



Education as the Basis for State Development: Implications of Education in Improving State Welfare and Security

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Abstrak

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui konsep pendidikan sebagai dasar perkembangan sebuah Negara dilihat dari implikasi pendidikan dalam meningkatkan kesejahteraan dan keamanan negara. Metode penelitian ini adalah Library Research. Hasil penelitian ini yaitu Pendidikan diharapkan mampu mengantarkan kehidupan masyarakat Indonesia dan terus mengiringi perubahan-perubahan yang ada di dalam masyarakat seiring dengan perkembangan zaman. Dalam proses demokratisasi yang dilalui oleh negara Indonesia, pendidikan mampu menghadirkan nilai-nilai kehidupan masyarakat yang harus dimiliki oleh setiap individu. Nilai-nilai yang sesuai dengan norma-norma dan aturan yang berlaku di dalam kehidupan bernegara menjadi pegangan yang harus dimiliki dan diamalkan dalam pikiran dan perilaku manusia Indonesia. Individu yang cerdas akan mampu menjalani fungsinya sebagai makhluk individu sekaligus makhluk sosial. Individu yang cerdas akan mampu memainkan perannya tidak hanya dalam pemenuhan hak namun juga menunaikan kewajibannya terhadap negara. Dalam pemenuhan kewajibannya terhadap negara pendidikan bela negara menjadi salah satu cara yang bisa dilakukan untuk kembali menumbuhkan semangat keIndonesiaan pada setiap jiwa masyarakat. Arus globalisasi yang hadir tanpa batas perlahan demi perlahan telah berdampak kepada berkurangnya rasa nasionalisme dan cinta tanah air kepada masyarakat Indonesia, secara khusus generasi muda. Generasi muda atau generasi Y merupakan generasi modern yang kini terbawa dengan arus globalisasi dan menjalani kehidupannya sebagai masyarakat modern. Dimana sebagai masyarakat modern generasi ini bebas melakukan apapun yang diinginkannya dan cenderung mengabaikan kewajibannya kepada negara. Pendekatan-pendekatan kekinian perlu dilakukan untuk melakukan sosialisasi nilai-nilai yang ada dalam pendidikan bela negara terhadap generasi Y. Pemaksimalan penggunaan perkembangan teknologi harus dilakukan agar sosialisasi ini bisa dilakukan secara efektif. Pendidikan dengan pendekatan karakter juga bisa dilakukan untuk menyampaikan nilai-nilai yang ada dalam bela negara. Generasi yang khas dengan kecanggihan teknologi dan karakter yang unik seperti generasi Y dapat dimaksimalkan sebagai komponen pendukung menuju pembangunan pertahanan negara.

Kata Kunci: Pendidikan, Perkembangan Negara, Kesejahteraan, Keamanan

Abstract

This research aims to understand the concept of education as the basis for the development of a country in terms of the implications of education in improving the welfare and security of the country. This research method is Library Research. The results of this research are that education is expected to be able to lead the lives of Indonesian people and continue to accompany the changes that exist in society along with the times. In the democratization process that the Indonesian state is going through, education is able to present the values of social life that every individual must have. Values that are in accordance with the norms and rules that apply in state life are guidelines that must be possessed and practiced in the thoughts and behavior of Indonesian people. Intelligent individuals will be able to carry out their functions as individual creatures as well as social creatures. Intelligent individuals will be able to play their role not only in fulfilling their rights but also fulfilling their obligations to the state. In fulfilling its obligations to the state, national defense education is one way that can be done to re-grow the spirit of Indonesianness in every soul of society. The flow of globalization that is present without borders has slowly had an impact on reducing the sense of nationalism and love for the homeland among Indonesian people, especially the younger generation. The younger generation or generation Y is a modern generation who is now being carried away by the flow of globalization and living their lives as modern people. Where, as a modern society, this generation is free to do whatever it wants and tends to ignore its obligations to the state. Contemporary approaches need to be taken to socialize the values contained in state defense education to generation Y. Maximizing the use of technological developments must be carried out so that this socialization can be carried out effectively. Education with a character approach can also be carried out to convey the values that exist in defending the country. A distinctive generation with technological sophistication and unique character, such as generation Y, can be maximized as a supporting component towards developing national defense.

