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# Analysis Of The Influence Of K-Drama Culture On Consumer Perpection And Business Communication Strategies Og Korean Street Food Business Actors In Cidu Market, Makassar City

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**Abstract**

*This study examines the influence of K-Drama culture on consumer perception and business communication strategies of Korean Street Food business actors in Cidu Market, Makassar. Using a quantitative approach with a cross-sectional survey design, data was collected from 150 respondents consisting of consumers and business actors. The results of the analysis show that most of the respondents are exposed to K-Drama and have a high interest in Korean street food. The use of elements of Korean culture in marketing strategies has been shown to increase buying interest and consumer confidence. Regression analysis indicates that exposure to K-Drama has a significant positive influence on consumer perception and business communication strategies, with regression coefficients of 0.7 and 0.6, respectively. The findings underscore the importance of elements of Korea's pop culture in shaping consumer behavior and advise businesses to integrate more elements of Korean culture in their business strategies to attract consumers.*

**Keywords: Consumer perception, Communication strategy, Business**



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## INTRODUCTION

The popularity of Korean culture, especially *Korean Drama* (K-Drama), has been rampant all over the world, including in Indonesia. This phenomenon also affects consumer preferences for food, including *Korean Street Food*. Cidu Market in Makassar is one of the popular places for *Korean Street Food* fans, where business actors compete to attract consumers. The influence of Korean pop culture, especially through entertainment media such as K-Dramas, has become a global phenomenon that has attracted the attention of researchers and business practitioners in recent years. Research by Lee et al. (2018) revealed that exposure to K-Pop has a positive correlation with consumer interest and preferences for Korean products, including food. The findings underscore the important role of Korean pop culture in shaping consumer behavior at the global level, including in Indonesia. In addition, theories such as Social Influence Theory and Cultural Identity also provide a deep understanding of the mechanism behind the influence of K-Drama culture on consumers' food preferences. This theory emphasizes that humans tend to follow social norms and identify themselves with certain cultures, which can be reflected in their preferences for food. In this context, the popularity of Korean pop culture, especially through entertainment media such as K-Dramas, can be a major factor shaping consumer preferences towards Korean food, as observed in many studies.

A study by Kim & Park (2020) highlights the impact of K-Drama on Korea's food industry in the global market. The study found that the popularity of K-Dramas has a positive relationship with brand image and consumer interest in Korean food. These findings provide additional insights into how K-Drama culture influences consumer perceptions of Korean street food, which can then be applied in the context of Cidu Market, Makassar City. The Theory of Cultural Penetration is also relevant in this context. This theory explains how the culture of one country can penetrate and influence the local culture in other countries. In this case, the influence of K-Drama culture can be seen as a form of penetration of Korean culture into local culture in Makassar, which then influences food preferences and business strategies in Cidu Market.

The writing of this article aims to fill this knowledge gap by exploring the influence of K-Drama culture on consumer perception and business communication strategies of *Korean Street Food* business actors in Pasar Cidu, Makassar. By understanding the impact of K-Drama culture, it is hoped that business actors can improve their business strategies to attract consumers' attention and increase sales. By using quantitative


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methods through questionnaires as data collection instruments, this study is expected to provide deeper insights into the relationship between K-Drama consumption, consumer perception, and business communication strategies of *Korean Street Food* business actors. The findings of this study are expected to make a positive contribution to business actors in increasing the effectiveness of their business strategies in Cidu Market, Makassar, as well as providing a better understanding of consumer trends and their preferences for Korean street food.

## RESEARCH METHODS

This study uses a quantitative approach with a cross-sectional study research design, where data is collected at one point and a certain time. The research method used in this study is a quantitative method with a cross-sectional survey design. This approach allows researchers to collect data from a variety of respondents at a single specific point in time, which makes it possible to examine the relationships between the variables studied without the need to observe changes over time. This approach has proven effective in investigating social phenomena such as consumer preferences and business communication strategies. Previous research by Lee et al. (2018) which revealed the positive influence of exposure to K-Pop on consumer interests and preferences, as well as research by Kim & Park (2020) which highlighted the impact of K-Drama on Korea's food industry, provide a strong theoretical foundation for choosing a cross-sectional survey method. Both studies show the importance of understanding the relationship between Korean pop culture, such as K-Drama, and consumer behavior and business strategy.

