Influencing Factors of K-Drama Satisfaction and their Impacts on Fanaticism and Behavioral Intention

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ABSTRACT

The goal of this research was to identify factors that affect K-drama satisfaction from the perspectives of attractiveness, credibility, connectedness, involvement, and commitment variables and their impacts on fanaticism and behavioral intention. Data were obtained through an online questionnaire given to Indonesian in Jakarta who were at least 17 years old and had seen at least one K-drama title with at least twelve episodes. This research used 266 samples, and the data were analyzed by applying the Partial Least Squares-Structural Equation Model (PLS-SEM). Results show that (1) attractiveness, credibility and involvement have a significant positive influence on drama satisfaction, (2) drama satisfaction has a significant positive influence on both fanaticism and behavioral intention, and (3) fanaticism has a significant positive influence on behavioral intention. Furthermore, results also find that connectedness has a significant negative influence on drama satisfaction, whereas commitment has an insignificant negative influence.

Keywords: Actor or Actress Character, Audience Character, Behavioral Intention, Fanaticism, K-Drama Satisfaction.

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I. Introduction

The term Korean Wave, often known as Hallyu, is a comprehension word used to describe the international expansion, popularity, and success of South Korean cultural items (Ju, 2017; 2018). The Korean Wave has been gaining popularity throughout the Southeast Asia region, particularly in Indonesia (Shim, 2006). This impetus, according to Hong and Kim (2013), was founded on the variety of Korean Wave's hybridity, as seen by the numerous sorts of cultural products that were produced, communicated and consumed simultaneously by several countries. As a result of this phenomenon, the Korean Wave became a popular tool for promoting South Korean culture, especially in Indonesia. South Korea also created indirectly synergy between the promotion of Korean pop music (K-pop) (Jung & Shim, 2013) and South Korean cuisine (Anwar & Anwar, 2013), South Korean culture (Pramadya & Oktaviani, 2016), and South Korean products and dramas (K-drama).

Looking back at the history of K-drama, the popularity of K-drama series has been booming in Japan since 1950 (Messerlin & Shin, 2017). Starting with the drama series Mother's Sea, Endless Love, which was broadcasted for the first time on Indonesian television channels in 2002, the popularity of South Korean cultural products in Indonesia expanded significantly. Both dramas were viewed as setting the way for subsequent Korean drama series to succeed (Jeong et al., 2017). According to a worldwide study of the current poll performed by Stoll (2021), Indonesian people often watch K-dramas. People who watch K-dramas would

almost certainly learn about South Korean culture, history, and cuisine.

Viewers who were happy with a K-drama would disseminate good messages about it, promote it to others, and watch the same K-drama title again, increasing the likelihood that viewers would visit the area showed in the K-drama. According to statistics from Tarigan (2019), Indonesian visitors rushed to South Korea for the appeal of shooting sites and videos when filming K-drama. South Korean actors and actresses had established themselves as key ambassadors and reliable sources of information (Beeton, 2006; La Ferle, 2005).

The appeal of the South Korean actor or actress was undeniable, as it showed a good and unforgettable physical appearance, personality, actions, and words. Hogarth (2013) backed this claim, stating that an attractive and elegant young actor or actress attracted K-drama viewers. The emotional effect felt by Indonesian people K-drama fans induced their curiosity in recognizing the cultural values, way of life, looks, and love connections of K-drama actors and actresses. Similarly, audience participation refers to para-social interactions or exchanges occurring on social media between fans and K-drama actors or actresses. Viewers would actively find out K-drama contents in order to fulfil specific expectations and requirements (Giles, 2002).

Viewers, on the other hand, are committed to K-dramas because they believe that some of them might inspire a sense of nostalgia. According to Siu (2010), viewers loyal to Kdrama admire and want to keep a relationship with the actor or actress playing a part in it. Kim (2011) defined audience participation with K-drama viewing satisfaction as emotional involvement, behavior, reflectiveness, and greater levels of audience involvement leading to fanaticism. The function of actors or actresses in creating an impression in K-drama attracted viewers, resulting in success for the South Korean film industry and an inevitable influence on the values supplied by the South Korean culture (Effendi et al., 2016). Several previous studies looking into the Korean Wave were more focused on South Korean cuisine, merchandise, and music. However, there had been very little study done on Kdrama. According to research from Khoiri (2018) and Tribunnews (2021), many individuals in Indonesia love watching K-drama.

