



PANCASILA AS A GUIDELINE FOR THE YOUNG GENERATION IN FACING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

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Abstract

Pancasila, as the foundation of the Indonesian state, plays a vital role in guiding the younger generation through the challenges of globalization. Amid the rapid flow of information and foreign cultural influences, Indonesian youth face threats such as declining nationalism, rising individualism, and weakened communal values. The five principles of Pancasila offer a moral and ideological compass that remains relevant in preserving national identity. Early education on Pancasila is essential in shaping character and increasing national awareness among young people. By internalizing and practicing Pancasila values in daily life, the younger generation can confront global challenges without losing their cultural identity.

Keywords: Pancasila, youth, Globalization, Nationalism, National identity.

Abstrak

Pancasila sebagai dasar negara Indonesia memiliki peran penting dalam membimbing generasi muda menghadapi tantangan globalisasi. Di tengah pesatnya arus informasi dan budaya asing, generasi muda diharapkan pada tantangan seperti menurunnya rasa nasionalisme, meningkatnya individualisme, dan melemahnya semangat gotong royong. Nilai-nilai yang terkandung dalam lima sila pancasila menjadi pedoman moral dan ideologis yang relevan untuk menjaga identitas kebangsaan. Pendidikan pancasila sejak dini hingga usia remaja sangat penting dalam membentuk karakter dan meningkatkan kesadaran kebangsaan generasi muda. Melalui pengamalan nilai-nilai pancasila dalam kehidupan sehari-hari, tantangan global dapat dihadapi tanpa kehilangan jati diri bangsa.

Kata kunci: Pancasila, Generasi muda, Globalisasi, Nasionalisme, Identitas nasional

Introduction

As the basic ideology for the Indonesian nation and state, Pancasila does not originate from the thoughts of a particular individual or group like other ideologies in the world. However, Pancasila has grown from the values of customs, culture, and religion that have long developed in the lives of Indonesian society before this country was formed. Therefore, the elements that form Pancasila originate from the perspective and lifestyle of the Indonesian people, making it the material basis of the ideology.

Thus, Pancasila reflects the outlook on life, ideals, beliefs, and values that should be guidelines in social, national, and state life. Meanwhile, globalization brings various changes in the world order that directly affect various countries, including Indonesia. One of the consequences of globalization is the decline in nationalism in society, especially the younger generation. Therefore, Pancasila must act as a filter against the impacts of globalization that have the potential to change the social structure. By adhering to the values of Pancasila, the young generation of Indonesia can strengthen their sense of nationalism.

According to the latest data from the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), the number of young



Indonesians aged 16 to 30 years old has reached around 64.8 million people, or around 24% of the total population of this country. This figure shows how great the contribution of the young generation is in determining the direction of development and the future of the Indonesian nation. However, the challenges faced are not simple. Based on research conducted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology (Kemendikbudristek), there has been a significant decline in the understanding of the younger generation towards the values of Pancasila. One of the main contributing factors is the rapid development of social media which cannot always be controlled properly. The large amount of content that is not in accordance with national values available on social media can be easily accessed and influences the perspectives and behavior of the younger generation. In addition, the increasing attitude of individualism and the decreasing spirit of mutual cooperation among them also indicate a change in the way of thinking that has the potential to shift the values of Pancasila. This is largely influenced by foreign cultures that emphasize personal interests, not togetherness, which is contrary to the principles taught by Pancasila. As part of an educated generation and future leaders, students are expected to be sensitive to various problems that occur at the national level. Although intelligence and intellectual ability are important, both do not always ensure a sense of social responsibility and concern for the surrounding environment.

Pancasila as the basis of the state and ideology must be preserved, especially in facing the era of globalization. In this case, every individual needs to make Pancasila a filter in facing global currents. Understanding and practicing the values of Pancasila is not an easy matter, considering the increasingly complex global challenges. Therefore, a high awareness is needed regarding the importance of nationalism and the spirit of defending the country. By implementing Pancasila in everyday life, especially in the younger generation, Indonesia will be better prepared to face various global challenges. Therefore, Pancasila education must begin from an early age to adolescence, so that every individual can become a modern and globally oriented person without losing their identity based on the values of Pancasila (Saraswati et al., 2023).

