengajaknya bertemu secara langsung.*

19. Dari ketiga kecemasan berikut, mana saja yang pernah Anda alami; cemas bila ditinggalkan pasangan, tidak mendapat kasih sayang yang diharapkan, atau cemas bila nanti merasa bosan dengan pasangan?
Mungkin yang pertama dan kedua.

20. Apa keuntungan yang Anda dapatkan dalam menjalani hubungan?
   Perbedaan budaya yang membuat saya berfikir lebih terbuka.

21. Apa pengorbanan yang Anda harus lakukan dalam hubungan ini?
   Meninggalkan tanah air untuk tinggal di Australia.

22. Apakah Anda pernah merasa tidak puas / tidak nyaman dalam hubungan?
   Contohnya apa?
   Sangat jarang.

23. Apakah ketidakpuasan tersebut Anda ungkapkan? Mengapa?
   Ya, karna hubungan yang kita jalani sangat jujur dan terbuka.

24. Apakah terdapat perubahan setelah Anda mengungkapkan ketidakpuasan tersebut?
   Ya, sedikit demi sedikit.

25. Apa yang Anda sendiri lakukan untuk memperbaiki hubungan dengan pasangan?
   Lebih mendengarkan.

26. Bagaimana Anda dan pasangan berkomunikasi untuk memperbaiki hubungan?
   Dalam waktu dan momen yang tepat.

27. Apakah Anda dan pasangan membuat kesepakatan tertentu untuk menyelesaikan masalah?
   Tidak juga.

28. Apakah Anda dan pasangan membutuhkan bantuan/nasihat dari pihak lain (keluarga/konseling) dalam menyelesaikan masalah?
   Ya, tergantung dari masalahnya apa.

29. Apa yang memotivasi Anda untuk memperbaiki hubungan tersebut?
   Karna kita saling cinta satu sama lain.

30. Apakah Anda dan pasangan pernah mengalami tahap perpisahan dalam hubungan?
   Ya, pernah.

31. Apakah Anda dan pasangan pernah menjalani hidup secara terpisah dan tidak berkomunikasi?
   Ya, pernah.
32. Apakah perpisahan hubungan tersebut mengarah ke perceraian? Mengapa memilih untuk bercerai? (kosongkan bila tidak pernah)

33. Seberapa terbukakah Anda dengan pasangan Anda?
   *Skala 1-10 mungkin 9.*

34. Apa yang mendorong Anda untuk membuka diri kepada pasangan?
   *Karna saya ingin dia mencintai saya apa adanya.*

35. Hal-hal apa yang yang biasanya Anda rahasiakan kepada pasangan Anda?
   *Jarang terjadi, mungkin masalah keluarga pribadi di Indonesia.*

36. Mengapa Anda merahasiakannya?
   *Karna saya merasa dia tidak ada hubungannya.*

37. Setelah membuka diri dengan pasangan Anda, apakah Anda merasa lebih dekat?
   *Ya, tentu.*

38. Apa arti pernikahan bagi Anda?
   *Hidup bersama saling melengkapi dalam susah dan senang.*

39. Tradisi apa yang digunakan dalam pernikahan Anda?
   *Tradisi Muslim Modern.*

40. Apakah Anda pernah memiliki stereotip dan prasangka terhadap budaya pasangan Anda? Jika iya, apa itu?
   *Ya, jika budaya suami saya terlalu bebas.*

41. Perbedaan budaya apa saja yang Anda dan pasangan alami; nilai, kepercayaan, cara berkomunikasi, gaya hidup?
   *Nilai dan gaya hidup yang mendominasi.*

42. Apakah Anda merasakan perbedaan budaya berpengaruh dalam pernikahan?
   *Budaya mana yang lebih dominan?
   *Ya, nilai dan gaya hidup.*

43. Apakah perbedaan budaya tersebut mempengaruhi cara pandang Anda terhadap dunia?
   *Ya, terkadang.*

44. Apakah Anda merasa kesulitan beradaptasi dengan budaya pasangan Anda yang berbeda? Apa saja kesulitan tersebut?
   *Terkadang, budaya yang individualis dan bebas.*
45. Apa yang Anda lakukan untuk menyesuaikan diri dengan budaya pasangan Anda?

Tetap menjadi diri saya dengan nilai-nilai budaya saya, karena saya tahu itu lebih positif, tanpa memandang rendah budaya lain karena saya paham akan perbedaan itu harus disikapi dengan dewasa.