Keywords: Education, State Development, Welfare, Security

Introduction

The current process of globalization and advances in information and communication technology have created global transparency where the physical boundaries of a country's sovereignty do not seem to exist, thus presenting a borderless world. This process develops over time in line with ideological, political, economic and socio-cultural developments. The development and advancement of information and communication technology has encouraged social relations and interdependence between nations, between countries and between people to become greater.

Globalization, which is dominated by advances in science and information technology, has changed the pattern of relations between nations in various aspects and made globalization a multidimensional phenomenon. Advances in science and technology make all human activities easier. Technological advances have driven changes in aspects of human life, with the formation of a world society that is increasingly transparent and open.

This openness provides an opportunity for the penetration of universal values which then interact with the basic values of a nation, thereby forming a global society characterized by interdependence between countries and interconnection between one country and another. The rapid flow of globalization has made many countries choose to exert their influence not with hard power, but with soft power and smart power.

Soft power and smart power are invisible influences but can threaten other countries, such as the social and economic power possessed by a country. Indonesia as an independent and sovereign country needs to develop awareness of defending the country to ward off the negative effects of global penetration of soft power and smart power which cannot be avoided in

order to maintain the integrity of the Republic of Indonesia.

Article 30 paragraph 1 states that every citizen has the right and obligation to participate in national defense and security efforts. Thus, a strategy and concrete steps are needed in the form of policy formulation, involving all components of the nation. It is important that there is cooperation between the relevant ministries as a form of legal umbrella so that these activities can be realized quickly and well. With a clear legal umbrella, it is hoped that the realization of cooperation can be passed down to agencies or units below it in the Mou, so that it can be implemented at the operational level in the field.

Efforts are needed to increase awareness of national defense in higher education through providing welfare, education and training, cooperation and coordination, procurement, empowerment, legislation, revision, socialization and law enforcement. For this to happen, it requires the support of all parties and all components of the nation, as an embodiment of the rights and obligations of every citizen in defending the country. By increasing awareness of national defense among universities, it is hoped that it will improve the national defense system.

Method

Judging from its type, this research is literary in nature, including the type of library research. Library research is research in which data collection is carried out by collecting data from various literature. The literature studied is not limited to books but can also include documentation materials, magazines, journals and newspapers. The emphasis of library research is to find various theories, laws, propositions, principles, opinions, ideas and so on that can be used to analyze and solve the problems being studied.

The approach used in this research is a qualitative approach, namely by emphasizing the analysis on the comparative inference process as well as on the analysis of the dynamics of the relationships between observed phenomena using scientific logic.

Results and Discussion

A. Education as a Foundation for Improving Community Welfare and Security

Education has long been recognized as a major milestone in advancing society and maintaining its security and prosperity. An effective educational process not only provides knowledge and skills, but also shapes character, broadens horizons, and promotes intercultural understanding. In an increasingly complex global context, the role of education becomes increasingly important in forming individuals who contribute positively to society. This article will explain how the education process plays a role in improving the welfare and security of society.

Education and Community Welfare

Education is the key to opening doors of opportunity and improving the overall well-being of society. With quality education, individuals have greater access to decent employment opportunities, can develop skills, and increase their economic potential. A good education also allows individuals to make wiser decisions regarding their health, finances, and daily life.

1. **Equitable Access to Education:** Increasing access to education for all levels of society is an important step in improving prosperity. By ensuring that all individuals have the opportunity to receive a decent education, social and economic disparities can be reduced.
2. **Skills Education:** Education also equips individuals with skills that are relevant to

the demands of the job market. Through technical, vocational and professional education programs, society can increase its competitiveness in an ever-changing job market.

