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#### **Abstract**

The objectives of this study are to examine the relation between demographics factors with the consumers' willingness to pay more for green products and the influence of values (individualism or collectivism and security or fun/enjoyment) on the consumers' willingness to pay more for green products. Hypotheses testing are employed with quantitative data and the hypotheses analysis is tested using Chi Square Analysis and Multiple Regression Analysis.

In this study, two facts are revealed. First, consumer demographics factors (age, gender, level of education, monthly income, employment status, house ownership, marital status and family size) are not related to the consumer's willingness to pay more for green products. Second consumers' values (collectivism) is significantly influence the consumer's willingness to pay more for green products although the other values such as Individualism, Security, and Fun/Enjoyment do not significantly influence the consumer's willingness to pay more for green products.

Keywords: Demographics Factors, Consumers' Values, Consumers willingness to pay more, Green products.

#### **PREFACE**

Nowadays, people have become more aware of their environment. They try to slow down the process of global warming in many different ways. One of the efforts to slow down the process of global warming is that now people try to create, produce, and market the environmental-friendly products or, also known as, green products. The process of creating, designing, fabricating, packaging, and promoting the green products are also known as a part of green marketing.

Considering the importance of green marketing and its issues, this study tries to find out the profile of green consumers that are willing to pay more for green product in Indonesia. The previous study of Laroche *et al.* (2001) identified several factors that may influence consumers' willingness to pay more for environmental-friendly products. The factors that may influence consumers' willingness to pay a higher price for environmental-friendly products are: demography, knowledge, values, attitudes, and behavior. This research focuses on two factors of the five categories, i.e. consumer's demographics factors and values (individualism or collectivism and security or fun/enjoyment).

The research findings brought by 206 questionnaire attributes have led the writer to a conclusion that: there is no relation between consumers' demographics (gender, age, level of education, monthly income, employment status, house-ownership, marital status, and family size) with the consumers' willingness to pay more for green products. And consumers' willingness to pay more for green products is significantly influenced by consumers' values (Collectivism) although the other consumers' values such as security, fun, and individualism are

statistically proved as not influencing the consumers' willingness to pay more for green products.



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