

Social Problems Become a Challenge for Strengthening Community Character through the Implementation of Village Critical Thinking

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ABSTRACT

Social problems that occur among young people in the modern era, especially in the midst of the rapid development of globalization, certainly have a big impact on the level of morality and character formation of the nation's young generation. This is evidenced by how many social problems are found in the midst of society from villages to cities, from remote to all-around. Many of the causes are due to the mindset and character education that are still minimal in the community. One of these phenomena was found in the Village Area. The way to overcome the problems that occur is by providing assistance through socialization to the younger generation through community institutions and activities. Data was obtained from observations and interviews with competent parties, socialization involving students from several institutions and village youth who are members of existing community groups.

Keywords: Community; Critical Thinking; Social Problems

INTRODUCTION

The rapid and renewable development of human civilization certainly has a big impact on existing life. The era of globalization, which is predicted to be an era where ease and speed are in the hands of humans, has greatly influenced the mindset of society and various aspects of life in it. The rapid development in the modernization era certainly has a considerable effect, one of which is the impact that occurs on technological developments in the era of globalization in the midst of society becoming various ranging from good to bad impacts (Sellars et al., 2018). One example of the positive impact of globalization is technological advances which certainly help human life in various aspects. In addition, the adverse effects of globalization are westernized styles, juvenile delinquency, declining morality, and the difficulty of distinguishing between good and bad actions. The flow of globalization that is getting faster

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and faster is felt by every country, especially for developing countries, which are no exception, which is also very felt by Indonesia both positively and negatively. From these conditions, the structuring of the right strategy to deal with the impact caused by the development of globalization is urgently needed, through the development of human resources that are focused on improving job skills or in other words being able to perform their duties, obligations, and responsibilities well. The right strategy must be immediately come up and be implemented precisely and thoroughly. One of the real proofs where the problems that exist in the era of globalization have developed and have an impact on society, especially young people, is what happens in the village. Social problems that occur among young people are quite complex from those that are easy to overcome to those that are difficult to overcome such as the use of drugs, liquor, to free sex that is rampant among young people, problems that are rooted in low educational values, both from formal education and character education. From the many problems that exist in the midst of society, especially among young people, this makes the need for education from an early age to build a wise and strong generation in the face of the era of globalization (Blaney & Janovicek, 2006). Education is an important thing that is needed by all humans, especially character education.

Character education is one of the important factors needed by the community so that they can make good use of the globalization moment. Education can change people's mindset to be more advanced than before. As explained by education oriented to character development is very necessary with the aim of developing, processing and strengthening the noble nature of human beings (Taimur & Sattar, 2020). Character education itself has been expressly regulated through legal legislation, namely in article 03 of Law Number 20 of 2003 concerning the National Education System, which contains that national education has a function to develop abilities and form a dignified character and civilization of the nation as an effort to educate the life of the nation, so it can be ascertained that the state has tried to strengthen the character of the nation's children, especially in facing This increasingly rapid and rapid change of times. According to Samrin, a person with character means a person who has personality, behavior, character, character, or character. This meaning shows that character is synonymous with morals, ethics, and morals so that character is a universal value of human behavior.

RESEARCH ELABORATIONS

Research approach This research method in a research is important, because it is a way or strategy in solving problems in research. As for this researcher, a qualitative approach is used, namely where direct interaction is carried out with the objects to be addressed, on the other hand, it can also be interpreted as research that uses an analytical knife and is explanatory

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or descriptive. In writing the results of this research, it contains an overview of social reality and the development of analysis as a form of input for interested parties in it. This research not only distributes the data obtained in the field but is also able to be developed in providing an overview that is in accordance with the facts in the field. Research location The location of this research was carried out in the village, where this location became a place for observation and research for Real-Collaborative Work Lectures.

The considerations in the selection of the observation and research location are: Grenden Village is the designated place for this research to be conducted. There are many social problems that occur, especially in groups of children and adolescents in Grenden village. Grenden Village was designated as a research site because of the location of the Group's placement for the region. The type of Data Research Data presented in this study is the type of data that explains and describes the information obtained directly by the informant and the facts presented in the field and serves as a reference for the results of the research carried out. There are several references to literature as reference material to add and complement the shortcomings in this study. Source of Reference Research Data in this study focuses on the problem of critical thinking or critical thinking which is still very minimal in the Grenden village community, especially the younger generation who are facing a transition period in this era of globalization and modernization (Noula, 2018). This research makes the object of research as a unit of analysis development in research. In strengthening the data sources in the research, data from informants that have been determined such as hamlet heads and communities included in the criteria are also used.