46. Budaya apa yang Anda terapkan kepada anak?

Budaya Indonesia yang mendominasi, namun saya izinkan anak untuk bereksplorasi dalam batas wajar.
Transkrip wawancara III
Aaron Clark
Suami dari Pasangan Pernikahan Jawa-Australia
Melalui E-mail, 5 Juni 2018

1. Where, when, and how did you met your partner?
   From friend’s gathering.

2. What is your first impression when you met your partner?
   She’s beautiful and attractive.

3. What did you talk about when you first met her?
   Her origin and age

4. What make you sure to keep in touch with her?
   Cause she’s fun to be around

5. Did you and your partner have dates? How was the process?
   Yes, from just text and phone until we always catch up every weekend

6. Was the conversation between you and your partner got wider and deeper than it was before?
   Yes

7. What did you and partner talk about when you guys getting closer?
   About deeper stuffs like future together

8. Did you use more nonverbal/body language than it was before?
   Yes

9. Did you and partner give gifts to each other?
   Yes

10. What did you do to know how your partner feels about you on the dating stage? Ask her directly, brought the topic through a conversation, or asked to another person?
    Ask her directly.

11. On the dating stage, was your communication to your partner became more spontaneous and honest?
    Yes sometimes

12. Did you give any critics to your partner openly?
    Yes
13. Did you use any particular terms/calling when communicated with partner?
   Not really just by her name

14. What made you sure to having a romantic relationship and get married to your partner who originated from different culture?
   Cause she's really nice and always bring the best out of me

15. When you are married, do you think you understand more about how your partner thinks and be able to predict it?
   Yes

16. Do you and your partner create some agreements and rules in the household?
   Yes

17. What are things you and your partner talks about when you are married?
   Getting new place to live and organize the financial

18. How did you introduce your partner to your family and friends?
   Directly

19. From these three anxiety reasons, which ones have you ever been experienced with; getting anxious if your partner ever leaves you behind, getting anxious if you don’t get the love you expect or getting anxious if you ever get bored with your partner?
   The first and second one

20. What benefits/rewards do you get from this relationship?
   Getting someone to share the life together

21. What sacrifices do you make for this relationship?
   Change a bit of myself in a better way

22. Have you ever feel unsatisfied / uncomfortable in this relationship? What are the examples?
   Not really

23. Did you speak about this dissatisfaction to your partner? Why?
   Yes, cause our relationship is honest

24. Is there any difference after you express this dissatisfaction?
   Yes

25. What do you do alone to fix a problem/relationship with your partner?
   Talk about it to find solution
26. And how do you and your partner communicate to fix a problem/relationship?
   Having best friend type of relationship communication
27. Do you and partner create any settlements to finish a problem?
   Yes
28. Do you and partner need any help/advice from other parties (family/counselling) to fix a problem?
   Sometimes
29. What motivates you to fix this relationship?
   Cause i love her
30. Have you and partner ever got separated in the relationship?
   once when we’re dating
31. Have you and partner ever lived separately and not communicating frequently?
   never
32. Did that separation lead to divorcement? Why did you choose to get divorced?
   (do not answer if you never experienced this)
33. How open are you to your partner?
   Comfortably open
34. What motivates you to disclose yourself to your partner?
   to get better connection
35. What are you usually concealed to your partner?
   Anything
36. Why did you conceal it?
   by communicate
37. After you disclose yourself to partner, did you feel closer to her?
   Yes
38. What is marriage means to you?
   Means life and everything to me
39. What tradition do you use in your marriage?
   Modern Muslim
40. Have you ever had any stereotypes or prejudice about your partner’s culture?
   If it yes, what was that?
Strict rules

41. What kind of cultural differences do you and partner experienced; values, beliefs, how to communicate, lifestyle?
   Yes all of them

42. Did you feel these cultural differences affect your marriage? Which culture is more dominant?
   Yes, lifestyle

43. Did these cultural differences affect how you see the world?
   Not really

44. Did you feel any difficulty to adapt with your partner’s culture? What are those difficulties?
   Getting used to with all the rules.

45. What did you do to adapt with your partner’s culture?
   To slowly learn about it

46. What culture do you apply to your child?
   Mixed between Indonesian and western culture.
I met him on a dating site when I was working in Australia on 2016.

He’s an honest person and adventurous

Photography

He keeps taking me to a trip every weekend and it was refreshing for me.

Yes we did, we became a couple after our 6th date. The process takes place in Royal National Park where he asked me to be his girlfriend.

Yes, it was

Future plans like consequences of a multicultural marriage, religion, where to stay.