In their studies, Lee (2015b) and Adis et al. (2017) found that the factors of attractiveness, credibility, connectedness, involvement, commitment, drama satisfaction, revisit intention to South Korea, as well as their repeat watch were all influenced by K-drama. The study did not include fanaticism since when individuals watched K-drama, they tended to become fanatics, waiting patiently for their favorite episodes, idolizing actors or actresses in K-drama, wanting to eat at South Korean restaurants, and wanting to visit South Korea. In K-drama, the audience would be entirely dedicated to what they believe in (Fuschillo, 2018). As a result, the goal of this current research was to examine the link between Kdrama satisfaction, actor or actress character, and the character of the show. Further, it aims to examine the link between K-drama pleasure, actor or actress character, audience character, fanaticism, and behavioral intention.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Korean Wave Marketing

Korean TV drama is a component of the Korean Wave phenomenon, which has played an essential role in promoting the South Korean culture to international visitors and boosting the number of foreign tourists visiting South Korea (Shim, 2006; Yu et al., 2012). The Korean Wave may be defined as a global cultural phenomenon that can be adopted and enjoyed by anybody. The Korean Wave encompasses not just culture but also entertainment, such as music, theatre, and films. The success aspect of K-drama, according to Hogarth (2013), was the excellent quality of the drama, beauty, authenticity, and a blend of contemporary and tradition.

B. Korean Star Characteristic

Characters played by South Korean actors or actresses may be identified in three ways, i.e., attractiveness, credibility and connectedness (Lee, 2015b). The physical attractiveness of an actor or actress is defined as their physical beauty (Bardia et al., 2011). Physical attractiveness may be enhanced by wearing stylish clothes, well-styled hair, and cosmetics, according to Reinhard et al. (2006). Previous studies had indicated that viewers had good impressions of performers and actresses they found attractive and were inclined to support them (Muda et al., 2012). According to Belch & Belch (2003) and Byrne et al. (2003), credibility is defined as the degree to which the audience believe the actor or actress has knowledge, abilities, and could give unbiased and objective information. Actors or actresses with a high level of trustworthiness were more successful in attracting viewers' attention (Yilmaz et al., 2011; Biswas et al., 2006). When

watching K-drama advertising, it has been established that an actor's or actress's level of accomplishment in terms of credibility has a good influence (Arora et al., 2006). The degree of the audience's growing para-social ties with surrounding characters and locations is defined as connectedness (Russell et al., 2004).

C. Audience Characteristic

The qualities of viewers are essential in determining the success of a film or drama. Depending on their demands, the audience may use a number of mediums. The components of audience characteristics may be separated into two categories: participation and commitment. Involvement is a term used from media studies to describe how viewers react to television shows in order to induce cognitive and behavioral changes that lead to increased openness (Sood, 2002). Engagement is defined as a state that occurs due to the actor or actress's message in a Korean drama. The amount of engagement would influence the level of enjoyment derived from viewing (Bae & Lee, 2004). The audience would have personal recollections and experiences, such as a strong bond with the actor or actress (Lee et al., 2008; Reijnder, 2010; Kim & Assaker, 2014).

Commitment entails a desire to form long-term relationships with revered actors or actresses, as well as making short-term sacrifices to preserve relationship stability and trust (Sanagorski, 2013). Commitment is also a significant component in determining the audience's attitude regarding the continuation of the K-drama being watched (Busse, 2013). Committed audience will build their own pride in accomplishing something beneficial, leading to the actors and actresses in K-dramas (Kozhakhmetova, 2012).

D. Fanaticism

Extreme, unreasonable, and intolerable enthusiasm can be defined as fanaticism (Redden & Steiner, 2000). Extremism can result from fanaticism in order to promote actors or actresses who are promoting products or companies (Redden & Steiner, 2000). Fanaticism can also serve as a useful tool for viewers to express themselves (Chung et al., 2017). Furthermore, the audience would be completely invested in what they believed in. They would deliberately modify their lifestyle to seem like actors or actresses in K-drama, according to Thorne (2011), to the degree of devoted audience engagement.