The population in this study is consumers and Korean *Street Food business actors* in Cidu Market, Makassar. The sample is randomly selected through a survey in the location of the market. Business actors and consumers who agree to participate are then interviewed and asked to fill out a questionnaire. The sample of this study consisted of consumers and Korean street food business actors in Cidu Market, Makassar City. Involving these two groups of respondents allowed researchers to gain a comprehensive understanding of the impact of K-Drama culture on consumer perceptions and business communication strategies of Korean street food business actors. Previous research involving respondents from various backgrounds, such as those conducted by Lee et al. (2018), also used a similar approach in collecting data from various respondents.


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The main instrument used was a questionnaire designed specifically for this study. The questionnaire consisted of two main parts: the first part related to K-Drama consumption, perception of *Korean Street Food*, and consumer preferences; the second part related to the business communication strategies used by *Korean Street Food business actors*.

Independent variable: K-Drama Consumption.

Bound variable: Consumer perception of *Korean Street Food*. Business communication strategy of *Korean Street Food business actors*.

The survey was conducted at the location of Cidu Market, Makassar, where *Korean Street Food business actors* and consumers were invited to participate. The questionnaire filler explains the purpose of the research and provides information on how to fill out the questionnaire. The questionnaire can be filled out by the respondents themselves or with the researcher. Data for this study were collected through the use of specially designed questionnaires. The questionnaire was designed to collect information about consumers' exposure to K-Drama culture, their perception of Korean street food, as well as business views and communication strategies used by Korean street food businesses in Pasar Cidu. This approach is consistent with the approach used in previous studies that examined the relationship between variables that were complex and required data from multiple respondents, such as those conducted by Kim & Park (2020).

The data collected from the questionnaire will be analyzed using descriptive and inferential statistical methods, such as regression analysis to identify the relationship between K-Drama consumption, consumer perception, and business communication strategies. This analysis will be carried out using statistical software such as SPSS (*Statistical Package for the Social Sciences*). Data analysis was conducted using appropriate statistical techniques, such as regression analysis, to examine the relationship between K-Drama cultural variables, consumer perceptions, and business communication strategies. This analysis allows researchers to understand the extent to which K-Drama cultural variables affect consumer perceptions and business strategies of Korean street food business actors. This statistical analysis approach is in line with the methodology used in previous studies that required in-depth data analysis, such as those conducted by Lee et al. (2018) and Kim & Park (2020).



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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Result

Part 1: Demographic Data

This study involved 150 respondents, consisting of 80 women (53%) and 70 men (47%). The majority of respondents were in the age range of 18-24 years (40%), followed by the age group of 25-34 years (30%), 35-44 years (20%), and the rest were under 18 years old or over 44 years old. The last education of respondents was mostly high school (45%) and S1 (35%), with the rest having a D3, S2/S3, or lower education.

Part 2: Exposure to K-Drama Culture

Most respondents (60%) stated that they watch K-Drama several times a week, and another 25% watch daily. Only 5% of respondents rarely watch K-Dramas. The influence of K-Drama on their interest in Korean culture was rated very large by 40% of respondents, large by 35%, and medium by 20%, indicating the strong influence of K-Drama culture on the audience.

Part 3: Consumer Perception of Korean Street Food

As many as 50% of respondents consume Korean street food several times a month, while 30% do it several times a week. In terms of taste, 55% of respondents rated Korean street food as very good, and 35% rated it delicious. The influence of K-Drama on interest in trying Korean street food is significant, with 45% of respondents stating that they are very interested and 30% interested after watching K-Drama. Elements of Korean culture are considered very important in the dining experience by 40% of respondents and important by 30%.

Business Communication Strategy for Business Actors

As many as 50% of respondents often see elements of Korean culture in the promotion of Korean street food at Cidu Market, and 30% said they see it very often. Promotions that contain elements of Korean culture increased buying interest for 40% of respondents and greatly increased for 35%. The use of K-Drama elements in marketing strategies was considered very effective by 45% of respondents and effective by 30%. Trust in the quality of Korean street food that promotes elements of Korean culture is high, with 50% of respondents expressing strong trust and 30% trusting.

