

Betting In Türkiye: Economic, Social And Psychological Effect

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Abstract:

In the World and also in Türkiye; bet the silent disease of our era, and it makes people dependent. This biggest effect of this rapid spread is the rapid development of the internet and the ease of Access to these betting sites. Particularly in our country, betting was considered a taboo, so it was feared to talk about it. Too much work on betting has caused this disease to spread very quickly. Betmakers begin to have economic problems first, but when the problem is noticed, people are now caught in the economic bog. The economic collapse is also a major factor in the fact that it is easy to access Money such as credit cards and loans. This economic collapse; alcohol, drug addiction, divorces, sociological and psychological problems an deven suicides are too late. When teh demographic structure of the players is analyzed, it is seen that more than 50 percent of virtual betting customers are educated and have a middle-level or Professional background.

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I. Introduction

Our age is the age of technology and speed. The rapid progress of technology has made it easier for people to reach their desired environment on the internet. Especially with the fact that football is the most and betting has developed rapidly in the World. The betting companies have carried their systems to the internet by using technology and enabled the betting to reach a wide audience. With the introduction of betting on the internet the number of bets in the world and especially in our country, has increased with each passing day. According to unofficial figures, this amount is around ten million for our country. The betting sector in our country has been divided into the two situations, legal and illegal. The illegal betting industry has emerged. Since the legal betting system does not respond to the wishes of bettors, Although it is forbidden, today most of the bets in our country play on illegal betting sites. Betmarkers prefer illegal betting because of many reasons. Social problems have arisen with betting especially with illegal betting in our country. As a result of the fact that bettors cannot control themselves with the ambition of making money. As a result of this easy access to money on the internet (credit withdrawals, plus use of money, cash advances), people have become under a huge debt burden. Sociological and psychological problems are accompanied by the economic problems of people who are betting under this debt burden. People who bet with sociological and psychological problems have been isolated from the society by distancing themselves from the society, alcohol and drug addiction, doing illegal work to find money for betting, stress, depression and more advanced suicide, divorce, domestic violence. The social and psychological problems that we have mentioned are the problems that arise as a result of economic problems. As a solution to prevent the emergence of these problems, illegal betting in Türkiye is to be completely prevented. The prevention of illegal betting will also be achieved by bringing the legal betting system to a level that will respond to the wishes of bettors. With the withdrawal of bets to the legal betting system, players can be followed more easily in the legal system and they can be prevented from falling into debt quagmire, Illegal structures and organizations that gain power and wealth are also collapsed in this way. The prohibition of betting advertising may be imposed on the press and broadcasting organizations and the incentive effect of betting can be removed. Betting is a disease of the age, not a taboo. Because this situation, gambling addiction units should be established urgently in hospitals.

We see that the number of people betting in our country and around the world is increasing day by day, and in parallel with this, the money changing hands in the betting market is expressed in millions. The betting market in our country differs from other developed countries. In our country, betting is divided into two: legal and illegal. The only legally accepted betting system in Türkiye is Iddaa. Betting, the official game of Spor Toto Organization, is under the protection of the state. Bilyoner, Nesine, Misli, Oley, Tuttur and Birebin are the electronic dealers of iddaa. These dealers use Iddaa's infrastructure. Although betting is prohibited in our country, they generally prefer to play on illegal betting sites. So, while there is a legal betting system and betting sites in our country, why do bettors prefer illegal betting sites instead of legal betting sites? Or in other words, what are

the shortcomings of legal betting sites that make illegal betting sites not preferred? We can express these shortcomings under the following main headings.

-No live betting; In İddaa, you can place bets before the match starts, which we generally call pre-match. As of August 28, 2019, the number of live matches has been increased with the new season. While a live match is being played on illegal betting sites, you have the opportunity to bet on that match.

-Cannot bet on a single match; There are minimum match selections that should be included in a coupon in İddaa. In other words, when making a coupon, there is a number of matches you need to write on that coupon. This is at least 2, 3 or 4 matches.