Techniques for getting informants There are several techniques in getting informants carried out in this study with the aim of getting informants in accordance with the criteria that have been set. Data collection techniques; Observation or field observation is carried out to obtain the right information and data. Interviews or direct dialogue with informants, namely village officials and village communities which aim to find out and collect the data needed in developing this research. The data collection instrument The research carried out has fulfilled the data with in-depth observation and interviews, so that the data is considered sufficient with the set period of time. The existence of observation notes and interview results has an impact on making it easier for researchers to prepare research reports. On the other hand, other instruments such as the selection of themes, titles, research approaches and methods, data and data preparation, and interpretation of findings in the field can strengthen the data processing that has been carried out. Data Analysis Techniques The data analysis techniques used use three stages, namely data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion drawn. Data reduction means summarizing or recording the results of interviews and observations that have been made. Data presentation is a research stage by displaying data well in the form of narratives

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and special notes. And finally, the drawing of conclusions with the aim of simplifying the research, namely through re-reading the points to be written. Validity of Data The validity of the data displayed in this study has included the points that have been needed in writing research results.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The Regional Village itself has a lot of natural potential that can be used as a source of income for the region. One of them is a limestone mountain which is used as a limestone mine as the main raw material for limestone cement. Grenden as the largest village with abundant natural resource potential has one of these great advantages. Namely the existence of a large limestone mountain that stretches across the village area. Limestone mining is one of the job activities that many people choose in the village, in addition to work as farmers and traders as the main professions of the community. Building the Arta team with an area of 38.67 Ha. With a large mining area, of course, it has an impact on the needs of comparable workers, which ultimately has an impact on the surrounding community who choose to be workers in the limestone mine. The job that many people choose is to become a Wholesale Worker or Mining Worker. The wholesale workers in question are limestone workers and are often referred to as jackers. [5] The many vacancies as manual laborers in the limestone mines caused many young people in the village of Grenden to choose to work as limestone miners and decided not to continue their education. This factor is also supported by the wages offered that are quite lucrative and the economic demands of the family so that many young people choose the way of life to become mining workers. This is strengthened by the results of an interview with one of the Hamlet Heads who was a resource person in this study.

Many young people here only go to school Thankfully, they can reach the level, many young people here choose to work on the limestone mountain to increase pocket money and help their families, from there many children do not continue to a higher level and have an impact on characters who are less able to understand the needs of the future era" (Interview July 20, 2023). With economic demands and low education levels for young people, many young people in Grenden village are entangled in juvenile delinquency. This is supported by the opinion of the hamlet heads where the main problem in the village is juvenile delinquency and low interest in learning. Teenagers think that when they have their own income, they have the power to regulate themselves without having to follow the norms and rules that apply to society, the level of education and morality, youth as the nation's golden generation certainly have a big role in controlling the country's ideals in the future. The fulfillment of various sectors is a real effort that must be made, starting from social, cultural, economic, political, and

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educational. Education as the main knife of knowledge from humans is certainly a right that must be fulfilled properly. A good level of education will give birth to human resources who are ready to compete in the future. Proper education will foster the ability to weigh and select information and form accurate information needed in making decisions. Individuals who have a good level of education will be more rational and critical in thinking and acting, and of course will understand their responsibilities in carrying out their duties. [6]

A good level of education will be in line with the moral condition of the community, this is clear evidence of the success of the education system that is running, but unfortunately not all regions are able to realize and balance these two things. One of them is what happened in the village. Field facts explain that many of the social problems that occur are caused by moral conditions and low levels of education, especially in the adolescent group. One example of cases that are often found is about the trafficking and use of drugs and liquor, besides that free sex cases are also homework that must be completed. This condition is influenced by the morality and motivation of the youth who are still low which is also driven by the factor of continuing education to a higher level which is still relatively low and the desire to work. This factor is what causes the high number of social problems that occur in the village.