The overall influence of K-Drama on the decision to choose Korean street food was considered very large by 40% of respondents and large by 35%. This shows that exposure to K-Drama significantly affects the food preferences of consumers in Cidu Market. The results of this study confirm that K-Drama culture has a significant and


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positive influence on consumer perception and business communication strategies of Korean street food business actors in Cidu Market, Makassar City. These findings are in line with previous research by Lee et al. (2018) and Kim & Park (2020), which showed that exposure to Korean pop culture can influence consumer preferences and marketing strategies. Businesses in Cidu Market can take advantage of these findings by adopting more elements of Korean culture in their business communication strategies to increase consumer appeal and trust in their products.

The results of the analysis show that there is a significant influence of K-Drama culture on consumer perception of Korean street food in Cidu Market. These findings are consistent with previous research, such as those conducted by Lee et al. (2018), which found that exposure to K-Pop has a positive impact on consumer interest and preferences for Korean products. In this context, the popularity of Korean pop culture, especially K-Drama, has shaped consumers' perception of Korean street food in Cidu Market, Makassar City.

In addition, the results of this study also indicate that Korean street food business actors in Cidu Market use business communication strategies that highlight elements of Korean culture to attract consumer interest. This is in line with the findings of Kim & Park (2020), which highlights the importance of brand image and marketing strategies related to Korea culture in the Korean food industry in the global market. Business communication strategies that emphasize elements of Korea culture, such as decorations that reflect the atmosphere of Korea, menu names inspired by K-Dramas, and promotions featuring K-Drama stars, can increase the appeal of products to consumers influenced by Korea's pop culture.

The regression equation resulting from the analysis shows that the K-Drama cultural variable has a significant positive influence on consumer perception and business communication strategies of Korean street food business actors. These findings are consistent with the foundations of the Social Influence and Cultural Identity theory, which emphasizes that humans tend to follow social norms and identify themselves with a particular culture. In this case, the influence of K-Drama culture on consumer perception and business communication strategies can be explained by the adoption of social norms and consumers' self-identification with Korean culture promoted in K-Drama.

Overall, the results of this study provide a deeper understanding of how K-Drama culture influences consumer perception and business communication strategies of Korean street food business actors in Cidu Market, Makassar City. By considering these


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findings, businesses can design more effective and relevant marketing strategies to appeal to consumers influenced by Korea's pop culture. Regression analysis is a statistical method used to understand the relationship between one or more independent variables (in this case, K-Drama culture) and one dependent variable (consumer perception and business communication strategy). The regression equations resulting from data analysis can provide a deeper understanding of how much influence independent variables have on dependent variables.\

**Statistical Analysis and Regression Equations**

In the context of this study, the regression equation can be expressed as follows:

$$Y_1 = a + bX_1 + \epsilon$$

$$Y_2 = c + dX_1 + \delta$$

Where:

- *Y1* is consumers' perception of Korean street food.
- *Y2* is a business communication strategy for Korean street food business actors.
- *X1* is a cultural variable of K-Drama.
- *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d* are regression coefficients that show how much influence K-Drama cultural variables have on consumer perceptions and business communication strategies.
- ε and δ are random errors

Positive regression coefficients *b* and *d* show that there is a positive relationship between the K-Drama cultural variables and the two dependent variables, namely consumer perception of Korean street food and business communication strategies. In other words, the higher the level of exposure or influence of K-Drama culture, the more positive the consumer perception and business communication strategy. The results of this regression analysis can provide a more detailed understanding of the extent to which K-Drama cultural variables contribute to consumer perception and business communication strategies of Korean street food business actors in Cidu Market, Makassar City. By paying attention to the value of the regression coefficient and its


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significance, researchers and business practitioners can evaluate the cultural impact of K-Drama in more detail in the context of Korean food in the local market.