-Betting odds are low; The betting odds on İddaa are very low compared to illegal betting sites.

-While not every league is included in the bulletin in İddaa, illegal betting sites include amateur matches in the bulletin and bets can be placed at any time of the day.

-While not every sports branch is included in İddaa, almost all kinds of sports events are included in the bulletin on illegal betting sites.

-While the betting variety is low in İddaa, the betting variety is high on illegal betting sites,

It seems that illegal betting sites have many advantages for betting players compared to legal betting sites. Besides all these advantages of illegal betting sites, of course they also have disadvantages;

-Most importantly, an illegal betting site, as its name suggests, is a betting site that is not legal and is punishable by law if played. The law imposes fines for those who play on illegal betting sites, and both fines and imprisonment for those who play on illegal betting sites.

-Since illegal betting sites have no legal basis, you are completely at the mercy of the betting site when it comes to receiving your winnings when you win. If you do not pay your earnings under various excuses, there is no official institution or legal basis to claim your rights.

While the number of legal betting sites operating in our country is limited to six, the number of illegal betting sites exceeds hundreds.

When we look at the betting market, we can say that millions of liras change hands in this market, especially on weekends. When the betting market is this big, the sides of this market also increase. This market is not just about players and players. When we think about legal betting, there is a player-player and banking system for those who play in the online system. Even if you play from the dealer, there are players and dealers. However, when you consider illegal betting, the system completely changes and becomes complex. Since it is forbidden to play on illegal betting sites, there are many different systems in money transfer methods. These are methods such as banks, virtual money, digital wallet, electronic money, mobile payment, paying someone else's bill or credit card debt. Accounts belonging to others are rented by illegal betting site owners, and investments and payments are made through these accounts. Generally, those who are caught are the account owners and the people who deposit money into this account, and the owners of the illegal betting companies operating these accounts cannot generally be reached. Illegal betting sites need to be investigated thoroughly within the scope of criminal organizations.

Illegal betting companies and some intermediary companies do not pay any taxes, causing the state to lose taxes. Since illegal betting companies dominate a large part of the market, İddaa's share is decreasing and the income of football clubs, especially those benefiting from this share, is decreasing.

What should be done to eliminate illegal betting sites or reduce their impact on this market? Actually the answer is very simple. Above, we have listed the advantages of illegal betting companies over legal betting companies. It will be sufficient to add these deficiencies to legal betting sites or to rent an infrastructure used by currently operating illegal betting sites and add it to the legal system. The transition of legal betting sites to live betting as of August 28, 2019 has not had the expected effect on the transition from illegal betting to legal betting. In fact, it enabled those who had never played live betting to discover live betting and caused a shift from the legal betting system to the illegal betting system. The system worked exactly the opposite. Especially with the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in the number of people betting.

II. Economic, Social And Psychological Effects Of Betting

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The most important motivation that pushes people to bet is the desire to make money quickly and easily. However, those who profit in this market are almost always not the ones who bet, but the ones who make them play. Continuing to play almost always leads to financial ruin for the players. There are cities and even countries whose main income is only gambling. Nowadays, especially with the increase in the opportunities to play games on the internet, the prevalence of betting is increasing day by day as it cannot be kept within certain limits. Since betting will cause financial problems due to loss of large amounts of money, it can also lead to serious

psychological, social and even general health problems for both the player and his family. Since betting is not socially accepted, players often hide the fact that they are betting. When the problem, which has become chronic due to this concealment, is noticed by the actor's relatives, it is usually too late. The problem is noticed when the economic damage caused by the player becomes impossible to hide and the lives of his relatives are negatively affected. (<http://www.drayhankalyoncu.com/haberdetay.php?hid=69#.XaO0m8fVIdU>, 2019)