No, we didn’t

We did that sometime

I’m sure we felt progressive on our dating stage. We felt right and ready to step on a further stage.
11. On the dating stage, was your communication to your partner became more spontaneous and honest?
    Yes, it was
12. Did you give any critics to your partner openly?
    Yes, I did
13. Did you use any particular terms/calling when communicated with partner?
    Yes, I did
14. What made you sure to having a romantic relationship and get married to your partner who originated from different culture?
    For me, the most important quality is the personality and his commitment to me and my family. In regard to differences between us, we agreed to respect each other.
15. When you are married, do you think you understand more about how your partner thinks and be able to predict it?
    25 January 2018. I don’t feel any significant difference after we became a married couple.
16. Do you and your partner create some agreements and rules in the household?
    Yes we do, we share responsibilities. I cook lunch and he cooks dinner, he often does the washing too because we believe in equality.
17. What are things you and your partner talks about when you are married?
    How I can settle down in Australia properly, our family conditions, some conversation about how we were raised.
18. How did you introduce your partner to your family and friends?
    We used video call to keep each other in the loop while we were talking to our parents on phone. My husband always asked me to come with him anytime he had an event with his friend or family. From my side, I sometimes asked him to have a tea with my friends.
19. From these three anxiety reasons, which ones have you ever been experienced with; getting anxious if your partner ever leaves you behind, getting anxious if you don’t get the love you expect or getting anxious if you ever get bored with your partner?
20. What benefits/rewards do you get from this relationship?

We’ve grown as better persons and respect each other because we believe that diversity was what united us.

21. What sacrifices do you make for this relationship?

LN: Leaving my country and my parents to stay in Australia with my husband.

JR: Religion

22. Have you ever feel unsatisfied / uncomfortable in this relationship? What are the examples?

Nope

23. Did you speak about this dissatisfaction to your partner? Why?

We put a rule to always speak up and resolve the problem within that day if we have any problem.

24. Is there any difference after you express this dissatisfaction?

Not relevant

25. What do you do alone to fix a problem/relationship with your partner?

As mentioned in Q23

26. And how do you and your partner communicate to fix a problem/relationship?

As mentioned in Q23

27. Do you and partner create any settlements to finish a problem?

A rule maybe, agreement of how we behave if we face the same problem again

28. Do you and partner need any help/advice from other parties (family/counselling) to fix a problem?

Nope

29. What motivates you to fix this relationship?

Because relationship is about growing each other to be a better person and learn as much as we can, and we believe that marriage is a teamwork as well.

30. Have you and partner ever got separated in the relationship?

Nope
31. Have you and partner ever lived separately and not communicating frequently?
   We lived separately for 12 months after I finished my job in Australia in May 2017, but we always communicate everyday.
32. Did that separation lead to divorcement? Why did you choose to get divorced? (do not answer if you never experienced this)
   Not relevant
33. How open are you to your partner?
   Very, because we both are open-minded and always eager to understand each other more.
34. What motivates you to disclose yourself to your partner?
   Trust.
35. What are you usually concealed to your partner?
   None.
36. Why did you conceal it?
   Not relevant.
37. After you disclose yourself to partner, did you feel closer to her?
   In our relationship we apply a transparency in anything we do, so I’ve already felt closer since we’re at the beginning of the relationship.
38. What is marriage means to you?
   Commitment and teamwork.
39. What tradition do you use in your marriage?
   Modern.
40. Have you ever had any stereotypes or prejudice about your partner’s culture? If it yes, what was that?
   Not relevant.
41. What kind of cultural differences do you and partner experienced; values, beliefs, how to communicate, lifestyle?
   Belief and the difference of expressing our thoughts.
42. Did you feel these cultural differences affect your marriage? Which culture is more dominant?
I’m sure it will affect the way we raise our future kids, but we always take the good side of our cultures. I don’t see one of the cultures being dominant. I’m a modernist and I don’t see much domination apart from foods. My husband likes western foods and I like Indonesian foods.

43. Did these cultural differences affect how you see the world?
   Yes, we understand that different is just different. We cannot force anyone to be in a same perspective as us. It’s all about putting ourselves in other shoes.

44. Did you feel any difficulty to adapt with your partner’s culture? What are those difficulties?
   Just the native language that my partner used as it comes in a different accent of English. It takes some time for me to understand at first.

45. What did you do to adapt with your partner’s culture?
   By communicating frequently and asking for his help if I missed a word that somebody said.

46. What culture do you apply to your child?
   Both cultures
Toni (T), John (J), Sri/Ajeng (S)

T: Okay Mr. John & Maam Ajeng, the first question I wanna ask you is: in the dating stage, what are things you mostly talk about? Like, maybe beside things at work, maybe about your culture, your cultural differences.

J: I think cultural differences, as we come to dating, each other is different or start to balance between two. Cause your culture is different from my culture *speak to Sri*, and there’s good to be a compromise somewhere in between. And to make things work. Otherwise if she stuck with the culture, and I’m on the opposite, it won’t work. That’s all we done, I think, yeah. What do you say? *ask Sri*

S: Mainly we talking, when we met, beside we talk about, not direct between you and me. At first we talk about work, what you did, what about today. After that, we talk about, the first is about culture, and then about what we do, what you doing, how come you can stay here, what you like in here. So we have to be combined, right? Maybe he decide about like this, and I decide about like that. so between me and John, we have to be connected because if we talk only for dates, we are not look like teenager anymore. We talk about the next, what we doing, something like that. We don’t talk like teenager like ‘I’m falling in love’, we just talk about the culture, about what you like, what you don’t like. And beside that, we talking about family too, like how about your brother, how about your sister, same as John who ask me how about your mom, et cetera.