E. Behavioral Intention

Behavioral intention could be measured from several indicators i.e. the desire to visit a certain location, spread positive K-drama things to others (word of mouth) and recommend to others (Ryu et al., 2008; Purwianti & Tio, 2017; Lee et al., 2008; Jang & Namkung, 2009; Ladhari, 2007). Several researchers noted that intention to visit a destination location and word of mouth recommendations were the most common indicators to measure behavioral intention (Williams & Soutar, 2009; Qu et al., 2011; Cronin et al., 2000). Various destinations shown in K-drama had received a lot of special attention from viewers when they visited South Korea. Seeing the ability of the South Korean film industry to visually display interesting places in K-drama was one of the supporting factors for viewers to visit locations related to the K-drama (Frost, 2010).

F. Hypothesis Framework

Attractiveness and beauty have a beneficial impact on numerous areas, and hence have a favorable impact on the overall success of the organization (McColl & Truong, 2013). The above-mentioned attraction is similar to physical attraction (Bardia et al., 2011). Additionally, the actor or actress's appeal included mental skills, personality, lifestyle and artistic talent (Erdogan, 1999). When the audience thinks they have a lot in common with their idols, the beauty of the actor or actress influences the overall judgment of the individual, according to Bardia et al. (2011) and Suki (2014). The audience's decision in a K-drama, for example, was picked based on the standards of each individual satisfying their pleasure for them. As a result of all of the discussed perspectives, it is possible to infer that there is a link between attractiveness and enjoyment of watching the K-drama.

H₁: Attractiveness has a positive influence on drama satisfaction.

Lee (2015a) discovered a link between the credibility of the actor or actress portraying a K-drama and viewers' happiness with the show. A celebrity endorsement approach for a K-drama would be a South Korean actor or actress charged with promoting the K-drama (Prasad, 2013). Celebrity endorsements are a significant approach for establishing endorser credibility and persuading viewers to watch new dramas while feeling fulfilled (Spry et al., 2011). According to Biswas et al. (2006), the audience in a K-drama would judge the actor or actress's trustworthiness based on an authentic source. According to O'keefe (2016), the more parallels the viewer feels with the recommended actor or actress in a K-drama, the higher the actor or actress's level of trustworthiness. As a result, the actor or actress's level of trustworthiness has a favorable influence on audience satisfaction when watching K-drama.

H₂: Credibility has a positive influence on drama satisfaction.

According to Jiang et al. (2018), connectivity is defined as an emotional connection felt by viewers or fans ready to watch K-drama, as well as attachment to particular K-drama items. The audience had a good view toward performers or actresses from nations hose cultures they appreciated, according to Wang et al. (2009). According to Lee (2015a), a high drama rating is the result of the audience's connection to the plot, as well as the emotional and visual effect of the actor or actress in the drama. Many viewers see the romantic or violent behavior portrayed in the K- narrative as a reflection of their own lives (Kim et al., 2008). Connectivity is also a key aspect in understanding how viewers' perceptions of plots, visuals, videos, and other media were influenced by the drama on television (Russell, 2002). As a result of all of the aforementioned perspectives, it can be stated that the interaction between actors or actresses and the plot in Kdrama has a beneficial impact on the enjoyment of watching

H₃: Connectedness has a positive influence on drama satisfaction.

Because of the extended watching period, viewers would be more engaged (Bae & Lee, 2004). The amount to which the audience positions themselves with actors or actresses performing roles in K-drama, the location shown, and the plot in the K-drama might all be used to gauge audience

engagement (Kim & Wang, 2012). A high level of audience interaction might create and increase interest in K-drama, resulting in pleased audience. According to Lee et al. (2008), significant connection with K-drama actors or actresses started with their interest in South Korea, which finally led to them visiting South Korea and resulting in an increase in the number of South Korean visitors. It could be interpreted that high audience involvement played a positive role in influencing drama satisfaction.

H₄: Involvement has a positive influence on drama satisfaction.

According to Hoffman et al. (2009), viewers would commit to spend their time in providing support to actors or actresses playing a role in K-drama so that they got their own satisfaction. Garbarino (1999) stated that commitment and satisfaction are two important components in creating a successful drama. Both are the key components and could generate positive feelings in a relationship then creating a long-term relationship model in watching dramas (Sprecher & Hendrick, 2004). In this case, Ligas (2008) found that commitment is an essential thing to create a successful longterm relationship. Committed viewers would also usually feel satisfied with the watched K-drama (Lee, 2015a). Therefore, the higher the commitment felt by the audience would affect more the audience's satisfaction in watching K-drama.