Socialization of Character Strengthening through Critical Thinking Efforts to reduce and fix problems that occur in society are the main goals of students, especially students who are indeed formed to have a role as Agents of Change in society, so it should be possible for students to be able to play an active role in dealing with these problems. One of them was carried out by students who were members of the Collaborative Real Work Lecture Group in the village. The active role of students in this problem is by socializing to school children and youth through educational institutions and community groups in the village. The material provided in the socialization carried out by Group Collaboration students is in the form of Critical Thinking and the Use of Gadgets for students, and socialization of the dangers of drug use in students. Critical thinking itself is an activity that trains an individual's ability to solve problems, analyze steps to make clear and logical decisions systematically in the future. Thus, critical thinking can be interpreted as a mental activity that aims to uncover something that was previously unclear to be structured [7]. This is in accordance with the problems that exist in the village where many children drop out of school and many are trapped in juvenile delinquency such as gambling, drugs, drunkenness, and free sex.

Gadgets or gadgets are a form of current technological developments. In general, it can be understood as a small electronic device that has its own function on each device, such as smartphones, laptops/computers, tablets, and cameras. Gadgets have a difference with other electronic devices, namely the element of novelty in the features and physical design are increasingly diverse and make it easier for users and make life more comfortable. But

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unfortunately, behind its great benefits, there are also great losses if it is not used properly. The growth of this technology is very obvious, but the negative impact is also inevitable, such as addiction to playing Gadgets. Addiction to using gadgets can certainly affect the development of children and adolescents [8]. This is in line with the problems expressed by the elementary school principal and the results of a question and answer with several children in the village where they are very addicted to using the features provided by the gadgets they have, to the fatality of the children's emotions which can cause anger to their parents when asked to rest and asked to do other activities such as bathing, or eat. As conveyed by one of the students from the educational institution I met, "yes, if it's fun to play, sometimes I like to get angry with my mom or dad when I ask for help, because they interfere when I play games. I don't like to be bullied if I'm already playing games" (Interview August 3, 2023) The results of this interview reinforce how the morality of the children of Grenden village deteriorates and ends in their lack of character formation and critical thinking. The same thing is also found in cases regarding the use and sale of drugs which is relatively large, which is the main reason for socialization of the prevention of drug use in the program of character formation of village youth. Drugs are an abbreviation for Narcotics, Psychotropics and Other Addictive Substances, namely drugs, substances or substances, not foods that if they enter the human body, will specifically affect the functioning of the brain or the central nervous system. The Law defines Drugs as narcotic substances or substances derived from plants or non-plants, both synthetic and semi-synthetic, which can cause a decrease or change in consciousness, loss of taste, reduce pain and discomfort and can be addictive (BNN 2017). Where this is the main problem for teenagers in the village. This is in accordance with the explanation obtained from interviews and discussions with the village heads that many teenagers in their late teens are entangled in drugs and drinking alcohol, especially during certain events and momentum, the level of use and sales will increase sharply

In the socialization program, all students who attended were presented with explanations through a Power Point display containing material on critical thinking which was followed by an Ice breaking session or an isolation session with games that were able to bring out their critical attitude. Then it was continued with the provision of materials on the use of gadgets for students. At the end of the event, games were played in the form of questions and answers where students who can answer will get prizes. Socialization activities carried out by students. This is because the materials and socialization activities carried out are in line with the problems that exist in several institutions in the village where students can think critically and avoid juvenile delinquency which is the main problem of students here. The hope of providing the socialization above is that students can start to think critically and be aware of juvenile delinquency, which will later improve the quality of human resources in the village in the

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future. And by providing critical thinking material, students if faced with a problem they can determine the best choice for themselves after going through a thought process that has been socialized.

CONCLUSIONS

The author would like to thank the Village Head and related village officials, who are willing to receive Education on strengthening Critical Thinking in dealing with problems that occur in the community that bring work programs on character formation to students from the institution that we make the object of research. The village community has accepted and guided the student group very openly and very well as for the very open and very interactive participation in discussing the problem of Critical Thinking in today's society. This Critical Thinking briefing is very useful for today's society because at any time many children have gadgets that are too long will ruin their future.

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