In the era of globalization, changes that occur in the structure of the world and the young generation of Indonesia are challenges in maintaining the spirit of nationalism. Therefore, the young generation of Indonesia needs to strengthen the sense of nationalism and the resilience of the ideology based on Pancasila. By committing to Pancasila as the state ideology, this nation can prevent other ideologies that have the potential to shift the position of Pancasila. Indonesia must be ready to face various challenges, both from within the country and abroad, which can threaten the social, cultural, political, and mental aspects of the young generation. However, by making Pancasila the basis of the state and ideology, these challenges can be faced and turned into opportunities for national progress.

Every action and activity of the generation should be based on Pancasila, which is a source of inspiration and a guide to behavior. The challenges of globalization can be used as an opportunity for Indonesia's progress and strengthening of nationalism, so that the Pancasila ideology is maintained. This challenge also shows that Indonesia can participate in globalization without losing its identity. To implement Pancasila effectively, it is necessary to increase spirituality in accordance with the first principle and avoid negative behavior such as dehumanization. The third principle emphasizes the importance of togetherness, the fourth principle strengthens understanding of conflict prevention, and the fifth principle emphasizes justice to avoid misunderstandings (Hasan et al., 2024).

In the era of globalization, the changes that occur test the sense of nationalism. Therefore, it is very important for the younger generation to strengthen the spirit of nationalism and the resilience of the ideology based on Pancasila. Maintaining the principles of Pancasila is the key to maintaining ideological sovereignty from external influences. Indonesia needs to prepare itself to face challenges that come, both from within the country and abroad, which can threaten social, cultural, political, and mental aspects. However, with Pancasila as the foundation of the state, these challenges can be overcome and turned into opportunities for national progress. Every activity, action, and pattern of behavior of society should refer to Pancasila, which acts as a source of inspiration and a guideline for life. The challenges that arise in globalization can be used as opportunities for the progress of the



Indonesian nation and strengthening the sense of nationalism, so that the Pancasila ideology remains protected. On the other hand, this challenge also shows that Indonesia can participate in globalization without sacrificing its identity based on Pancasila.

In order for the implementation of Pancasila to be effective in facing these challenges, the first step that needs to be taken is to increase spirituality in accordance with the first principle. The second principle reminds us to stay away from negative attitudes such as dehumanization. The third principle encourages us to strengthen solidarity through mutual cooperation and family values. The fourth principle focuses on efforts to prevent conflict, while the fifth principle emphasizes the importance of justice to prevent misunderstandings in society (Nurchaya & Dewi, 2021).

Pancasila, as the foundation of the Indonesian state, has a very important role in facing rapid changes, because its values are still relevant to the current conditions of the country. It is very important for the younger generation to understand and practice Pancasila in everyday life. However, in the era of industry 4.0 and globalization, the values of Pancasila are starting to lose their clarity, which can reduce awareness of citizenship. Pancasila functions as a moral foundation that forms social relationships regardless of status, and encourages positive values. In the context of globalization, Pancasila acts as a boundary to protect Indonesian culture and provide benefits to the country. Therefore, the awareness of the younger generation in facing globalization is very necessary so that its positive influence can be utilized for the progress of the nation. However, understanding of the values of Pancasila needs to be continuously improved and integrated into various aspects of people's lives (Ramadhan et al., 2022).

Implementing the values of Pancasila in today's globalization is a big challenge. Awareness of nationalism and the spirit of defending the country are very important, especially among students and pupils, so that they have a strong belief in Pancasila. This is very crucial to help Indonesia face the negative impacts of globalization, which have positive and negative influences on social and cultural aspects.