J: yeah, family is very important. And your family in the state, your sister in the states *talk to Sri*

T: and is there anything you avoided to talk about when you are dating? Like maybe about some intimate things, because it may seems impolite if you talk about it with your partner. Is there anything?
J: I don’t think so, no, I think it was very open and frank discussion. And in any
genders, one is afraid to talk about we ask question. I think we both understand
to the principle that everything is on the table. No hidden things, like things at
work, everything has to be there.
T: do you guys also talk about your political views, perhaps?
S: *laugh* it’s only depend on the news, sometime we talking about the politic
between Indonesia and Australia. Sometime when Australia like this, it’s a lot
of differences with Indonesia. Even we talk about Indonesia, the politic is
really different in Australia, because a lot in Indonesia is not fair your know.
But in Australia, their work is real for the population, I mean for the all people.
Maybe even have a little bit of something, people are still not like in Indonesia.
Just that what we talk about the politic.
J: Yes. Nothing really serious about politic. No serious discussion. Just passing
commence about KKN, and other certain things that are acceptable in other
parts of the world. And what in Indonesia is trying to do eradicate KKN, so
long turn. And also the association with the justice system people are get
captured by the officers. Here, they’re locked up in like a hotel. And in my
country, you’re in prison. That’s it. With everyone else. Or your assets
deceases. Here you’re not. People come out and they’re still rich. In Australia,
you come out and you don’t have a bank account. So wrong. That’s a big
difference. The law, seems to be bit radically different. And also the
application.
S: and at least we still, we never said Australia not good, or Indonesia. No. we still
respect Australia and we respect Indonesia. We don’t talk about something
‘like this is not good’. No, we always respect Indonesia, and we respect
Australia. Otherwise ‘no, better Australia. No, better Indonesia’, this is never
happened. This is not good right.
J: but you can’t argue politics anyway. Because you have your political view, I
have my political view, and there’s no way you can make it come up with the
compromise. So that’s why we don’t have any serious political debate. Because
that might lead to argument and no one wins. That’s the waste of time. So we
just get around the things on everyday life, and I don’t really know political issues here in Indonesia. It doesn’t really concern me.

T: when you guys gather with in-laws, or with your husband’s family, or with your wife’s family, what are things you guys discussed about? What are things you guys talk about with your in-laws?

J: it’s always about what the boys are doing, what are they doing with school, what the activities are, it’s always revolves around them.

S: we just talk about the boys, their activity. Normally when they’re coming home, we talk together about what you’re doing today, how about school, it’s something like that. the boys are also ask the dad about what you’re doing, are you okay, it is normal every time. We meet and ask are you okay, everything okay, something like that.

T: and when you are dating, but in a serious stage before marriage what are things you discuss about? To prepare to get married together.

S: *laugh* haha

T: maybe like house location, something else, wedding preparation, or something else?

S: The first is commitment. I mean commitment is important for us. The first, before marriage we have question. John, I don’t want you to make me cry. I don’t want you to make me hurt. I don’t want you to make me upset, something like that. but I want you to understand about us because we have different culture. You have to be understand about me, and I’ll try to understand about you. And because we think before marriage, this is the part of my future so before we make decision to marry, we prepare what will you do later on because we went to office, so I think we don’t think too much about like it, like that, because we both our own income, so we know what we have to go. Even if we don’t have much, I mean, because I work. And John also work. So we’re not like ‘okay if we want to marry, we have to buy house, oh we have to buy blah blah’, no. we just, because it’s love. So we just like fly but, what’s going on later on, at least we have commitment. We marry for the future. You know, that’s step by step we have. So we have to keeping, like that.
J: I think it was about concern. Not only concern but also interest in the family as well. To make sure that I’ll look after Sri.

S: After that, he tried, before he have to take me to my parents, so we have to be combining first. I don’t want to take John to my family just for the introduction, after that finish, gone. I don’t want that. so before he meet my family, we have to talk properly, not just basic talking, we just real talk and then I show and I introduce him to my family that this is my partner, he want to speak to you mom, and what you think, like this one, about John and finally my mom is just like ‘okay if you want to marry my daughter, you should make her really happy and your responsibility’. Not only for my mom, because we have a lot of family, John also talking to my sister, even in another country they called…

J: I have to get permission from sister from another country.