3. **Health Education:** One important aspect of education is knowledge about health and a healthy lifestyle. By providing appropriate information about nutrition, hygiene and disease prevention, education can help people maintain their health and reduce the burden of disease that can interfere with productivity.

Education and Community Safety

Education also has a crucial role in maintaining community security. When individuals have a better understanding of moral values, laws, and social responsibilities, they tend to be more responsible in their behavior and more involved in maintaining social order.

1. **Moral Education:** One important aspect of education is the formation of individual character and morals. Through learning ethical values, tolerance, and empathy, education helps people become more aware of the consequences of their actions on others.
2. **Legal Education:** An understanding of the law and the justice system is an important foundation in maintaining public safety. By understanding their rights and obligations in a legal context, individuals tend to have greater respect for legal rules and processes.
3. **Anti-Crime Education:** Education can also help in crime prevention by increasing awareness of potential dangers and ways to protect themselves and others from the threat of crime.

Education has an irreplaceable role in forming empowered individuals, expanding opportunities, and maintaining peace in society. With a commitment to inclusive, relevant and quality education, we can create a more prosperous and safe society for all.

B. Indonesia's Role in Realizing Security and Prosperity Towards Progress

Indonesia, with its diversity of culture, nature and human resources, has a very important role in realizing security and prosperity in the Southeast Asia region and globally. As a large developing country, Indonesia has unique challenges and great opportunities to steer the direction of sustainable and inclusive development. Indonesia's role in realizing security and prosperity lies in several key aspects:

1. **Economic Resilience and Sustainable Development:** Indonesia has great economic potential with abundant natural resources and a large population. By utilizing these resources wisely and sustainably, Indonesia can strengthen economic resilience and reduce socio-economic inequality. Through sustainable development policies, including investment in infrastructure, industry and agriculture, Indonesia can create jobs, reduce poverty and improve the welfare of its people.
2. **Strengthening Infrastructure and Access to Basic Services:** Access to quality infrastructure such as roads, transportation, clean water and electricity is an important prerequisite for improving community welfare. Indonesia needs to continue investing in inclusive infrastructure development, especially in remote and interior areas, to ensure that all citizens have equal access to basic services.
3. **Human Resources Empowerment:** Indonesia has a large demographic bonus with a relatively young population. Through investment in education, skills training and community economic empowerment, Indonesia can optimize the potential of its human resources. By improving the quality of education and training, Indonesia can create a competent and innovative

workforce that is able to compete in the global market.

4. **Environmental Management and Climate Change:** As an archipelago country that is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, Indonesia has a big responsibility in maintaining environmental sustainability. Through environmental protection policies, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and sustainable management of natural resources, Indonesia can become a key actor in global efforts to overcome climate change and maintain biodiversity.
5. **Diplomatic Role and Regional Security:** Indonesia has a significant role in regional diplomacy and security in Southeast Asia. As a member of ASEAN and an important actor in multilateral forums such as the UN, Indonesia can play a mediator role in resolving regional conflicts and promoting peace and cooperation at the international level.

In conclusion, Indonesia has great potential to become an advanced, safe and prosperous developing country. By optimizing its natural and human resources, developing inclusive infrastructure, strengthening education and health systems, and playing an active role in regional and global diplomacy, Indonesia can play an important role in realizing security and prosperity, not only for its own people, but also for the region. and the world as a whole

C. Education as a Milestone in the Country's Progress Towards Prosperity and Security

Education is the main pillar in a country's development. As a milestone in progress, education provides a strong foundation for economic growth, social welfare and sustainable security. In this context, the role of education is not only limited to increasing individual capacity, but

also becomes the foundation for the social, political and economic development of a nation.

One of the main aspects of the role of education in the country's progress is improving the quality of human resources (HR). Through a quality education system, the country is able to produce a competent and innovative workforce. Educated and skilled human resources have great potential to drive the economic sector, reduce unemployment levels, and increase a country's global competitiveness.