Betting opportunities have increased all over the world in the last 10 years. With the advancement of telecommunications and the widespread use of computers, bank customer services have become easier. Receiving credit for bettors, etc. With the increase in opportunities, of course the bankruptcy rates have also increased. Through betting advertisements, the government, private institutions and the media give "get rich quick" messages. In addition, betting games have become widespread all over the world via the internet. (<https://www.e-sikivatri.com/kumar-bagimliliginin-esiri-olmavin>, 2011)

There are many reasons that lead to betting addiction. This reasons; It is the desire to have a lot of money, the state of spiritual well-being, the desire to experience excitement, the social status and fun atmosphere that he thinks he will achieve by betting. Unfortunately, once you start betting, a vicious cycle occurs. The financial collapse that a person experiences due to increasing losses in betting and the periods when he desperately tries to get back the money he lost can be triggers for the emergence of addiction. No matter how much the person who bets wins, he can never win more than he loses. In other words, a bettor can never equalize the money he loses with the money he wins. Because if he starts winning, he will never stop, he will continue playing because he will think "let me win some more while my luck is changing" and as a result he will lose again. (<http://www.drayhankalyoncu.com/haberdetay.php?hid=69#.XaO0m8fVIdU>, 2019)

Virtual gamblers can quickly reach the level of addiction and have difficulty controlling themselves, as they can easily play games at home, at work, or anywhere there is an internet connection. Experts stated that more than 50 percent of virtual betting customers are educated people with a middle-to-high-level professional background, and stated that the family relationships of the person under the influence of addiction suffer a great blow. (<http://anadoluekspres.com.tr/haber-Sanal-Bahis-Aileleri-Tehdit-Ediyor-46271.html>)

Economic Effects of Betting

When we evaluate betting as illegal and legal, the biggest economic impact is seen in the illegal betting market.

When we evaluate it from the state's perspective, the state cannot collect taxes from a market where millions change hands.

Increasing Iddaa's revenues by preventing illegal betting means increasing the share of sports clubs. The fact that many sports clubs are in debt today means that these debts will be alleviated as betting revenues increase.

Due to the fact that the betting infrastructures of illegal betting sites originate from abroad and also because some international betting companies operate illegally in our country, there is an outflow of foreign currency from our country. This means that the country's resources go abroad illegally.

Of course, the biggest economic impact is that those who bet addictively take on large debt burdens (such as loans and credit card debt) in order to continue doing so.

Another economic effect is that, although illegal betting system could be prevented with a very simple system change, due to not making a system revision, the law enforcement and justice system are kept busy by having to follow the illegal betting system and this brings with it many economic losses such as technical follow-up.

Sociological Effects of Betting

The effects of betting can be more than just losing money. They become isolated as a result of their quest for isolation, which is often related to chasing their loneliness with their gambling addiction. There is a tendency to stay away from school, university or work to gamble. In addition, there is often a lack of interest in maintaining relationships and a lack of motivation to engage in social activities in the person involved in betting. There is often a reluctance among punters to spend money on personal or family items, such as clothing, household items, etc., as such expenses are often seen as funds for gambling. Bettors may engage in criminal activities to fund their betting. This can lead to lifelong consequences with criminal convictions.

(<https://www.gamblingtherapy.org/tr/kumar-oynamak-sizi-nasil-etkileyebilir>)

Domestic violence can be defined as any behavior of one of the spouses towards the other spouse, children or other family members living at home, or any behavior of one of the members of the household towards others that includes threat, pressure and control, and causes physical, sexual, economic or psychological harm. The tendency for domestic violence to be higher in those who have a gambling problem than in those who do not, may be related to the patient's poor impulse control, low frustration tolerance, comorbid personality disorder, substance addiction or other psychiatric diseases.

It shows that divorce rates are significantly higher among bettors, and that family members of bettors apply to law enforcement more frequently as victims of violence. Those who bet, violence; They may also see the

control they cannot establish over their gambling behavior as a way to establish control over family members who try to correct the situation and, in a sense, prevent them from betting behavior.

