

## ABSTRACT

Arab descendants in Indonesia have different naming system characteristics with Arabs in Yemen and Muslims in Indonesia in general. They still maintain the surname at the end of their names and give fathers and/grandfathers' names to their children. When the Arabs began to abandon traditional naming, the Arab descendants always maintained their Arabic and Islamic identity. This study aims to uncover naming patterns, references, and name preferences among Arab descendants.

Using a dataset downloaded from SIAK by Population and Civil Registration Agency Surakarta, the number of words sorts 4,756 data names, encoded, then sorted and classified according to their naming pattern and references. First names that are commonly used are also calculated based on generation (parent and child). Data visualization in charts and word clouds created using Tableau is used as a supporting description in each discussion.

The results showed that the names of Arab descendants were dominated by names composed of two, one, and three words, while names with four and five words were rarely used. In terms of naming patterns, father's name, grandfather's name, and/ surname become productive elements in the production of names. These elements are used to confirm their existence as part of the Arabs who have a prestigious lineage connected to the Prophet Muhammad. In addition to naming patterns, the semantic pattern in the first name also becomes the main characteristic of the name of the Arab descendant. In general, many of their names refer to religiosity, personality, hope, nature, leadership, the moment of birth, honorific titles, physical appearance, geographical names, abstract and other objects. Male names tend to refer to religiosity, while female names refer more to personality. Islamic names such as Muhammad, Ahmad, Hasan, Husein, Alwi, Fatimah, Khadijah, Aisyah, and Alwiyah have always been popular, both for parents and children. An indication that emphasizes the importance of religion and genealogy among Arab descendants becomes an identity that must be maintained.

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