H₅: Commitment has a positive influence on drama satisfaction.

Satisfaction is a measure of the service used (Janahi & Al Mubarak, 2017). The satisfaction obtained by the audience when watching K-drama referred to things meeting their hopes and desires (Hassan & Shamsudin, 2019). Hassan & Shamsudin (2019) in their research explained that viewers feeling satisfied with the K-drama automatically become loyal. Thorne (2011) argued that fanaticism is a form of loyalty that could be seen from the level of commitment, devotion, pleasure, emotional attachment, enthusiasm, involvement and high intensity with certain objects or people. There are common characteristics among fans and viewers of K-drama referring to fanaticism (Thorne & Bruner, 2006). Watching a movie or K-drama of interest, the audience would be very enthusiastic in order to watch similar films or dramas so that the audience felt fanaticism which could make other people also interested in watching the film or drama (Thorne & Bruner, 2006). Therefore, it could be concluded that the higher the satisfaction felt by the audience when watching K-drama, the more they show an attitude of fanaticism.

H₆: Drama satisfaction has a positive influence on fanaticism.

Satisfaction has an important meaning in promoting something. Generally, this positively affected the repurchase process and also promoted the product by mouth to mouth, which in turn could strengthen brand loyalty (Ercis et al., 2012). A good K-drama with an interesting storyline could be a driving force in increasing tourist visits (Kim & Richardson, 2003). Some viewers also spontaneously recommend Kdrama, which they felt it had an interesting storyline (Chen & Tsai, 2006). Some researchers also noted that viewers would be happy to visit the country in which the drama originated. They went to tourist sites usually shown in K-drama, and some of them made return visits to the country and

recommended tour facilities to others (Williams & Soutar, 2009; Qu et al., 2011; Grappi & Montanari, 2011; Prayag & Ryan, 2011). Therefore, the higher the satisfaction of the audience watching K-drama, the more it influences the behavioral intention.

H7: Drama satisfaction has a positive influence on behavioral intention.

According to Nyadzayo et al. (2016), contemporarily consumers express public loyalty and desire and are more willing to go to extremes to pursue or support various activities of the actor or actress they idolize in a K-drama. The loyalty and devotion of the audience are manifested through their behaviors generally referred to fanaticism (Chung et al., 2017). Fanatical viewers are more emotionally attached to the characters of the actor or actress they idolize. They are also more willing to make an ongoing emotional and physical sharing of time for objects or people they idolized (Chung et al., 2017). It occurs due to the effect of fanatical audience, a big fan of an object or person fully supporting the actor or actress in a K-drama. They also tend to orally promote the positive about the idolized actor or actress and actively take part in the acquisition of new fans (Chung et al., 2017). The opinions above show that fanaticism plays a major role in creating behavioral intention.

H₈: Fanaticism has a positive influence on behavioral intention.

Based on the hypotheses, the research model consists of eight variables.

Korean Star Characteristic

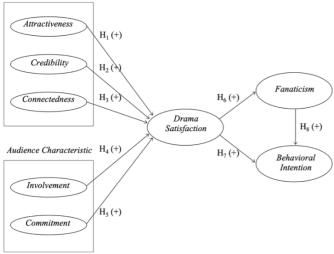


Fig. 1. Framework of the hypotheses.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A. Measurement

This present research employed a 5-point Likert scale with answers ranging from strongly disagree to strongly agree on all questions to measure all the instrument variables involved. The questionnaire in this research contained 35 question indicators. Attractiveness was measured by five indicators adapted from Awasthi & Choraria (2013). Credibility was adapted from Awasthi & Choraria (2013) measured by four indicators. Connectedness was measured by five indicators (Tran et al., 2019).