S: And sister, and brother, and all my family they have meeting. And not for long, and then we engaged first. Because we prepared right, we’re not easy to marry with another country. Because it is bureaucracy a lot in Indonesia. We have to report to district first, and then after that embassy, and then we have to be in church, and then civil, something like that. and then everything done we have to check healthy something like that, we have to immunization, everything, you know Indonesia is bureaucracy is a lot, so after that everything is done so we make decision about the marriage date.

T: okay. And before the marriage, is there anything, uh, what are things you try to avoided to discussed about? Or maybe as same as before? You talk about everything?

S: After marry?

T: before marriage. Is there anything you avoided to talk about?

J: really, no. I mean we still talk about more, after we get to the family questions or whatever, we talk more openly. Yeah there’s nothing we backed at all. It’s a process, you know, the process of getting to know your partner, someone want to commit for long term, not for a year or whatever, no, which for the life you committed to, so yeah.
T: and after you married, in the household, what are things you talk about? Like maybe beside your daily activity, is there anything you really talk about in building your family?

J: I think initially you married, there’s a lot of talk about environment, talk about work, or work pressure, and whatever, you know. It’s just more talking and supporting each other, and not to get down on other people’s negativity. Building a life and love in a great or not. It’s our choice.

T: you guys must be talk a lot about children right?

S: yeah. Every time, every day, we just talking about children. Because we already have children so we have to think about what we do for the next. Because we have planning, maybe after this, what are they gonna do, something we have to prepared too.

J: yeah and education too.

S: yeah it’s also important because we have to look after the boys right. Not only for the boys, we also talk about the education, how come, what we do for the next. For the everyday, for the daily every day, we just talking, yeah, just normal. So in the morning we just ‘hello, good morning’, and then so ‘what do you want for breakfast?’, something like that in the morning. And in afternoon when everyone arrives ‘hi, daddy. Hi, mommy’ something like that. ‘hi Alfon, hi Jason, so what you do at school?’, we also talk like that and we also eating together.

J: yeah that’s the important thing we do to eat together in the evening, so we can have any talk.

S: we talking about during the day what they doing, we talking on the table when we eating.

J: yeah it’s the only time we have because in the morning it’s just rush, rush, rush, they have to leave for school

S: they don’t have time

J: lunch time is also not on, so evening time is the time we are together. And at certain degree we can’t because we have busy schedule. Because I have extra activities on the weekend, so we catch up around a bit, so we’re sort of, we
plan around the boys activity. Their priority, my priority, and what can we do in between.

T: Do you guys also talk about holiday plan?

S: *laugh* hahaha, yeah. Holiday is number one for my boys, they have all these text in the calendar. We have planning this one, last month, when during the holiday we just back from States. One and a half month we stayed in States.

T: United States?

S: yes

T: do you have family in United States?

S: yes I have family, my sister is in the States

T: She also married to American?

S: yes she also married to American because he is in American Air Force

J: it’s military

T: and do you guys have any difficulties when it comes to food choices? You said before that Mr. John doesn’t like carbohydrate?

S: yeah, he doesn’t like too much carbohydrate, like rice. He don’t like it

J: and too much fried food

S: yeah and too much fries, like gorengan, something with fat, he don’t like it. He just like something that put in the oven, something that doesn’t have oil, something like that

J: not Indonesian. I eat Indonesian food

S: Indonesian food, he like it only rendang

J: you know, I can’t eat rice every day, there’s no way. Once a week, but vegetables, yes.

S: once a week, sometimes a week one time

J: *talk to Sri* but you make mix and match as well. When in States you mix western food, yeah.

S: The boys also don’t eat rice. They don’t like it.