In facing the unavoidable flow of globalization, the younger generation in Indonesia needs to make Pancasila a filter to manage change. For the younger generation, maintaining national identity while continuing to develop intellectuality is a big challenge. Therefore, it is important to instill Pancasila education from an early age, so that each individual can act in accordance with the principles of Pancasila which remain relevant in today's global (Pancasila et al., 2023). By understanding, internalizing, and implementing the values of Pancasila in everyday life, the younger generation can face global challenges without losing the roots of culture and national identity. Therefore, there needs to be concrete efforts from various parties to strengthen the understanding of Pancasila among the younger generation so that they can contribute to the development of a competitive nation that remains based on national values.

Method

This essay is written using a descriptive qualitative approach based on literature review, where the author conducts a search for various relevant written references such as scientific journals, books, academic articles, and official statistical data. This method was chosen because it is able to provide space for interpretation of the dynamics of thinking around the role of Pancasila in shaping the character of the younger generation amidst the current of globalization. Instead of prioritizing empirical field data collection, the author emphasizes an in-depth study of the philosophical and sociocultural values contained in Pancasila, and how these values interact with contemporary social phenomena. In the process, the author links secondary data with critical reflection on the reality that is developing among the younger generation, thus producing ideas that are not only conceptual, but also contextual to the current situation of the Indonesian nation.



Discussion

Pancasila, as the foundation of the Indonesian state, has a very important role in guiding the younger generation in facing global challenges. In the era of rapidly developing globalization, the values contained in Pancasila provide direction and guidelines for the younger generation to maintain the identity of the Indonesian nation. Pancasila is not only the basic ideology of the state, but also functions as a filter to filter out various foreign cultural influences that can threaten the identity of the Indonesian nation. Along with the rapid advancement of technology and information, the challenge for the younger generation is to continue to adhere to the values of Pancasila. Therefore, the application of Pancasila as a guideline for life for the younger generation is very important so that they can continue to face it wisely.

Challenges of Globalization and Its Influence on the Younger Generation

Globalization has brought about various very significant changes in the lives of Indonesian society. One of the biggest changes is the penetration of foreign culture through mass media and the internet, which has a major influence on the mindset and behavior of the younger generation. In this digital era, the world is increasingly connected, so that all kinds of information and culture can be easily accessed. This, although it provides many benefits, also brings great challenges for the Indonesian nation in maintaining its national values.

According to data from the Central Statistics Agency (BPS), the young generation of Indonesia aged between 16 and 30 years old covers around 64.8 million people or around 24% of the total population of Indonesia. This shows that the young generation plays a very large role in determining the direction of the nation in the future. However, in facing the challenges of this very dynamic globalization, the young generation of Indonesia tends to face a decline in understanding of Pancasila, which can result in the erosion of nationalism and national identity.

One real example of this challenge is the enormous influence of social media among the younger generation. In many cases, social media presents content that prioritizes a culture of individualism, materialism, and a hedonistic lifestyle that is not in accordance with the principles of Pancasila. For example, a consumerist lifestyle promoted on many social media platforms can shift the values of social justice and shared welfare contained in the fifth principle of Pancasila. On the contrary, Pancasila teaches the importance of togetherness, mutual cooperation, and respect for others, which are currently widely ignored by the younger generation who are more focused on personal interests.

In addition, globalization also brings challenges in the form of the increasing development of foreign cultures that prioritize individualism and fierce competition. Globalization often makes the younger generation of Indonesia trapped in a tendency to pursue personal interests and material gain alone, which can reduce the sense of solidarity and mutual cooperation that are the characteristics of the Indonesian nation. In this case, the values of Pancasila that teach unity, cooperation, and a sense of social responsibility are very important to strengthen the sense of nationalism that is increasingly fading.

The Role of Pancasila in Facing the Challenges of Globalization

Pancasila has an important role in facing the challenges of globalization because its values are in accordance with the social, cultural, and political aspects of the Indonesian nation. Pancasila provides a strong moral and ideological basis for maintaining the identity of the Indonesian nation, as well as guiding the younger generation in adapting to change without losing their identity.

For example, the first principle of Pancasila, which talks about the One Almighty God, provides a solid moral and spiritual foundation for the younger generation to continue to uphold religious values and morality. In the midst of the rapid development of technology and information that tends to erode religious and ethical norms, this first principle is a strong guide so that the younger generation does not fall into behavior that is not in accordance with religious teachings and community morals.