Involvement was adapted from Kim & Kim (2017) and Kim (2012) measured by using five indicators. Furthermore, three indicators (Lee et al., 2019) were used to measure the commitment variable. The drama satisfaction measurement scale included three indicators adapted from (Asgari & Hosseini, 2015; Kim et al., 2020). To measure the scale of the fanaticism variable, four indicators were defined (Alshehri, 2016). There were six indicators to measure the behavioral intention variable consisting of three dimensions (visit intention, word of mouth and repeat watch intention). Visit intention was measured by two indicators adapted from (Kim et al., 2019). Word of mouth was adapted from Teng (2020) measured two indicators. Repeat watch intention was measured by two indicators (Jingyi et al., 2021).

B. Data Collection

The research applied quantitative research with descriptive research type. The sampling method used was nonprobability sampling with judgment sampling. There were 501 Indonesian respondents with a minimum age of 17 years and had watched at least one K-drama title with a minimum of twelve K-drama episodes in Jakarta area participating in this survey, but the results obtained were only 266 respondents who were stated as valid. The reason for the nonvalid respondents was because they did not meet the requirements for filling out the questionnaire. The questionnaire was designed in three parts. In the first part, respondents were given a screening question. Second, respondents who successfully passed the screening question were asked about general questions, such as the respondent's profile, duration of watching K-drama in a day, genre and favorite actor or actress and the title of the last K-drama watched. In the last section, respondents were asked to answer indicator questions.

C. Data Analysis

The data in this research were analyzed by applying smartPLS through several stages of analysis including validity testing, reliability testing and hypothesis proofing. The use of smartPLS was suitable for testing complex structural models because it could avoid two problems, i.e., unacceptable solutions and uncertainty factors (Fornell & Bookstein, 1982). The PLS method was applied because it aimed to develop the theory (Hair et al., 2014).

IV. DATA ANALYSIS

A. Respondent Profile

Table I shows that the majority of respondents were female with a percentage of 99% and aged 24 - 30 years, as much as 52%, having a bachelor's degree (59%), worked as employees in the private sector (42%) and were unmarried (59%). The majority of respondents had experience watching K-drama for more than 3 years with a percentage of 81%. For electronic media, the most widely used by respondents in watching K-drama was cell phone (64%), watching K-drama alone using the Netflix platform (55%) with a duration of 1-3 hours a day (66%). There were 63% of respondents who were marathon viewers and most of them got information on watching K-drama through social media (52%).

Variable	Dimension	Itam	Factor Loading	AVE	Composite	Cronbach's Alpha	
variable	Dimension	Item	(>0.5)	(>0.5)	Reliability (>0.7)	(>0.7)	
		AT1	0.783				
Attractiveness		AT2	0.773		0.900		
	-	AT3	0.844	0.643		0.862	
(AT)		AT4	0.809				
		AT5	0.800				
		CR1	0.854		0.867	0.773	
Credibility (CR)	-	CR3	0.865	0.686			
		CR4	0.761				
		CN1	0.757		0.852	0.790	
Connectedness		CN2	0.655				
(CN)	-	CN3	0.567	0.541			
(CN)		CN4	0.798				
		CN5	0.862				
	-	IV2	0.832	0.632	0.873	0.816	
Involvement (IV)		IV3	0.752				
Involvement (1v)		IV4	0.771	0.032			
		IV5	0.823				
Commitment	-	CM1	0.863		0.900	0.835	
(CM)		CM2	0.833	0.750			
(CIVI)		CM3	0.901				
Drama		DS1	0.834		0.902	0.837	
Satisfaction (DS)	-	DS2	0.883	0.755			
Sausjaction (DS)		DS3	0.888				
	-	FA1	0.669		0.852	0.779	
Eau atiaiam (EA)		FA2	0.785	0.592			
Fanaticism (FA)		FA3	0.783	0.392			
		FA4	0.830				
	W I (MC)	VS1	0.956	0.915	0.956	0.907	
	Visit Intention (VS)	VS2	0.957	0.913		0.907	
Behavioral	Word of Mouth	WOM1	0.911	0.921	0.908	0.707	
Intention (BI)	(WOM)	WOM2	0.913	0.831	0.908	0.797	
` /	Repeat Watch (RW)	RW1	0.904	0.825	0.904	0.788	
	repeat watch (RW)	RW2	0.912	0.843	0.904	0.700	