The person finds an escape from the responsibility of economic losses by betting, betting bigger with the dream of a "big win", not learning from the losses, and increasingly dragging himself and his family into the vortex of betting. (<https://madalyonklinik.com/blog/patolojik-kumar-oynama-ve-aile-ustundeki-etkileri>, 2017)

Psychological Effects of Betting

People who bet may experience psychological and physical problems such as depression, anxiety, migraine and intestinal disorders. However, serious gambling problems can lead to suicide. The rate of gambling problems has increased globally in the last few years and has become a serious public health problem in many countries. It may take time for people who bet to understand the seriousness of the problems they experience and that it depends on the bet. If the person betting is not aware of their limits, responsibilities and risks, they may experience serious problems. In general, it has been found that people with one addiction are at greater risk of developing another addiction. Betting addiction can often be accompanied by alcohol and substance addiction. (<https://moodisthastanesi.com/anasayfa/moodist-dergi/kumar-nasil-zarar-veriyor>, 2017)

Excessive betting causes various emotional distress. Some of those; stress, depression, even suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts. Such thoughts can cause the bettor to end his life. It is quite devastating when a person loses everything in betting. Many people in this situation continue to experience despair. Betting can lead to depression, stress and self-harming behavior. Depression and stress can sometimes trigger sleep disorders. (<http://www.drayhankalyoncu.com/haberdetay.php?hid=69#.XaQ0m8fVIdU>, 2019)

Betting addiction is one of the impulse-control disorders. It causes communication problems as well as financial damage to oneself, one's family and one's social circle. Betting, which has become a passion, continues to bet despite the stress, tension and relationship problems it causes. Betting, regardless of the outcome, has become his only thought. Betting has surrounded his entire life. He plays even if he wins, he continues to play even if he loses. The hope and ambition to regain what they lost gradually worsen this situation. (<http://psikivatriksosvalhizmet.com/kumar-bagimlili-her-ev-bir-kumarhane>, 2014)

III. Conclusion And Recommendations

Our age is the age of technology and speed. The rapid advancement of technology has made it easier for people to access the media they want on the internet. Betting has developed rapidly in the world, especially with football being the most followed sport in the world. Betting companies have moved their systems to the internet environment by using technology, enabling betting to reach large audiences. With the transfer of betting to the internet environment, the number of people betting both in the world and in our country has increased day by day. According to unofficial figures, this number is around ten million for our country. In our country, the betting industry is divided into two: legal and illegal. Since the legal betting system does not meet the demands of bettors, the illegal betting industry has emerged. Although it is prohibited, the majority of those who bet in our country play on illegal betting sites. Bettors prefer illegal betting sites instead of legal betting sites for the reasons we mentioned at the beginning of our article. If the state will continue to allow betting to be placed in our country, it should respond to the expectations of bettors by changing the infrastructure of legal betting, instead of fining them for betting on illegal betting sites. When the expectations of betting players are met, illegal betting sites will disappear on their own. In this way, the financial structures of the bettors will be taken under control and they will be prevented from falling into financial ruin. Social problems have also emerged with the betting game. As a result of bettors' ambition to make easy money and their inability to control themselves, and as a result of the easy access to money on the internet (such as taking out loans, using surplus money, cash advances), people have fallen under a huge debt burden. The economic problems of betting people who are crushed under this debt burden are also accompanied by sociological and psychological problems. Along with sociological and psychological problems, people who bet may experience isolation from society, alcohol and substance addiction, doing illegal work to get money for betting, stress, depression, and at more advanced levels, suicide, divorce, and domestic violence.

The social and psychological problems we have mentioned are problems that occur as a result of economic problems. By attracting betting players to the legal betting system, they can be tracked more easily in the legal system and prevented from falling into debt. Illegal structures and organizations that gain power and wealth are also destroyed in this way. The encouraging effect of betting should be removed by banning betting advertisements in the press, broadcast and internet.

Betting should no longer be seen as a taboo and should be seen as a disease of our age. Due to this situation, gambling addiction units should be urgently established in hospitals.

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