

He is now 48 age years old and he was married at age 25 and now has 3 sons & 1 daughter. He joined a Sinoman at age 15, left when got married at age 25 (Sinoman means "youth"). Formerly Sinomans kept gemblak, but not today (except in a few villages) stopped keeping in 1960s. Because children started going to school & become ashamed of being gemblak. The purpose of the gemblak is to keep the Sinoman together - unified together. Gemblak will stay about 5 days at each member's house. There is an unwritten rule, that a gemblak cannot be used by others but gemblak can be borrowed. Gemblak youngest age 10 & oldest is 16-17.

I was a gemblak (laughs a bit) age 11-14 & I was in a Sinoman age 20-25 and kept a gemblak (age 14-20 I went to school in Ponorogo city, so I was not in a Sinoman). The gemblak I kept was from another village, so after he left our group, I did not see him again. advantage of being gemblak after 1 year get a young cow. It was given to me, but I presented it to my parents. Disadvantage, I had to leave school often & could not focus on studies. The men wanted me to spend time with them. Advantage, the men often took me to restaurants & nice places, new clothes.

Sometimes a gemblak would refuse to make love to a man in his group who he did not like and might be beaten, but that was very rare. When I was eleven years old, neighbors in a Sinoman asked me to go as representative of their group (number of boys in Sinoman 20) to wedding parties and gradually they introduced me to being gemblak. I was proud to be a gemblak, I felt being loved.

There were no long-term effects of gemblakan experience on me, either positive or negative. Gemblak are no different from other boys. My parents allowed me to be a gemblak, they were proud that I was chosen to be a gemblak. My parents could use the cow. The sinoman would bring cakes or snacks, but they did not do labor for my parents. Gemblak must be good-looking, personality did not matter. Sinoman looked for a boy who was handsome & manly, not feminine. But I was dressed femininely for being a Jatilan dancer in Reyog.

I preferred some of the boys in my Sinoman over others, but the rule is that a gemblak has to have sex with all the other boys. the parents of the Sinoman member considered me as their own child and treated me much better even than their own biological children. Sinomans would like to learn from the warok, so they follow a warok closely. Some of them became warok.

It is not suitable for a boy to be a gemblak after he matures. City boys today do not like being gemblak, because they are shy and today it is difficult to find city boys who will agree to be gemblak. Because of the influence of education & the attitude of city people. Their friends would laugh at them. Their teachers at school tell them they should spend their time studying rather than as gemblak.

I would not advise boys to avoid being gemblak. I would not want my son to be a gemblak, because I want him to become well educated & focus on his schooling.

Some Sinomans like gambling & drinking alcohol & the gemblak would be exposed to that. I would not choose to be a gemblak. If I had it to do over again, because it bothered my education. I could not refuse to go with them. The sex was no bad influence.

When I was in a Sinoman, there were 15 boys in my Sinoman. They had 1 gemblak, but sometimes Sinomans have 2 gemblak at the same time. A gemblak stays with each member 3 days to 7 days. They treat gemblak as a younger brother. The sinoman gets

together often & a member is longing for the gembak, then they can be together sexually then. But the gemblak will still live with one member at a time.

Islam does not have an opinion an gemblakan, no connection positive or negative. Islam forbids homosex, but gemblakan is not the same though it could lead to it. Formerly, Islam was not so strong here. Much Buddhist influence formerly & still continues.

I did not get tired of having sex every night with Sinoman members. A gemblak who has handsome Sinoman members is very fortunate. The gemblak has a choice, to choose whether to have sex or not. The gemblak can be passive & not do much sexually. If he is not interested, all he has to do is lie there and let the man have his orgasm between the legs.