ΓABLE II:	THE RESULT	OF HYPOTHESIS	ANALYSIS

Hypothesis	Path	Path Coefficient	t-statistic (>1.65)	<i>p-value</i> (<0.05)	Significance	Conclusion
H1	$AT \rightarrow DS$	0.237	2.834	0.002	Significant	Supported
H2	$CR \rightarrow DS$	0.365	4.514	0.000	Significant	Supported
Н3	$CN \rightarrow DS$	-0.189	2.689	0.004	Significant	Not Supported
H4	$IV \rightarrow DS$	0.445	5.886	0.000	Significant	Supported
H5	$CM \rightarrow DS$	0.047	0.987	0.162	Not Significant	Not Supported
Н6	$DS \rightarrow FA$	0.402	7.563	0.000	Significant	Supported
H7	$\mathrm{DS} \to \mathrm{BI}$	0.468	7.720	0.000	Significant	Accepted H7
H8	$FA \rightarrow BI$	0.393	7.861	0.000	Significant	Accepted H8

Note: Significance Level = p < 0.05

The majority of respondents had watched K-drama at least in a month before of the conducted survey (96%), with romance (54%) being one of the most watched genres by respondents. One of the actors chosen by respondents as their favorite was Lee Min Ho (21%). In addition, the most watched K-drama title by respondents was Doom at your service (23%).

B. Validity and Reliability Test

The value of composite reliability on all variables in this study was above the average of 0.70 (Hair et al., 1998). All Average Variance Extracted (AVE) values were above the average of 0.50 (Fornell & Lacker, 1981). On the other hand, convergent validity could also be accessed through factor loading. In accordance with the recommendations of Hair et al. (1998), a significant factor loading value of 0.50 could be said to be reliable. However, there were three indicators having a factor loading value of <0.50, namely CR2, IV1 and DS4. Therefore, these three indicators were not used in the subsequent analysis. Based on the results of the validity test in Table II (after CR2, IV1 and DS4 were not used), all items were declared valid because they met the convergent validity test standards because they had an AVE value and factor loading >0.5, and some items had a value above 0.7 (Fornell, 1982). Therefore, all indicators in this study had convergent validity and adequate reliability (Table I).

Based on the results of the discriminant validity test in Table III, it could be seen that the results of all HTMT values < 0.9, so it could be concluded that the discriminant validity test had been met.

TABLE III: RESULT OF DISCRIMINANT VALIDITY TEST

	AT	CM	CN	CR	DS	FA	IV	RW	VS	WOM
AT	0.802	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CM	0.158	0.866	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CN	0.354	0.554	0.735	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CR	0.778	0.186	0.415	0.828	-	-	-	-	-	-
DS	0.668	0.281	0.424	0.705	0.869	-	-	-	-	-
FA	0.243	0.593	0.692	0.280	0.402	0.769	-	-	-	-
IV	0.487	0.507	0.760	0.527	0.640	0.660	0.795	-	-	-
RW	0.510	0.238	0.359	0.536	0.561	0.326	0.541	0.908	-	-
VS	0.181	0.393	0.543	0.269	0.273	0.504	0.443	0.317	0.957	-
WOM	0.443	0.391	0.543	0.475	0.629	0.523	0.623	0.479	0.453	0.912

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C. Hypothesis Analysis

The structural model results are in Table IV. The hypothesis could be accepted if the coefficient value was positive, and the t-stat value was greater than 1.65 or the pvalue was smaller than 0.05. From the results of this research, it could be concluded that Hypotheses 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8 were accepted because the coefficient value was positive, and the t-stat value was 1.65 or the p-value was 0.05. Meanwhile, Hypotheses 3 and 5 were rejected because the t-stat value was 1.65 smaller or the p-value is 0.05.