Apart from that, education is also an important instrument in overcoming social and economic disparities. By providing equal access to education for all levels of society, countries can reduce disparities and create fair opportunities for all individuals. This not only creates individual prosperity, but also strengthens social integration and strengthens diversity in society.

Security is also a result of investment in education. Inclusive and holistic education encourages tolerance, cross-cultural understanding, and respect for differences. Thus, education can be the most effective tool in fighting radicalism, extremism, and internal and external conflicts. An educated society tends to be more open to dialogue, peaceful resolution and constructive problem solving.

Moreover, education also plays a key role in building awareness of the importance of the environment and sustainability. Through environmental education, future generations can become agents of change leading to environmentally friendly thought patterns and practices. This is important to maintain the sustainability of natural resources and reduce negative impacts on the environment.

In the context of globalization and increasingly fierce competition, countries that succeed in exploiting the full potential of their education systems will have a significant comparative advantage.

Therefore, long-term investment in education, from primary to secondary level, is a strategic decision that cannot be ignored by a country.

Overall, education is not only about transferring knowledge and skills, but also about forming character, values, and awareness of social responsibility. By viewing education as a milestone in the country's progress, we can build an inclusive, dynamic and prosperous society, while maintaining peace and stability which are the foundation for collective progress.

D. Improving Welfare and Security Through Education in Indonesia

Education plays a key role in efforts to improve prosperity and security in Indonesia. With a comprehensive and targeted approach, the education sector can become a strong foundation for sustainable social, economic and political transformation. The following are several strategies that Indonesia can implement to improve prosperity and security through the education sector:

1. Universal Access and Inclusive Education: Indonesia needs to ensure universal access to quality education for all levels of society, including those living in remote and vulnerable areas. Concrete steps such as building new schools, improving transportation and educational infrastructure, and providing financial assistance to poor families can help overcome access barriers.
2. Improving the Quality of Education: Apart from access, improving the quality of education is also a top priority. Investments in teacher training, developing curricula relevant to labor market needs, and improving educational facilities and infrastructure can help improve the quality of education across the country.
3. Character and Citizenship Education: Education is not only about the transfer of knowledge, but also about the

formation of strong character and civic values. Through character education, Indonesian children can be taught values such as integrity, responsibility, tolerance and cooperation, which are the basis for creating a peaceful and harmonious society.

4. **Security Education and Conflict Prevention:** Education can also be used as a tool to build understanding and awareness of the importance of security and peace. Through security education programs, students can understand conflict, radicalism and extremism and learn how to prevent them. This helps reduce the risk of future social and political conflict.
5. **Skills and Skills Education:** Improving educational skills and skills in line with the demands of the modern job market can help reduce unemployment and poverty levels. Industry-relevant skills training and certification programs as well as entrepreneurship development in schools can help create jobs and increase Indonesia's economic competitiveness.
6. **Environmental and Sustainability Education:** Teaching environmental awareness and sustainable practices to the younger generation is very important to maintain environmental sustainability. Schools can play an active role in teaching children about the importance of environmental conservation and ways to become agents of sustainable change.

By implementing these strategies seriously and sustainably, Indonesia can strengthen its education system as the main instrument for improving prosperity and security in this country. A holistic approach involving government, educational institutions, civil society and the private sector is the key to success in building a solid educational foundation for a better future for all Indonesian citizens.

Conclusion

Education is a very important thing in human life. At the state level, education will produce and give birth to a quality generation of the nation to strengthen the components of society as subjects of state life. As state subjects, educated humans will become wise political policy makers. In the social order, an educated society will become an intelligent society that is able to criticize the running of the government which has been given the authority to regulate matters for the welfare of the entire society.

As written in the preamble to the 1945 Constitution that the Indonesian state makes the intellectual life of the nation one of the goals of independence, education is one of the factors that must be and continues to be done in order to achieve this country's goals. Because to produce people who can be relied on to make decisions for the future of this country, sustainable development in education is needed.

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