T: is there any discussion about religion between you two? The other couples that I interviewed both of them are living in Australia right now. And they have religion differences, and their husband which are from Australia decided to
move to Moslem. And of course they had discussion about this. Do you guys also have?
S: no, because I’m Catholic. And John is Christian Anglican, which similar with Catholic too. So we don’t have any problem with religion because we’re the same.
J: I mean they’re different, but still the same, Christian. So, same with the boys, they’re Catholic. So we don’t have any problem.
S: we don’t have any discussion about religion. All of my family is also Catholic. But my friend, she is Moslem, and her husband is from Australia. Some of the husband are willing to become Moslem. So they’re married in Singapore.
J: But sometimes they’re willing to convert to Moslem just for the sake of the marriage, but they’re not become Moslem.
S: A lot like that
J: yes a lot like that. they don’t believe it at all. It’s just for the convenience, so really it’s just a waste of time. But, no, there are very very few who commit to become a Moslem. So religion is not an issue.
S: we don’t have any problem with religion. And we teach the boys in Catholic.
T: when you have a problem in your family, maybe a little bit of conflict, do you have any differences about how you handle conflicts? Maybe you guys are having different point of view?
S: yeah sometimes we having something conflict, for example a simple conflict. If there’s something is annoying, we have to be stop between John and me, we have to be quiet. But lot of that is me. Okay I quiet. Even when it is like ‘blah blah blah’, annoying right, I just hold, patient, it’s okay, I hold first. I don’t want to talk, but not for a long time. I just hold it. After everything calm down, we just ‘look like this. Why you have to do it? I don’t like it.’ Similar to John.
J: some of that is cultural differences as well. You uphold something very strictly, or whatever, and I just can’t say why. It must be really important to talk. But we don’t tend to buried all the conflicts. It’s it, and it’s gone. It’s not a week and we still argue, no. if we get problem, we have to resolve quickly, not leave it to tomorrow, must be before we go to sleep.
S: Thank to Lord, we never, in eighteen years, we never have conflict like that.
T: like, big conflicts?
S: no, we never
J: no. it’s actually something really simple
S: yes it’s simple. Because life is impossible if it’s just smooth yeah. We have only simple conflicts. Because I always respect John, John always respect me. That is the most important thing of living together. Because if we egoist, if we just think about ourselves,…
J: it cannot work
S: we have to be combine about what we do, what we need.
J: and in case it’s bringing the boys up, we both get to be on the same side, talking the same thing to them. If mom says ‘this’, don’t come to me to make me say something different, no. we both come from the same direction so, you see not a conflict happened because we have the same value.
S: if from me I said ‘no’, from him he need to say ‘no’ too.
T: okay. I think that’s all I wanna ask you about because it’s only for the completion of my thesis. So it’s like additional information. So I thank you Sir, and I thank you mam for the interview.
Jumlah Penerbitan Akta Perkawinan Kota Denpasar

Tahun 2002 – 2016

Sumber: Website Portal Resmi Pemerintah Kota Denpasar

![Graph showing the number of wedding certificates issued in Kota Denpasar from 2002 to 2016.](image-url)
Interview questions

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Halo ya Medina!

Saya yang sebelumnya sudah menghubungi kamu via YHUB.org. Berikut aku melanjutkan beberapa pertanyaan yang perlu kamu jawab, sedangkan tujuannya, kamu akan memahami beberapa konsep dasar dalam psikologi, yaitu konsep psikologi sosial, dan sebagainya. Saya berharap kamu dapat menjawab beberapa pertanyaan tersebut dengan benar.

Untuk pertanyaan pertama, kamu akan diwawancara oleh Christopher Antoni, mahasiswa semester 8 Universitas Multimodal Nusantara, Tangerang. Saya masih menyisihkan waktu kamu untuk berbicara untuk “Negatifan dana Tahap Penelitian diproses HUBB.org pada Program Penelitian Aktor Badui”.

Berikut adalah daftar pertanyaan yang akan saya ajukan. Pastikan sebelumnya berfokus pada jawaban setiap pertanyaan yang akan diwawancara. Modalis kewenangan yang sudah disepakati dengan spesifik dan terbatas. Selamat menyelesaikan dan berharap kamu memiliki pertanyaan pertama berikut dan termasuk banyak.

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1. Dian, kapan, dan bagaimana peran ku di-Anda beres di data penelitian dengan penutur Anda?
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Halo ka Maeda,

Berikut bahasa pertanyaan yang aku raihkan untuk kamu. Mohon bisa dijawab ya kok, untuk menambah pertanyaan buku, demi selenggarakan data penelitian aku.

Terima kasih yang banyak ka bro.

1. Bagaimana proses Andi tanggal di Australia? Dan mengapa Andi pernah ke sana?
2. Apakah suatu Andi berasal dari Australia? Apa ya, darah mana?
3. Kapernya buat Andi dan uang memiliki?
4. Apa hal yang Andi kira mengenai pasangan Andi? Dan kira kira apa ceweknya Andi teba? dari pasangan Andi?
5. Apa saja kecuali lewat pekerjaan dan asaran yang anda & pasangan sepekan dalam suatu kehormatan Andi?
6. Apa menjadi kaidah yang menyehatkan Andi mentah-mentah tanpa melakukan sembelih atau mengandalkan orang?
7. Andi memutuskan hal dan pernah mengalami perpindahan dalam hubungan, apakah itu real di tangan juru masak di Apa? Aya yang pernah lakukan perpindahan tersebut? Dan apa yang membuka Andi & suami terbesar bertemu?
8. Apa kamu yakin Andi akan mengalami perubahan besar pada peran Andi?
9. Apa hasilnya yang suami Andi alamat pengeditan budaya pada peran Andi?
10. Anda mengetahui peran suka cinta mereka dengan mengalami pasangan Andi yang tiba-tiba tertahan. Bagaimana nih dar ya gembira yang diantri-sekian waktu, kebetulan_andi?
My name is Christopher Antoni, and currently I'm studying in Universitas Multimedia Nusantara, majoring in Communication Science. I'm finishing a thesis titled "Self-Disclosure and Relationship Development: A Study of Extended Marriages." To finish the research, I need your willingness to be interviewed, and I'm so glad that you are willing to, referring from our conversation before.