V. DISCUSSION

Characteristics of actors or actresses, such as attractiveness and credibility, had a significant positive influence on drama satisfaction (Lee, 2015b; Adis et al., 2017; Perloff, 2017). This showed that the attractive visual appearance, good personality of the actor or actress in K-drama as well as the skills and expertise of the actor or actress when playing the role created satisfaction in watching K-drama. These results validated previous findings by (Ha & Lam, 2016; Windasari, 2020) stating that satisfaction in watching K-drama depends on the appearance of the actor or actress who have good looking appearances and great acting skills so that they are able to captivate the audience in each role. Referring to the characters of the respondents in this research, it was found that the respondents chose several actors or actresses that have good physical appearances and acting performances. Lee Min Ho was the actor most voted by the respondents, with a percentage of 21%. He was one of the famous actors and was very popular because of his attractive appearance, charming face, good personality and professionalism. The cool and elegant acting performance made the audience feel satisfied when watching the K-drama played by Lee Min Ho. Meanwhile, connectedness had a significant negative influence on drama satisfaction. This shows that the higher the connection with K-drama, the lower the satisfaction obtained by the audience. The results of this hypothesis test were contrary to Kim et al. (2008) saying that connectedness had a significant positive influence on drama satisfaction. Anna (2020) explained that watching drama series with an interesting storyline is the safest way to get out of the daily routine at home that feels boring and stressful. Supported by the respondent's profile in this current research, the majority of respondents chose to watch K-drama with a light and fun storyline, namely Hospital Playlist, which was about friendship by 17%.

Furthermore, the character of the K-drama audience, involvement, have a significant positive influence on drama satisfaction. The audience's level of engagement with actors or actresses in a K-drama was determined by the degree to which they find it personally relevant. As explained by Peter & Olson (2008); Kim et al., (2009) that engagement is an audience's relevance to an event and activity carried out, such as watching K-drama. K-drama shows in relatively a few episodes could attract the audience's interest because they would not get bored easily with a convoluted storyline. According to Kumparan.com (2020) and Putri (2019), short K-drama episodes allowed K-drama to present clear story conflicts in each episode. This is supported by data on the research's respondent characteristics showing that the majority of respondents in this research chose the title of Kdrama with 16 episodes with the title Doom at your service by 23%. In addition, another interesting point is that periodic broadcasts carried out by K-drama indirectly make the audience involved by para-social interactions with actors or actresses playing a role in K-drama because they would look for information related to their idol actor or actress while waiting for newest episodes. Meanwhile, commitment do not have a positive and significant influence on drama satisfaction. It could be interpreted that respondents watching K-drama did not have a great commitment to actors or actresses in relation to the satisfaction of watching K-drama. The results of this hypothesis test contradict the research by Spake and Bishop (2009), stating that commitment has an impact on positive attitudes to maintain long-term relationship stability and trust with actors or actresses in Kdrama.

South Korea is very famous for the entertainment industry and there are various agencies producing many professional actors or actresses showing talents from various fields respectively to star in the latest K-drama titles. So that currently, there would be more and more newcomer actors or actresses who make the audience amazed with their performances (Untari, 2021). This made the audience would not commit to one of the actors or actresses playing a role in K-drama. Supported by the characteristics of the respondents in this research, they chose more than five actors or actresses becoming their idols in K-drama, such as Park Seo Jun (13%), Kim Seon Ho (8%), Gong Yo (6%), Ji Chang Wook (5%), Lee Jee Hon (6%) and Kim Soo Hyun (4%). The audience tend to idolize some actors or actresses who are younger, have an attractive appearance and good acting (Tyas, 2021; Maulana, 2020).

Drama satisfaction had a significant positive influence on behavioral intention and fanaticism. When the audience are satisfied with the K-drama being broadcast then they would have the intention to visit the locations shown in the K-drama, recommend them to others, they continue to watch the Kdrama, and when the audience's expectations about the Kdrama being aired have been met then they automatically feel satisfied and become fanatical (Fu et al., 2016; Alcaniz et al., 2009; Vijayan & Sriram, 2015). Revitasari (2017) argued that the character of actors or actresses playing a role in K-drama make the audience, especially women, carried away with the storyline so that they would always want to watch other Kdrama shows. Based on the data on the characters of the respondents, the majority of respondents were female, with a percentage of 99%. Most of them watching K-drama were women because they did not only see the charming, handsome actors, but also the actors in K-drama were an ideal male because they can play his role very well (Dhani, 2017). In addition, the chemistry built by the actor or actress makes the audience amazed until they get carried away by recommending the K-dramas to others, either through social media or in person. After watching the K-drama, viewers also want to visit the locations where the K-drama was shot because when watching it they feel the visuals of South Korean culture shown in the K-drama. These tourist destinations are highlighted in each episode so that the audience are interested in visiting them (Setyorini, 2014; Fasrinisvah, 2019).

