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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>This study examines the issue of online gambling among students at Universitas Negeri Medan (UNIMED), focusing on students' views about the risks and potential benefits of online gambling, as well as the factors influencing their choices to participate or avoid it. Using a quantitative approach, the research surveyed 50 UNIMED students through a Google Form questionnaire, collecting data on financial risks, potential gains, and decision-making processes. The results revealed that 62% of students avoid online gambling due to fear of financial loss, while 58% cited financial concerns as a major deterrent. Interestingly, 86% of students were not tempted by the idea of earning money quickly, and 82% prioritized risks over potential benefits when deciding whether to gamble. The study concluded that most UNIMED students, particularly those of Islamic faith, actively avoid online gambling due to legal and religious awareness, financial risk understanding, and concerns about negative impacts on academics and mental health. The findings suggest a low prevalence of online gambling among UNIMED students, indicating a relatively safe campus environment, and provide insights for designing educational policies to prevent gambling among university students.</p>
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