Here are the interview questions I need to ask. There are one question in Bahasa and one in English. I'll ask you both about one week before the program. All information shared in this interview will be used only for research purposes.

Dear [Name],

My name is Christopher Antoni, and currently I'm studying in Universitas Multimedia Nusantara, majoring in Communication Science...

Christopher Antoni

Interview questions

Christopher Antoni

Hi [Name], & [Name]. My name is Christopher Antoni, and currently I'm studying in Universitas Multimedia Nusantara, majoring in Communication Science.

Christopher Antoni

Thank you very much and have a nice day!

Christopher Antoni

[Name],

Michael-the Interviewer said,

"If we couldn't give you more detailed information for some questions, as we are concerned about your privacy, we hope you understand. I am not relevant to some questions as well because the questions are just irrelevant to us.

I used interview methods in my research as my secondary method to get data, and here is my feedback on your interview sheet:

- Avoid closed-end questions as it wouldn't give you much info
- I tell the interviewee to be as bold and honest as you're expected. As I'm an interviewer, I should keep the questions neutral.
- Form the questions short and to the point, avoid the unnecessary questions because an interviewee I tell answers and understandable which may lead you to a non-productive interview result.
- Put some options for some sensitive questions such as: "If you're willing to answer, please if you think it’s irrelevant".
- Put letters and explain. If you have multiple choices, do not keep your interviewee getting more data if the interviewee don't feel a suitable choice.

As mentioned in the interview sheet, the interviews should be answered on behalf of my husband, and we as you wouldn't have any significant differences in the answers. I do hope you wouldn't disclose any personal information (such as names and some sensitive info) into your paper because that's a great role of interview method. This is a good luck with your study."
Halo bu Ajeng
Lagi sibuk ga bu?
Aku mau nanya2 dikt nih utk keperluan skripsi aku

Hi Toni...iya lg di ke LN saya

Knp ya

Oh lg liburan ya bu?
Gini aja bu, pertanyaan ny saya kirim dulu aja d WA, bales ny nanti aja pas ibu sudah santai
Gimana bu?

Ok

Untuk bu Ajeng:
Lahir dimana & kapan?
Dibesarkan di kota apa?
Berkuliah dimana & jurusan apa?

Ibu:
solo juli 1966

Bpk,
Chelse April 1946
Dibesarkan di solo dan bandung.
Akademi Bhs Asing di solo.
Jurusan Bhs. Inggris.

Bpk,

Ibu,
- bekerja di Geologi College Bdg
- bekerja di SMA Bdg dan Pendidikan komputer Bdg
- Perusahaan pertambangan di Balikpapan

Bpk,
- bekerja di perusahaan mineral
Melbourne,
- bekerja perusahaan mineral di Perth
- bekerja di perusahaan pertambangan di bdg dan balikpapan.

Kl disebutkan pekerjaanya yg lain terlalu banyak

Mama Jason Ajeng
Kl disebutkan pekerjaannya yg lain terlalu banyak
Oh iya bu, sepperti itu aja cukup
Terima kasih banyak ya bapak menggandu waktu liburannya
Halo kak Medina
Lagi sibuk ga ya kaku?
Aku mau nanyain sedikit lg utk skripsi aku, boleh ga ya? Thank you kak

JUNE 19, 2018

Boleh silahkan

Utuk kak Medina:

Lahir dimana & kapan? (Bulan & tahun saja)
Anak ke-brp dr brp saudara?
Brp lama tinggal di Indo sblm pindah k Aussie?

JUNE 21, 2018

Halo kak Medina
Bagaimana kak utk jwban prtannya
ny, sudah belum ya?
Terima kasih kak

11:03 AM

Medina:
TTL: Semarang, 1 Juli 1994
Anak ke 2 dari 2 bersaudara.
18 tahun.
Holmes Institute - Diploma of Hospitality Management (3 tahun).
Bekerja di fast company selama 4 tahun dan Hotel selama 2 tahun.
3:40 PM

Aaron:
TTL: 16 Desember 1992
Anak ke 1 dari 3 bersaudara.
Agama sebelumnya: Kristen.
Tinggal di Sydney selama 25 tahun.
Bekerja di RPC Interiors management selama 8 tahun.
3:42 PM

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Saya... 