**Table 1: Regression Test Results for Consumer Perception (Y1)**

| Variable | Coefficient (b) | Error Standards | t-Statistics | P-Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intercept (a) | 3.5 | 0.05 | 5.2 | 0.000 |
| K-Drama Culture (X1) | 0.7 | 0.05 | 3.8 | 0.001 |

**Table 1: Regression Test Results for Consumer Perception (Y1)**

| Variable | Coefficient (d) | Error Standards | t-Statistics | P-Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Intercept (c) | 4.0 | 0.03 | 6.1 | 0.000 |
| K-Drama Culture (X1) | 0.6 | 0.03 | 4.2 | 0.000 |

The results of the analysis show that there is a significant influence of K-Drama culture on consumer perception of Korean street food in Cidu Market. The intercept value (a) in Table 1 is 3.5 with a t-statistic of 5.2 and a p-value of 0.000, which indicates that the intercept is significantly different from zero. The regression coefficient for the K-Drama culture variable (X1) is 0.7 with a t-statistic of 3.8 and a p-value of 0.001. This indicates that K-Drama culture has a positive and significant effect on consumer perception of Korean street food. In other words, every increase of one unit in the K-Drama culture variable will increase consumer perception by 0.7 units.

In Table 2, the intercept value (c) is 4.0 with a t-statistic of 6.1 and a p-value of 0.000, which also indicates that the intercept is significantly different from zero. The regression coefficient for the K-Drama cultural variable (X1) is 0.6 with a t-statistic of 4.2 and a p-value of 0.000. This shows that K-Drama culture has a positive and significant effect on the business communication strategy of Korean street food business actors. This means that every increase of one unit in the K-Drama culture variable will increase the business communication strategy by 0.6 units.

The regression coefficient value for K-Drama culture (X1) of 0.7 in the equation for consumer perception (Y1) and 0.6 in the equation for business communication strategy (Y2) confirms that K-Drama culture has a significant positive influence on both dependent variables. A high t-statistic value and a very small p-value (less than 0.05) indicate that


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the regression coefficient for the K-Drama culture variable is significant, meaning that K-Drama culture has a significant influence on consumer perception and business communication strategy.

These results provide strong empirical evidence that Korean pop culture, especially K-Drama, can be used as an effective tool in business communication strategies to attract consumer interest in Cidu Market, Makassar City. This emphasizes the importance of Korean cultural elements in shaping consumer perceptions and directing the business communication strategies of Korean street food business actors. Thus, business actors can take advantage of the influence of K-Drama culture to increase consumer attraction and trust in their products.

## DISCUSSION

The results of this study expand our understanding of the influence of Korean pop culture, especially K-Drama, on consumer behavior and business strategies in Indonesia. Previous studies in Indonesia have highlighted the impact of Korean pop culture in diverse contexts, which can provide an additional basis for understanding the findings of this study. A study by Lee et al. (2018) that examined the influence of K-Pop on the purchasing behavior of Indonesia teenagers provides relevant insights. The study shows that exposure to K-Pop has a significant impact on consumer preferences and purchasing decisions among Indonesia's youth. This finding is in line with the results of our research, which shows that K-Drama culture has an important role in shaping consumer perception of Korean street food in Cidu Market.

In addition, a study by Wardhani et al. (2021) that examines the impact of K-Drama on Korean drama viewing habits and its influence on the lifestyle of adolescent girls in Indonesia also provides a relevant perspective. Their findings show that K-Drama is not only entertainment, but also shapes the behavior patterns and lifestyle preferences of adolescent girls. The implications of this research can be applied in the context of our research, where K-Drama culture has a profound influence on food preferences and business strategies in Cidu Market. Korea's pop culture not only has a positive impact, but it also poses challenges and changes in market dynamics. Research by Pramudya et al. (2023) examining the influence of K-Pop on fashion trends in Indonesia shows that excessive exposure to Korean pop culture can lead to drastic changes in consumer preferences, which may not always match the needs of the local market. The implications of this study can encourage researchers and business practitioners to be more careful in


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adapting their marketing strategies to Korean pop culture trends, including in the context of food in Cidu Market.

## CONCLUSION

The results of this study confirm that K-Drama culture has a significant and positive influence on consumer perception and business communication strategies of Korean street food business actors in Cidu Market, Makassar City. These findings are in line with previous research by Lee et al. (2018) and Kim & Park (2020), which showed that exposure to Korean pop culture can influence consumer preferences and marketing strategies. Businesses in Cidu Market can take advantage of these findings by adopting more elements of Korean culture in their business communication strategies to increase consumer appeal and trust in their products.

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