The second principle, which emphasizes just and civilized humanity, teaches the younger generation to always respect human rights and interact with respect for others. This is important in



facing the flow of globalization which often has negative impacts in the form of discrimination and social injustice. For example, Indonesia, which is rich in ethnic and cultural diversity, must maintain these humanitarian values so that they are not influenced by foreign cultures that can damage solidarity between community groups. In this case, Pancasila functions as a unifier that teaches tolerance and mutual respect among fellow Indonesian citizens.

The third principle, which teaches the unity of Indonesia, has a very important role in maintaining national harmony amidst the challenges of globalization that are increasingly intensifying interactions between countries. In this increasingly connected world, a strong sense of nationalism must be maintained so that Indonesia does not lose its direction and identity.

The young generation who understand and practice the third principle will be able to face global challenges with a sense of pride and solidarity towards fellow citizens. For example, in international events such as the Asian Games or the World Cup, the young generation of Indonesia who has a spirit of nationalism will feel proud to be part of this nation, even though they are in the midst of very tight global competition. The fourth principle of Pancasila, which speaks of democracy guided by the wisdom of deliberation and representation, provides a basis for the younger generation to understand the importance of participation in a democratic system. In this era of rapid globalization, it is important for the younger generation to understand the principles of democracy and their civil rights, so that they can play an active role in national development. Pancasila teaches the importance of deliberation and consensus in decision-making, which is the foundation for maintaining social and political stability in Indonesia.

The fifth principle of Pancasila, which emphasizes social justice for all Indonesian people, teaches the younger generation to fight for equality and justice in all sectors of life. In the era of globalization, social and economic inequality often widens. Pancasila reminds us that social justice is a right for all Indonesian people regardless of social status, religion, or race. By practicing this fifth principle, the younger generation of Indonesia can help create a more just and prosperous society even in a global situation full of competition and inequality.

Pancasila Education for the Young Generation

The implementation of Pancasila as a guideline for life for the younger generation is highly dependent on the quality of education provided to them. Pancasila education must begin at an early age and continue to be strengthened until adolescence, both in schools and in the community. Through education based on Pancasila values, the younger generation will learn to internalize the basic principles of this country in every aspect of their lives.

For example, at the elementary to secondary school level, the Pancasila education curriculum must not only teach theory, but also invite students to be involved in activities that can develop a sense of togetherness and nationalism. For example, activities such as community service, social activities, or flag ceremonies that involve active student participation will help strengthen the understanding and practice of Pancasila values in everyday life.

At the university level, Pancasila education must be adapted to the increasingly complex era. On campus, students can be invited to discuss and analyze social, political, and cultural issues that are relevant to global developments, and learn to apply Pancasila values in finding solutions to these problems. Students also need to be taught to think critically about the global influences that come, so that they can use technological and information advances wisely and stick to the basic principles of the state.

Conclusion

Pancasila as the foundation of the Indonesian state has a very important role in guiding the younger generation to face the challenges of globalization. In this ever-changing era, the values of Pancasila are very important to maintain national identity and strengthen the sense of nationalism. The challenges faced by the younger generation, such as the influence of foreign cultures, individualism, and social



injustice, require a deeper understanding and application of the values of Pancasila. Pancasila is not only an ideology, but also a moral foundation that must be applied in everyday life. By internalizing the values of Pancasila, the younger generation of Indonesia can face global challenges without losing their identity and self. Pancasila education that begins at an early age will equip the younger generation with an understanding of the importance of togetherness, justice, and a sense of social responsibility, which are very much needed in facing the challenges of the times.

Consistent application of Pancasila will transform global challenges into opportunities for national progress, both in the world of technology, culture, and economy. Therefore, it is important for all elements of society to continue to strengthen education about Pancasila, so that the younger generation can grow into individuals with noble character and be ready to face an increasingly complex world. Pancasila will continue to be a solid foundation in bringing Indonesia to a better and more progressive future, without sacrificing the nation's identity

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