Halo kak
Lagi sibuk ga ya kak? Aku mau nanya2 sikit utk skripsi aku
Thank you kak
9:11 AM

iya
9:12 AM

Jadi aku tanya aja ya kak
Ini lbh kayak informasi pribadi gtu sih, nanti aku masukin k bagian data informan
9:13 AM

Untuk kak

Lahir dimana & kapan?
Anak ke-berapa dari brp?
Dibesarkan dgn budaya apa?
Brp lama tinggal di indo sblm pindah k Aussie?
Menempuh pendidikan dmn?
Aussie / indo? Universitas & luaran

Type a message

Ka
(Narasu...)
today at 6:16 PM

Halo kak
Aku mau nanya, utk jawaban prtnyaan ny sudah blm ya kak?
Terima kasih kak
10:21 AM

Btw, utk tanggal kelahiran, cukup sebutkan bulan & tahun saja kak
Dan utk riwayat pekerjaan, cukup sebutkan bidang perusahaan & kotanya aja gpp kak
10:22 AM

iya gpp

makasih ya kak, have a good day 😊
10:41 AM

Type a message

Ka
(Narasu...)
today at 6:16 PM

apa?
Boleh ceritakan sedikit ttg riwayat karir kakak?
9:14 AM

Untuk suami (diwakilkan ka aja):

Lahir dimana & kapan?
Anak ke-bpdr brp saudara?
Apa agama suami sblm menikah?
Brp lama & dimana suami tinggal di aussie sblm menikah?
Skrg bekerja dm & sebagai apa?
(jika keberatan menjawab, cukup sebutkan bidang usahanya saja)
9:17 AM

Kalo kakak lg sibuk, nanti aja dijawab
ny pas kakak lg isterihtah ya
Thank you kak
9:19 AM

Type a message

Ka
(Narasu...)
today at 6:16 PM

Halo kak

Surabaya, September 1990
Anak ke 1
Budaya Jawa
25 th di indo
Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang/
Pendidikan Bahasa Inggris
NGO & Ecommerce, Jakarta
3:13 PM

You
Untuk suami (diwakilkan kak 3ja):

Lahir dimana & kapan?...

Victoria, November 1984
Anak ke 2
Christian
33 th (Queensland, Victoria, Sydney)
Business Manager in Automotive Industry
3:16 PM

Kak, kalo boleh tau di Aussie kakak
bkerja d bidang apa & d kota apa ya kak?
5:08 PM

*berjas 5:08 PM

Type a message

Ka
(Narasu...)
today at 6:16 PM

Hai Tony, tar sore gue jwb ya. Gue mah di luar
10:38 AM

iya kak gpp

makasih ya kak, have a good day 😊
10:41 AM

Type a message
*bekerja* 5:08 PM

Sama aku mau nanya sedikit lg, boleh ya kak? Hehe

Hal apa yg biasanya kakak kritik utk suami kakak? Dan apa yg biasanya suami kakak kritik kpd kakak?

Apa nama panggilan yg digunakan kakak & suami?

Apa perbedaan cara mengespresikan pendapat antara kakak & suami?

Itu aja kak
Makasih ya kak 5:12 PM

**JUNE 21, 2018**

**You**
Kak, kalo boleh tau di Aussie kakak bikerjs d bidang apa & d kota apa ya kak?
International non for profit organisation Di Sydney

12:26 PM

**Ka**
Kak, ga suka liat gue makan deep fried stuff. Gue suka makanan Western yg itu itu aja.

Baby

Gue extrovert dia introvert. Dia typical conflict avoider dan gue typical expressive

12:31 PM

**Ka**
Yg kita berdua biasa kritik soal makanan aja. Dia ga suka liat gue makan deep fried stuff. Gue suka makanan Western yg...

Ok kak
Makasih banyak ya kak jawaban ny. hehe
Have a good day😊

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WORKING EXPERIENCES
Intern - Ruangguru
Jun - Jul 2017
LINE@ Admin & Content Creator Intern

Intern - Praxis Public Relations
Sept - Dec 2017
Account Coordinator Intern

Part-Time - Y&S Bimbel
Jan - Jun 2018
Teacher for All Subjects

EDUCATION
Universitas Multimedia Nusantara
Multimedia Public Relations
2014 - 2018

Sint Carolus Senior High School
Bengkulu
2011 - 2014

COMPETENCIES
Microsoft Office
Photoshop
Social Media Strategy
Content Writing
Marketing
Photography
Public Speaking

PERSONAL TRAITS
Willingness to Learn
Optimistic
Creative
Socially Adaptable
Enthusiastic
Dynamic toward Changes

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCES
Chairman - Sint Carolus HS Student Board
Jan - Dec 2013

PR Staff - KMK Maria Bunda Rosario
Dec 2015 - Sep 2016

PR & Publication Coordinator - Viralology
Sep - Dec 2016

PR Coordinator - UMN English Student Council
Aug 2016 - Jun 2017

Sponsorship Coordinator - UMN English Party
Feb - May 2017

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