Based on the respondent's characteristic data, most respondents had a 1- 3 hours of watching K-drama daily (66%). Exelmans and Bulck (2017) revealed that a person could be said to be a fanatic when the intensity of their watching K-drama in a day ranged from 1-3 hours or even more. Furthermore, when the audience felt fanatic wherever they were, they would always take time to watch K-drama by using electronic media, such as mobile phones. It is is in line with the characters of the respondents in this present research, where the majority of respondents chose mobile phones as electronic media that were constantly used to watch K-drama by 64%.

Khoiri (2018) in his research explained that many Indonesian people are very enthusiastic about watching Kdrama by using their mobile phones and this make them never felt enough to watch only one K-drama episode, they could watch several episodes at once. In addition, fanatic viewers spread positive things to others about the actor or actress, who they idolize and then repeatedly watch the K-drama. In line with the research of Chung et al. (2017) explaining that fanatic audience behavior would be more emotionally attached to K-drama, and in the end, they lead to behavioral intention.

VI. CONCLUSION

This current research was conducted to determine the relationship between attractiveness. credibility. connectedness. involvement. commitment, drama satisfaction, fanaticism and behavioral intention to K-drama viewers in Jakarta. The results of these results indicate that K-drama viewers in Jakarta are very concerned about the attractive appearance and good personality of their idol actor or actress. Adding to that, actors or actresses are also required to have high credibility to build a good image because the audience would usually adopt the opinion of credible actors or actresses. The viewers also feel involved both emotionally with actors or actresses in K-drama and selectively observe the objects shown in the K-drama. Watching K-dramas with interesting storylines and stunning acting performances from actors or actresses make K-drama viewers in Jakarta feel satisfied, so it has a positive effect on fanaticism. Furthermore, viewers also have the desire to visit locations aired in K-drama because of the perception of the destination that has been implied in the audience's mind. They also continue to watch other K-drama titles, both those that had finished and ongoing ones and recommend them to other people and spread good impressions regarding to the Kdrama. The results of this study are in line with Onu et al. (2019); Kautsar *et al.* (2012); Chang (2015); Su *et al.* (2015); Hoa et al. (2015); Lee et al. (2016); Thorbjornsen et al. (2019).

VII. IMPLICATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

A. Managerial Implications

Based on the results of this research, satisfaction in watching K-drama is influenced by the characters of the actor or actress in the drama, thus the foreign film industry, especially in South Korea, needs to pay attention to the factors affecting the satisfaction of the audience. Factors that have an important effect in this research and could be recommended to be improved are attractiveness, so as to increase the attractiveness of actors or actresses playing a role in the dramas. The film industry in South Korea is expected to be able to maintain the appearance of actors or actresses as they look classy when playing their roles. In addition to having credibility, the actor or actress must also be able to promote K-drama sincerely so that the audience will be interested and feel satisfied after watching the K-drama. To increase the satisfaction of K-drama audience in Jakarta, the South Korean film industry can increase the fantasy genre in K-dramas because this genre can surprise the audience with various creative ideas. Furthermore, the film industry in South Korea can focus on developing actors or actresses with good images.

The film industry in Indonesia is expected to be able to learn to increase the attractiveness and credibility of actors or actresses in Indonesia so that it can take a role in contributing to the progress of the Indonesian economy. In addition, it is also hoped that the Indonesian film industry can cooperate with the Tourism and Creative Economy Office, which can promote credible actors or actresses who work together in film and drama series so that they will have a positive impact and Indonesian products can be widely known both in Indonesia and abroad.

B. Suggestions

This research has several limitations that can be overcome in future research. This present research focuses on analyzing the satisfaction of Jakarta viewers in watching K-drama. Therefore, it is suggested that further research can add other variables, such as escapism. In addition, the number of respondents in this study was 266 people, which can be said to have not fully represented the K-drama audience population in Jakarta. Further studies may consider increasing the number of respondents which is not only in the Jakarta area but can also be generalized outside the Jakarta area and even in neighboring countries. Moreover, seeing the number of episodes that aired in K-drama varies widely and did not only have a minimum of 12 episode, but further research is also expected to be conducted on people who have already completed one full K-drama title. Then, further investigation can be carried out with all male respondents in order to see a comparison with the female respondents in Indonesia.

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